

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION  
COORDINATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES  
PROVIDER INFORMATION**

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<b>WHAT IS YOUR PHILOSOPHY IN PROVIDING SERVICES?</b>		
<p>Our philosophy in providing services is “Your Plan, Your Life, Your Choice.” This philosophy stems from our mission, which is to partner with people of all ages and abilities and those who support them in the community to achieve their aspirations for independence, health and meaningful community life. When you work with a Coordinator at The Coordinating Center (“The Center”) you are encouraged, supported and enabled to meet your own personal goals. Services and supports are provided in an environment that promotes maximum independence, community inclusion and quality of life.</p>		
<b>HOW LONG HAS YOUR AGENCY BEEN PROVIDING COORDINATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES IN MARYLAND?</b>		
<p>While we are a new provider, The Center was established in 1983 as an independent, nonprofit, care coordination organization for people with complex needs and disabilities, including developmental disabilities. Today, The Center serves more than 10,000 children and adults across the state of Maryland enrolled in home and community-based programs, including Community First Choice Program, Community Options Waiver, Community Personal Assistance Services, Rare and Expensive Case Management (REM), Model Waiver, Autism Waiver and other programs that support people with disabilities and complex needs across Maryland.</p>		
<b>WHAT MARYLAND COUNTIES DO YOU SERVE?</b>		
Initially The Center will serve the Central and Southern Regions in Maryland.		
<b>WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE?</b>		
<p>The Center has 36 years of experience in coordinating services for people with disabilities and complex needs. We employ more than 250 Coordinators including licensed Social Workers, Nurses, Housing Coordinators, Supports Planners, Life Care Planners, Community Health Coaches and others who work collaboratively to meet the needs of clients. Working across teams is our specialty. Our Coordinators leverage the expertise of others within the organization and know how to navigate complex systems and programs to meet your needs.</p>		
<b>DO YOU SPECIALIZE IN ANY SPECIFIC AREAS OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY? IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN.</b>		
<p>The Center excels at partnering with children and adults with developmental disabilities and has expertise in working with children and adults with the most complex needs, people who have rare diseases that are expensive to treat, may rely on technology, have co-occurring disorders, limited resources, and rely heavily on health care services. In addition, The Center has a dedicated team of Housing Coordinators who are skilled at finding affordable and accessible housing. The Center also excels at assisting with the transition to adulthood, inclusive of health care transition, the transition from an institution to homes in the community, and from school-based services to adult services and supports.</p>		
<b>HOW DO YOU MATCH INDIVIDUALS WITH COORDINATORS?</b>		
<p>The Center supports consumer choice and while people are initially assigned based on geography, capacity, or a specific expertise, The Center honors requests to change of Coordinator at any time for any reason.</p>		
<b>DO YOU PROVIDE REFERENCES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND FAMILIES TO CONTACT? IF SO, HOW DO I ACCESS?</b>		
<p>The Center has letters of reference from Participants enrolled in other Medicaid programs and Waivers and is happy to share with individuals and families upon request. To inquire you may call our office at 410-987-1048 or contact us online at <a href="https://www.coordinatingcenter.org/about-us/contact-us/">https://www.coordinatingcenter.org/about-us/contact-us/</a></p>		