How to Apply for Services

Individuals must apply for and be determined eligible for services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) prior to applying for these programs. Transitioning Youth comprise a special category of eligibility and priority for services. DDA, in collaboration with the Division of Rehabilitative Services (DORS), provides funding for supported employment and other day services for eligible graduating students.

For more information, contact your local Center Director:

Baltimore
410-513-8900

Frederick
301-663-8700

Hagerstown
301-790-1493

Cumberland
301-729-4275

or e-mail your inquiry to: info@unified.org

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Originally founded in 1953 as United Cerebral Palsy of Central Maryland by a group of parents and concerned citizens, Unified Community Connections is today a large, dynamic non-profit organization providing thousands of hours of services and support each year to both children and adults with a wide variety of disabilities and chronic health issues throughout the state of Maryland.

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Unified Community Connections provides Supported Employment services and operates four Day Program Centers throughout the state. Located in Baltimore, Frederick, Hagerstown, and Cumberland, each center is licensed by the Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) to provide community-based services for individuals with a broad array of developmental disabilities.

Unified Community Connections is widely recognized for its expertise in supporting individuals with varied and often multiple disabilities, including those who are medically fragile and/or rely upon wheelchairs for mobility. Our highly trained staff is a dedicated and compassionate team of professionals, including personal development assistants, job developers and coaches, activity coordinators, registered nurses, social workers, nutritionists and a speech language pathologist, all of whom work closely with the individuals’ families, resource coordinators, and personal physicians to ensure that the unique needs of each individual are met.

**MISSION**

*Our mission is to support individuals with disabilities in achieving independence, productivity, and the quality of life they seek.*

**SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT & DAY HABILITATION PROGRAMS**

Supported Employment & Day Habilitation programs are offered in each center and are oriented toward the goal of integration into the community. Each individual has input into his/her own unique program, and family involvement is welcomed and encouraged.

**DAY HABILITATION PROGRAMS**

Day Habilitation programs focus on the development of interpersonal, social, and vocational skills through:

- Life Skills Classes
- Community Outings
- Arts and Crafts
- Educational Guest Speakers
- Social Events & Entertainment
- Physical Activities
- Sensory Stimulation

Well balanced lunches are provided daily. Adaptive feeding techniques, including tube feeding and dispensing of medications, are provided under the supervision of nurses.

Unified Community Connections offers accessible Transportation Services and provides daily curb to curb pickup and drop-off to and from each Day Program Center. Transportation routes are designed to minimize the time spent on the bus for each individual as much as possible.

**SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT**

Supported Employment services provide assistance with job selection and readiness, interviewing, training, and maintaining both paid and volunteer positions in the community. Individuals are also assisted with finding and accessing transportation to and from their places of employment.

Unified Community Connections is especially committed to working with Transitioning Youth as they embark upon their careers. We strive to ensure that each individual has career choices and meaningful and innovative opportunities.

We work with employers such as Giant Supermarket, Target, and Saint Agnes Hospital to give individuals opportunities for meaningful employment.

Our goal is to provide appropriate levels of support to all individuals receiving this service, both in the community and in the work force. Supported Employment teams provide guidance and encouragement to assure that individuals thrive in the workplace.

Once employment has been obtained, individuals and their families can be comfortable in knowing that staff is always available to assist them.