

Changing Maryland for the better by promoting equality of opportunity, access, and choice for Marylanders with disabilities  
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**The Department of Disabilities aligns policy through the State Disabilities Plan goals of self-direction, financial well-being, maximizing resources, and accessible communication.**

#### Customer Service

**The Constituent Services Team directly interacts with more than 2,000 Marylanders each year providing information, resources, and assistance to help improve the quality of life for those with disabilities.**

#### Fiscal Responsibility

**The Maryland Department of Disabilities has secured or assisted in securing over 41 million dollars in grant opportunities for the state in the past five years.**

#### Quality of Life

**Nine organizations serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities spanning 7 counties throughout the state are participating in the HealthMatters! program designed to teach healthy living skills and establish long term balanced habits.**

#### Employment Opportunities

**The Department of Disabilities launched the 3rd annual Maryland PROMISE summer workplace learning initiative providing at-risk youth paid employment experiences with intensive case management support. 996 individuals & families receive enhanced services.**

#### Emergency Services

**The Department of Disabilities worked with two local jurisdictions and four state agencies to develop an emergency manager's toolkit which includes planning considerations for the needs of people with disabilities during preparedness, response, and recovery from a disaster or other event.**

### Affordable & Accessible Housing

**The Department of Disabilities works with the Department of Health and the Department of Housing and Community Development as the Maryland Partnership for Affordable Housing (MPAH) administering three housing programs which serve to increase affordable and accessible housing in Maryland. MPAH has successfully housed 57 individuals and families.**

**The three programs are MFP Bridge Subsidy Program, Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program, and Weinberg Apartments.**

### Community Living

**Partnering with Independent Living Centers throughout Maryland, seventeen ramps have been loaned to Marylanders, helping individuals return to their homes following stays in hospitals and other facilities.**