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Budget									
<a href="#">HB0150</a>	<a href="#">SB0190</a>	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2021)	Speaker of the House/ Senate President by request of the administration	In House First Reading APP	In Senate First Reading B&T	The Budget includes the 4% mandated increase for DDA Community Services but the BRFA removes funding to make the increase only 2%. At 2%, the medicaid-funded (DDA) Community Services programs will not have enough in funding to cover the growing minimum wage in the state.	See page 68 of either document for Developmental Disabilities Administration Budget.		
<a href="#">HB0152</a>	<a href="#">SB0192</a>	Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2020	Speaker of the House/ Senate President by request of the administration	In House First Reading APP	In Senate First Reading B&T	The Budget includes the 4% mandated increase for DDA Community Services but the BRFA removes funding to make the increase only 2%. At 2%, the medicaid-funded (DDA) Community Services programs will not have enough in funding to cover the growing minimum wage in the state.	See page 16 of SB0192 for Community Provider Rates.		
Current Positions on Bills by Topic									
Community Living & Working									
<a href="#">HB0010</a>	<a href="#">SB0044</a>	Public Buildings - Changing Facilities for Adult Diapers	Delegate Ebersole/ Senator Lam	In House Hearing 1/29 at 2 PM HGO	In Senate Hearing 1/16 at 3 PM JPR	Support	This bill creates a requirement for newly constructed or extensively remodeled public buildings to provide changing stations suitable to hold the weight of an adult. Several self-advocates, siblings and parents of people with disabilities who need access to adult changing stations in the community came out to testify. The next hearing on this matter is scheduled to happen in the House on January 29 at 2 p.m. in the HGO Committee.		
	<a href="#">SB0040</a>	Sales and Use Tax - Diapers Exemption	Senator Lam		In Senate Hearing 1/9 at 2 PM B&T	Support	Sen. Lam added clarifying language that adult absorbant products such as Depends are intended to be included in the list of products that are exempt from state sales tax.		
	<a href="#">SB0065</a>	Counties - Construction of Sidewalks and Crosswalks - Safe Alternative Routes to Public Schools	Senator Ellis		In Senate Hearing 1/22 at 1 PM EHEA	Letter of Information	The Arc Maryland is requesting that the sponsor include clarifying language that sidewalks and crosswalks meet ADA accessibility standards.		
	<a href="#">SB0083</a>	State Government – Delivery of Notices and Communications by Electronic Means – Authorized	Chair EHEA		In Senate Hearing 1/21 at 1:30 PM EHEA	Letter of Information	Watching to see what implications this could have on notices sent by DOH- DDA to families to update status, "clean up" the waiting list, etc. According to this, the notices may no longer need to be sent via mail but could be emailed. We need to consider what protections we may need to put in place for people with limited comprehension of implications of signing affirmative docs to allow e-communications of an official nature.		
<a href="#">HB0203</a>		Community Parks and Playgrounds Program – Baltimore County and Howard County – Expansion	Delegate Hettleman et al	In House First Reading E&T		Support with amendment	Presenting Amendment to require that a percentage of these playgrounds to be accessible		
<a href="#">HB0209</a>	<a href="#">SB0313</a>	Plastics and Packaging Reduction Act	Delegate Lierman et al/ Senator Augustine et al	In House Hearing 2/11 at 1 PM E&T	In Senate Hearing 2/20 at 1 PM FIN	Letter of Information.	The bill creates a mandate for a 10 cent charge on plastic bags and creates a workgroup to make recommendations on the reduction of single use plastics. There is currently not a member suggested for that work group who would represent the interests of the disability community. Given our interest in ensuring the limited availability of plastic straws for those who need them for nutrition and hydration, we will be speaking with the spondsors.		
<a href="#">HB0231</a>		Housing Opportunities Made Equal Act	Delegate Lierman et al	In House Hearing 2/4 at 1 PM E&T		Support	The bill prevents source of income discrimination and other forms of discrimination that create barriers to housing acquisition and maintenance.		

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<a href="#">HB0296</a>		Environment - Single-Use Plastic Straws - Use in a Food Service Business	Delegate Love et al	In House Hearing 2/19 at 1 PM EMC		Support with amendment	Working with DD Council and presenting Del Love with amendment adopted by PG County when this bill was presented there. We consider the amendment friendly in that it is in keeping with the intention of single use plastic reduction but has accommodations for people with disabilities who need plastic straws for the safe consumption of food and drink.		
<a href="#">HB0312</a>		Discrimination in Employment - Reasonable Accommodations for Applicants With Disabilities	Delegate Charkoudian et al	In House First Reading EMC		Support	includes requirements of businesses to comply with Fair Labor Standards act so in many ways it is redundant but helpful in its clarification of the requirements for application and interview accessibility		
	<a href="#">SB0260</a>	Labor and Employment – Leave With Pay – Bereavement Leave (Family Bereavement Act)	Senator Washington et al		In Senate Hearing 2/13 at 1 PM FIN	Letter of Information	This bill would dramatically extend bereavement leave benefits with pay, not only in amount of time that can be taken but in relationship to the deceased (includes death of a pet). This amounts to an unfunded mandate for providers of community based services potentially also for people who self direct		
<a href="#">HB0353</a>	<a href="#">SB0264</a>	Frederick County – Elderly or Disabled Renters – Grants	Senators Young & Hough/ Frederick County Delegation	In House Hearing 2/6 at 1 PM W&M	In Senate Hearing 1/29 at 1 PM B&T	Support	Instead of a property tax credit, this bill would add Frederick County to the list of current counties that provide housing grants to specific populations of people (people with disabilities)		
<a href="#">HB0498</a>		Department of Aging - Grants for Aging-in-Place Programs - Funding	Delegate Hill et al	In House First Reading APP		Gathering more information	Creates an appropriation to support initiatives that would help seniors age in place- including seniors with I/DD		
Education & Childcare									
	<a href="#">SB0078</a>	Public Schools – Student Discipline Regulations – Remedial Measures	Senator Hough		In Senate Hearing 1/22 at 1 PM EHEA	Oppose. We are working with Coalition to Reform School Discipline on a response.	Seems to misinterpret concept of restorative justice by adding requirements of children to apologize, provide restitution, and possibly endure a modified schedule. Some children with specific disabilities may have difficulty with self regulation and understanding the effects of their behavior on other students. This requirement is too broad and does not take many issues under consideration.		
<a href="#">HB0264</a>		Prince George's County - Elementary School Students - Daily Physical Activity PG 503-20	Prince George's County Delegation	In House Hearing 2/5 at 2 PM W&M		Support	Return of this bill from last session		
<a href="#">HB0277</a>	<a href="#">SB0367</a>	State Department of Education - Guidelines on Trauma-Informed Approach	Delegate Wilkins et al/ Senator Washington et al	In House Hearing 2/5 at 2 PM W&M	In Senate First Reading EHEA	Support	The bill creates a fund for schools to provide training to implement trauma informed approaches.		
<a href="#">HB0327</a>		Public Schools – School Resource Officers – Prohibited Conduct	Delegates Washington & Ivey	In House Hearing 2/5 at 2 PM W&M		Support	Return of bill from last year- does not allow SROs to carry arms.		
<a href="#">HB0328</a>		State Department of Education – School Discipline – Data Collection	Delegate Washington et al	In House Hearing 2/5 at 2 PM W&M		Support	Requires disaggregated data on discipline separated by race, grade level, ethnicity, special services (including special education) and disciplinary practices employed,		
<a href="#">HB0383</a>		State Department of Education - Student Performance Reports - Students With Disabilities	Delegate Guyton et al	In House Hearing 2/7 at 1 PM W&M		Support	The Bill would require data to be disaggregated for students supported under the IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.		
<a href="#">HB0396</a>		Child Care Centers - Early Childhood Screening for Developmental Disabilities	Delegate Guyton et al	In House First Reading W&M		Monitoring	Bill would require child care centers to have a staff person on site who has training in early childhood screening and interventions for children with developmental disabilities.		
<a href="#">HB0413</a>		Prince George's County - Elementary School Students - Daily Physical Activity (Student Health and Fitness Act)	Delegate Walker	In House Hearing 2/7 at 1 PM W&M		Support	Return of bill from last year		

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<a href="#">HB0475</a>		Community Colleges - Students With Disabilities	Delegates Cain, Guyton, and Mosby	In House First Reading APP		Support	This bill would mandate an appropriation of 2.5 million to the grant program that exists to provide assistance to students with disabilities to attend community college		
HB0516		Public School Students - Daily Physical Activity (Student Health and Fitness Act)	Delegate Walker et al	In House First Reading W&M		Support	This bill is a return from last session. It is well established that children benefit from daily physical activity and there are profound benefits for children with sensory needs who, when allowed to jump and swing (proprioceptive), are more ready to learn after these activities.		
Health Care									
	<a href="#">SB0042</a>	Health Services Cost Review Commission – Duties and Reports – Revisions	Requested by Department of Health		In Senate Hearing 1/15 at 1 PM FIN	Monitoring	We are currently watching this. There have been some whispers of the state going to a Managed Care model for DD services in the future and there is emphasis on the “All-Payer Model” demonstration pilot in this bill.		
<a href="#">HB0255</a>		Health Care Facilities - Hospitals and Related Institutions - Discrimination Protections	Delegate K. Young et al	In House Hearing 2/5 at 1 PM HGO		Gathering more information	This bill would extend protections against discrimination to facilities at the point of admission consideration. Protected class includes basis of disability. This action would be good for people who have felt they were denied access to a facility on the basis of their disability, and potentially harmful to facilities and people with disabilities if facilities lack capacity and expertise to effectively and safely support people with certain needs.		
<a href="#">HB0259</a>	<a href="#">SB0103</a>	Health Occupations - Diagnostic Evaluation and Treatment of Patients - Disciplinary Actions (The Patient's Access to Integrative Healthcare Act of 2020)	Delegate Szeliga et al/ Senators Eckardt and Klausmeier	In House Hearing 2/4 at 1 PM HGO	In Senate Hearing 1/21 at 1:30 PM EHEA *Open briefing on Wednesday, 1/29 in EHEA at 4PM as a follow up to the hearing and controversy.	Letter of information provided	The bill appears to be well intended to expand treatment options for people which we would support. However, the way in which this bill is written, it may be interpreted to allow parents to provide written consent for treatment for patients (even adult children) who are “unable to consent.” The language is too broad in that parents seem to be given similar power as guardians. While we would appreciate Supported Decision Making when it is presented (likely next session), we want to be careful that the rights of people are maintained. We will be speaking to the sponsors to determine whether or not any further action is required.		
	<a href="#">SB0106</a>	Health Care Facilities - Certificate of Need - Exception for State-Owned Facilities	Requested by Department of Health		In Senate Unfavorable Report by FIN	Gathering more information.	It is unknown whether this bill would apply to RTCs. Requesting a meeting with the sponsor.		
<a href="#">HB0317</a>		Mental Health - Involuntary Admissions - Procedures	Delegate K. Young et al	In House First Reading HGO		Gathering more information	Allows a person to be held for observation status with additional rights. This bill is one in a series reacting to lack of crisis mental health services in Maryland and efforts to increase options for individuals and families		
<a href="#">HB0331</a>		Public Schools – Medical Cannabis – Guidelines for Administration to Students (Connor’s Courage)	Delgate Lisanti et al	In House Hearing 2/5 at 2 PM W&M		Gathering more information- Leaning toward "Support"	The bill would require that on or before December 1, 2020, guidelines shall be available for public schools regarding the administration of medical cannabis to students who are qualifying patients onder Title 13 sub 33 of Health General Art. during school hours and school-sponsored activities.		
<a href="#">HB0332</a>		Mental Health - Emergency Facilities List - Comprehensive Crisis Response Centers, Crisis Stabilization Centers, and Crisis Treatment Centers	Delgate Bagnall et al	In House First Reading HGO		Gathering more information	Bill dictates what the list (that is already mandated to be created once a year) includes comprehensive crisis response centers, crisis stabiliation centers, and crisis treatment centers. It is not clear how this information would help without information on current capacity/openings in each of these centers, but it is a start.		
<a href="#">HB0374</a>		Behavioral Health Administration – Children With Mental Disorders – List of Available Services	Delegates Barron, Bartlett & Lehman	In House Hearing 2/5 at 1 PM HGO		Gathering more information	This bill would require inclusion of information on specific services offered and would make the list more accessible to the public.		

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<a href="#">HB0409</a>		Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Participation of School-Based Health Centers - Regulations	Delegate Cullison	In House Hearing 2/5 at 1 PM HGO		Gathering more information			
HB0547		Health - Maryland Children's Service Animal Program - Establishment	Delegate Barron	In House First Reading HGO		Bill Text not yet available- Gathering more information			
HB0584		Day Care Centers for the Elderly and Day Care Centers for Adults - Reimbursement	Delegate Hettleman	In House First Reading APP		Bill Text not yet available- Gathering more information			
Justice and Civil Rights									
<a href="#">HB0033</a>	<a href="#">SB0153</a>	Criminal Law – Abuse or Neglect of a Vulnerable Adult – Causing Severe Emotional Distress	Delegate Guyton et al/ Senator West	In House Hearing 1/21 at 1 PM JUD	In Senate Hearing 1/22 at 3 PM JPR	Support	The bill adds severe emotional distress to the list of abuses which constitute a felony crime and of which a person can be fined and serve time. While the bill language as amended is improved, it still does not completely address the effects of cumulative trauma in the causation of “Emotional Distress” and proximal cause, possibly making severe emotional distress victimization difficult to prove. That said, The Arc Maryland supports the intention of this bill which is to add a possibly remedy to the law in cases where there is a preponderance of evidence that a person has maliciously caused a person emotional harm.	<a href="#">Amendments as of 1/17/20</a>	
<a href="#">HB0140</a>	<a href="#">SB0056</a>	Election Law - Petitions and Ballot Questions - Plain Language Requirement	Delegate Guyton et al/ Senator Kagan	In House Hearing 1/29 at 1 PM W&M	In Senate Hearing 1/28 at 2 PM EHEA	Support	The standard for readability is 7th grade and this bill creates a lower threshold (6th grade). Our research indicates that although we would prefer a lower threshold for reading level (4th grade) there are specific guidelines for ballots and election measures and a 6th grade reading level is supported and could be reinforced though these guidelines. This measure would improve access and understanding from current level.		
<a href="#">HB0142</a>		Election Law – Voting Order Priority – Individuals Who Need Extra Assistance	Delegate Guyton et al	In House Hearing 1/29 at 1 PM W&M		Support	Allows people with disabilities and parents of small children with disabilities to advance in the voting line. It's considered a reasonable accommodation given the many issues people have had in the past with accessing voting places.		
<a href="#">HB0184</a>		Special Education – Judicial Actions – Attorney’s Fees and Related Costs	Delegate Luedtke	In House Hearing 1/30 at 1 PM W&M		Support	This bill would create a mechanism for judges to award expert witness fee recovery to parents when they are the prevailing party in a Special Ed case. The law currently allows for the award of attorney's fees to prevailing parents, but families have the burden of assuming expert witness expenses and many families cannot afford the expense of having expert witnesses while the school system regularly brings experts in at state taxpayer expense.		
<a href="#">HB0304</a>		Consumer Protection – Unfair, Abusive, or Deceptive Trade Practices – Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults	Delegate Shetty et al	In House Hearing 2/12 at 1 PM EMC		Gathering more information	The bill would increase penalties for people found to have violated a specific section of the Consumer Protection Act, engaging in exploitation of a vulnerable adult.		
<a href="#">HB0320</a>		Criminal Law - Exploitation of Vulnerable Adult or Elderly Individual - Undue Influence	Delegate Shetty et al	In House Hearing 2/4 at 1 PM JUD		Gathering more information	The way the bill is written it is hard to understand how it would be interpreted and enforced.		
<a href="#">HB0369</a>		Foster Parents, Preadoptive Parents, and Caregivers - Right to Intervene	Delegate Dumais	In House Hearing 2/6 at 1 PM JUD		Gathering more information	This may broaden the statute too much by giving additional people authority to intervene on behalf of a child.		
<a href="#">HB0421</a>		State Government – Open Meetings – Requirements and Application of Open Meetings Act (Maryland State Agency Transparency Act)	Delegate Korman et al	In House First Reading HGO		Monitoring			

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<a href="#">HB0477</a>		Estates and Trusts – Guardianship of the Property of Disabled Persons – Court–Appointed Attorneys	Delebate Dumais	In House Hearing 2/12 at 1 PM JUD		Gathering more information	Provides for attorney's fees or the appointment of an attorney who is contracted by the Department of Human Services for a person who otherwise cannot afford an attorney		