



District of Columbia Disability Resources

Affordable Care Act (ACA)

To get coverage under the ACA, go to <https://www.healthcare.gov/> to find out more about the Health Insurance Marketplace and the options available in your state.

<https://www.healthcare.gov/what-is-the-marketplace-in-my-state/#state=district-of-columbia>

<https://www.healthcare.gov/marketplace-in-your-state/#dc>

DC Health Link

<https://www.dchealthlink.com/>

Phone: 855-532-5465

TTY: 711

The insurance exchange for the District of Columbia.

Aging Resources

Aging and Disability Resource Centers/ No Wrong Door

<https://www.n4a.org/adrcs>

<https://www.acl.gov/node/413>

Call Eldercare Locator Toll-free 1-800-677-1116 to find the ADRC in your area.

The No Wrong Door (NWD) System initiative is a collaborative effort of the ACL, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). The NWD System initiative builds upon the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) program and CMS' Balancing Incentive Program No Wrong Door requirements that support state efforts to streamline access to long-term services and support (LTSS) options for older adults and individuals with disabilities. NWD Systems simplify access to LTSS, and are a key component of LTSS systems reform.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center Program (ADRC) is a collaborative effort of the U.S. Administration for Community Living (<http://www.hhs.gov/acl/index.html>) (including AoA (<http://www.aoa.gov/>) as of April 2012) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)(<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/>) . ADRCs serve as single points of entry into

the long-term supports and services system for older adults and people with disabilities. Sometimes referred to as a “one-stop shops” or “no wrong door” systems, ADRCs address many of the frustrations consumers and their families experience when trying to find needed information, services, and supports. Through integration or coordination of existing aging and disability service systems, ADRC programs raise visibility about the full range of options that are available, provide objective information, advice, counseling and assistance, empower people to make informed decisions about their long term supports, and help people more easily access public and private long term supports and services programs.. Click on your state to find state and local ADRCs.

The core functions of an ADRC are 1) information, referral and awareness, 2) options counseling, advice and assistance, 3) streamlined eligibility determination for public programs, 4) person-centered transitions, 5) quality assurance and continuous improvement. ADRCs perform these functions by integrating, coordinating, and strengthening different pieces of the existing long term supports and services systems, including Area Agencies on Aging, Centers for Independent Living, state and local Medicaid offices, and other community-based organizations.

Department of Aging and Community Living

<https://dacl.dc.gov/>

500 K Street, NE

Washington, DC 20002

Phone: 202-724-5626

TTY: 711

Alternate Number: Adult Protective Services 202-541-3950

Email: dacl@dc.gov

National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA)

<https://ncea.acl.gov/>

Funded by the Administration for Community Living, the NCEA disseminates elder abuse information to professionals and the public, and provides technical assistance and training to states and to community-based organizations.

Arts And Creativity

St. John’s Community Services

<http://www.sjcs.org/>

901 D Street, SW, Suite 800

Washington, DC 20024

Phone: 800-869-3393

202-237-6500

St. John’s Community Services runs ART Options, an arts-infused program designed to support the development of vocational, social and life management skills for people with disabilities ages 16 and older.

Assistive Technology

DC Assistive Technology Program

<http://www.atpdc.org/>

220 I St, NE, Suite 130
Washington, DC 20002
Phone: 202-547-0198

The ATDC is a citywide program that helps District residents with disabilities and seniors to get the assistive technology devices and services to live more independently. People can try out various devices and borrow them for a short term. They also offer a financing loan program, training sessions, and they recycle new and used DME, computers and other equipment.

Mid-Atlantic ADA Center (covers DC)

<http://www.adainfo.org>

TransCen, Inc.

12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 350

Rockville, MD 20852

Phone/TTY: 301-217-0124

Toll Free: 800-949-4232

Email: adainfo@transcen.org

Community-Based Fitness Programs

The Reeve Foundation has several Community Fitness and Wellness facilities that are part of its NeuroRecovery Network (NRN) program. These facilities are accepting individuals with walking difficulties related to any cause (not just SCI) and are hosting activity-based exercise programs designed specifically for individuals with physical disabilities. There is not one in this state but if you would like to learn more about the program, please go to www.ChristopherReeve.org/NRN.

Community Health Centers

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA): Find a Health Center

<http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/>

HRSA Health Centers care for you, even if you have no health insurance – you pay what you can afford based on your income. Health centers provide services that include checkups when you are well, treatment when you are sick, complete care when you are pregnant, and immunizations and checkups for your children. Some health centers also provide mental health, substance abuse, oral health, and/or vision services. Contact the health center organization directly to confirm the availability of specific services and to make an appointment.

Crime Victim Assistance

Crime Victims Compensation Program in DC

<https://www.dccourts.gov/services/crime-victims-compensation-matters>

Phone: 202-879-4216

Domestic Violence Help

National Domestic Violence Hotline

<http://www.thehotline.org/>

Phone: 800-799-7233 (Toll-free), 800-787-3224 (TTY)

National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRCDV)

<http://www.nrcdv.org/>

1012 14th Street, NW, Suite 209

Washington, DC 20005

Phone: 800-537-2238

E-mail: nrcdvta@nrcdv.org

The NRCDV provides a wide range of free, comprehensive, and individualized technical assistance, training, and specialized resource materials and projects designed to enhance current domestic violence intervention and prevention strategies.

DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence

<http://www.dccadv.org/>

1101 14th Street, NW, Suite 300

Washington, DC 20005

Phone: 202-299-1181

E-mail: info@dccadv.org

Safe Horizon: Domestic Violence and Dating Abuse Resources

<http://www.safehorizon.org/page/domestic-violence-resources-313.html>

House of Ruth

<https://houseofruth.org/>

5 Thomas Circle NW

Washington, DC 20005

Phone: 202-667-7001

Email: intake@houseofruth.org (intake/seeking help), houseofruth@houseofruth.org (general inquiries)

House of Ruth offers comprehensive support for women, children and families. Their continuum of services encompasses enriched housing for families and single women, trauma-informed daycare for children, and free counseling to empower anyone, regardless of gender, who is a survivor of trauma and abuse. Their programs provide individualized support to rebuild safe, independent, and sustainable lives.

This facility has self-reported that it operates an accessible shelter. If you require any special accommodations, please call ahead of time to inquire that certain needs can be met.

Easter Seals Offices

Easter Seals DC/MD/VA

<http://gwbr.easterseals.com/>

1420 Spring Street

Silver Spring, MD 20910

Phone: 301-588-8700

Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Child Development Center

<https://www.easterseals.com/DCMDVA/our-programs/childrens-services/easter-seals-child.html>

2800 13th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20009
Phone: 202-387-4434
Email: dc@eseal.org

Easter Seals Project Action Consulting

<https://www.projectaction.com/>

1101 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 510
Washington, D.C. 20005
Phone: 844-227-3772 (Toll-free), 202-347-3066
TTY: 202-347-7385
Email: espaconsulting@easterseals.com

Project Action provides affordable, flexible, professional training and consultation on ADA-accessible transportation issues.

Government Offices

District of Columbia Department of Human Services

<http://dhs.dc.gov>

64 New York Avenue, NE, 6th Floor
Washington, DC 20002
Phone: 202-671-4200
TTY: 711
Email: dhs@dc.gov

Office of Human Rights

<http://ohr.dc.gov/commission>

Government of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street NW, Suite 570 North
Washington, DC 20001
Phone: 202-727-4559
TTY: 711
Email: ohr@dc.gov

Medicare

<http://www.medicare.gov>

Medicare is a federal program; this site is included for convenience.

District of Columbia: Medicaid

<https://dhs.dc.gov/service/medical-assistance>

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/by-state/stateprofile.html?state=district-of-columbia>

Medicaid provides health coverage to millions of Americans, including eligible low-income adults, children, pregnant women, elderly adults and people with disabilities. Medicaid is administered by states, according to federal requirements. The program is funded jointly by states and the federal government.

DC Healthy Families (SCHIP)

<https://www.dchealthyfamilies.com/en>

DC Healthy Families is a program of the DC Department of Health Care Finance that provides free health insurance for District resident families with children or pregnant women. There is an income qualification.

District of Columbia Vocational Rehabilitation Services

<http://dds.dc.gov/node/777322>

District of Columbia Department on Disability Services

250 E Street, SW

Washington, DC 20024

Phone: 202-730-1700

TTY: 202-730-1516

Email: dds@dc.gov

The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program provides vocational and rehabilitative services to individuals with disabilities to help them prepare for, secure, regain or retain employment.

District of Columbia Independent Living Services

<http://dds.dc.gov/page/independent-living-services>

District of Columbia Department on Disability Services

250 E Street, SW

Washington, DC 20024

Phone: 202-730-1700

Email: dds@dc.gov

The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) Independent Living Services (ILS) program provides services to individuals with disabilities to help them to live as independently as possible in the community.

DC Commission on Persons with Disabilities, Office of Disability Rights

<http://odr.dc.gov/page/dc-commission-persons-disabilities>

441 4th Street., NW, Suite 729 North

Washington, DC 20001

Phone: 202-724-5055

TTY: 202-727-3363

Email: odr@dc.gov

District of Columbia Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC)

www.ddc.dc.gov

One Judiciary Square

441 4th Street, NW, 729 North

Washington, DC 20001

Phone: 202-724-8612

TTY: 711

Email: ddc@dc.gov

The DDC is an independent, community-based advisory committee funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, and the Council possesses a membership of fifteen (15)

dedicated individuals charged with identifying and addressing the most pressing needs of people with developmental disabilities in the DC community.

**District of Columbia Department of Employment Services
Labor Standards Bureau
Office of Workers' Compensation**

<http://www.does.dc.gov/page/workers-compensation-does>

4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE

Washington, DC 20019

Phone: 202-671-1000

Email: does@dc.gov

U.S. Department of Transportation: Disability Resource Center

<https://www.transportation.gov/drc/disability-resource-center>

1200 New Jersey Ave, SE

W56-403

Washington, DC 20590

Phone: 202-493-0625

Email: drc@dot.gov

The Department of Transportation's Disability Resource Center (DRC) provides job accommodations and related services to DOT employees and job applicants.

DC Long-Term Care Ombudsman

<https://dacl.dc.gov/>

DC Department of Aging and Community Living

500 K St., NE

Washington DC 20002

Phone: 202-724-5626

TTY: 711

Email: dacl@dc.gov

The mission of the long-term care ombudsman is to protect the health, safety, welfare and rights of the elderly in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other facilities.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

<https://odr.dc.gov/book/Path/ADRC>

500 K Street, NE

Washington, DC 20002

Phone: 202-724-5622

202-724-5626

TTY: 202-724-8925

Email: dcoa@dc.gov

On-site are a number of resources and staff members to assist clients including: social workers; an options counselor, income maintenance liaison, housing coordinator, and public health advisors.

Find your **elected officials** to contact them on legislation that is important to you. Each member of Congress maintains at least one office in his or her home state or district. Most

have multiple offices throughout the state or district. These offices are designed for direct contact with constituents (that's you!). This is your opportunity to advocate and make your voice heard in Congress without traveling to Washington, DC. Congressional offices are also a great resource for handling problems with federal agencies. You have a constitutionally guaranteed right to petition your government, and home offices provide you an opportunity to use that right.

<http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

<http://whoismyrepresentative.com/>

Housing

Independent Living Research Utilization: Directory of Centers & SILCs in DC

<http://www.ilru.org/projects/cil-net/cil-center-and-association-directory-results/DC>

DC Center for Independent Living (DCCIL)

<http://www.dccil.org/>

Main Office:

2600 12th Street, NE

Washington, DC 20018

Phone: 202-388-0033

SE Office

840 Chesapeake St SE

Washington, DC 20032

Phone: 202-889-5802

DCCIL provides information and referral, independent living skills training, peer counseling, and individual and systems advocacy.

Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

www.hud.gov

is the government office which offers information on public housing, buying a home, renting, discrimination, FEMA related housing, and more. HUD also provides a list of housing counselors as well as information on ways to avoid foreclosure. To find your local HUD office, please click on the "State Info" tab across the top bar, then click on your state, then click on "contact my local office". If you want info on public housing, click here:

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contacts and choose your state from the drop down box.

211

www.211.org

211 can help people find emergency shelters for individuals and families in crisis. Learn about programs that offer rental assistance, subsidized housing, and housing vouchers that can help families, the elderly and disabled individuals pay for housing.

Independent Living

ILRU: State Independent Living Councils (SILCs)

<http://www.ilru.org/projects/silc-net/silc-directory>

Each state has a SILC.

Independent Living Research Utilization's directory of Independent Living Centers
<http://www.ilru.org>

National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)

<http://www.ncil.org/>

2013 H St. NW, 6th Floor

Washington, DC 20006

Phone: 202-207-0334

Toll-free: 844-778-7961

Email: ncil@ncil.org

The National Council on Independent Living is the longest-running national cross-disability, grassroots organization run by and for people with disabilities. Founded in 1982, NCIL represents thousands of organizations and individuals including: individuals with disabilities, Centers for Independent Living (CILs), Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs), and other organizations that advocate for the human and civil rights of people with disabilities throughout the United States.

Library Services

DC Talking Book and Braille Program

<https://www.dclibrary.org/using-the-library/dc-talking-book-and-braille-program-nls>

Center for Accessibility

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library

901 G Street NW, 205D

Washington, DC 20001

Phone: 202-727-2142

Videophone: 202-559-5368

Email: DCPLaccess@dc.gov

Neurorecovery Network (NRN)

The NRN is a network of rehab programs designed to provide locomotor (treadmill) training to promote functional recovery and improve the health and quality of life for people living with paralysis. The program is for people with spinal cord injuries. The NRN is a program of the Reeve Foundation. There is no NRN center in this state but if you are interested in finding one outside of this state, please go to www.ChristopherReeve.org/NRN.

Peer Support Programs

Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation's Peer & Family Support Program (PFSP)

www.ChristopherReeve.org/Peer

636 Morris Turnpike, Suite 3A

Short Hills, NJ 07078

Phone: 800-539-7309

Email: Peer@ChristopherReeve.org

The Peer & Family Support Program (PFSP) is the Reeve Foundation's national peer-to-peer mentoring program. The goal of PFSP is to provide critical emotional support, as well as, local and national information and resources to people living with paralysis, and

their families and caregivers. When possible, the program matches people with paralysis with certified peer mentors who are of similar age, location, gender, and level of injury or type of paralyzing condition. The Reeve Foundation's Quality of Life Grants program gives out grants to peer support groups (amongst other groups) that are associated with a non-profit organization. If you represent a non-profit organization looking for a Quality of Life grant, please see: www.ChristopherReeve.org/go/ for more info on qualifying and applying.

Protection And Advocacy

University Legal Services for the District of Columbia Protection and Advocacy Program/Disability Rights DC

<http://www.uls-dc.org/>

220 I Street, NE, Suite 130 Washington, DC 20002 Phone: 202-547-0198

TTY: 202-547-2657

Sports And Recreation

K.E.E.N. (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now) Foundation

<http://www.keenusa.org/>

1900 K Street, NW

Suite 100

Washington, DC 20006

Phone: 866-903-5336 (Toll-free)

E-mail: info@keenusa.org

KEEN provides one-to-one recreational opportunities for children and young adults with developmental and physical disabilities at no cost to their families and caregivers.

Medstar: Wheelchair Basketball

<http://www.medstarnrh.org/our-services/adaptive-sports-fitness/services/basketball/about-wheelchair-basketball/#q={}>

Contact: Harsh Thakkar

Phone: 202-877-1859

Email: harsh.v.thakkar@medstar.net

United Way Offices

United Way of the National Capital Area

<http://www.unitedwaynca.org/>

1101 15th St., NW Ste. 1000

Washington, DC 20005

Phone: 202-488-2000

Veterans Benefits

US Department of Veterans Affairs: DC Benefits offices

<https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/state.asp?STATE=DC&dnum=3>

National Capital Regional Benefits Office

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/washington/>

1722 I St., NW
Washington, DC 20421
Phone: 800-827-1000

Washington DC VA Medical Center
<http://www.washingtondc.va.gov/>
50 Irving St. NW.
Washington, DC 20422
Phone: 202-745-8000
877-328-2621

Paralyzed Veterans of America

<http://www.pva.org/>
National Headquarters
1875 Eye Street NW Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20006-3517
Phone: 800-424-8200 (National Headquarters)
TTY: 800-795-4327
Benefits Help Line: 866-734-0857
E-mail: info@pva.org

ALS

ALS Association's DC/MD/VA chapter

<http://webdc.alsa.org>
30 W. Gude Dr., Suite 150
Rockville, MD 20850
Phone: 301-978-9855
Email: info@alsinfo.org

Cerebral Palsy

UCP/United Cerebral Palsy

<http://ucp.org/>
National Office
1825 K Street NW, Suite 600
Washington, DC 20006
Phone: 800-872-5827, 202-776-0406
Email: info@ucp.org

UCP educates, advocates and provides support services to ensure a life without limits for people with a spectrum of disabilities. UCP works to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities through an affiliate network that has helped millions.

Guillain-Barré Syndrome / Cidp

GBS/CIDP Foundation International

<http://gbs-cidp.org/>
375 East Elm St., Suite 101

Conshohocken, PA 19428
Phone: 610-667-0131, 866-224-3301 (Toll-free)
Please call them for information in your area

Multiple Sclerosis

National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Greater DC-Maryland Chapter

<http://www.nationalmssociety.org/chapters/DCW/index.aspx>

One M Street S.E., Suite 510
Washington, DC 20036
Phone: 800-344-4867 (Toll-Free)

Multiple Sclerosis Association of America

<http://www.mymsaa.org/>

National Headquarters
375 Kings Highway North, Suite B
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
Phone: 800-532-7667
E-mail: msquestions@mymsaa.org

Muscular Dystrophy

Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)

<https://www.mda.org/>

National Office
1016 W Jackson Blvd #1073
Chicago, Illinois 60607
Phone: 800-572-1717 (Toll-free)
Email: resourcecenter@mdausa.org

Enter your zip code in the "Find your local MDA office" box for MDA offices and clinics that treat MD in your area.

Post-Polio Syndrome

Post-Polio Health International

<http://www.post-polio.org>

50 Crestwood Executive Center #440
Saint Louis, MO 63126
Phone: 314-534-0475
E-mail: info@post-polio.org

The Post-Polio Directory lists – by state – clinics, physicians, support groups and associations which specialize in post-polio syndrome. It can be downloaded; print copies are available for \$12. The Directory is updated annually.

<https://post-polio.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/PDIR-2021Hsec.pdf>

Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association

<http://www.spinabifidaassociation.org>

1600 Wilson Blvd, Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22209
Phone: 800-621-3141
Email: sbaa@sbaa.org
Please contact them for info in your area

Spinal Cord Injury

Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Network of Metropolitan Washington

<https://unitedspinal.org/chapter/washington-dc-chapter-of-united-spinal-association/>

Email: harsh.v.thakkar@medstar.net

Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Network of Metropolitan Washington is the local chapter of the United Spinal Association, which serves the D.C., Maryland and Northern Virginia areas.

Medstar National Rehabilitation Hospital

<http://www.nrhrehab.org/>

<http://www.medstarhealth.org/mhs/our-locations/>

102 Irving Street NW
Washington, DC 20010
Phone: 202-877-1000
TDD: 202-877-1450

Offers spinal cord injury rehab services. Also offers a support group for people with spinal cord injury called "Urban Re-entry Group".

Stroke

American Stroke Association (ASA)

<https://www.stroke.org/>

National Center
7272 Greenville Avenue
Dallas, TX 75231
Phone: 888-478-7653 (Toll-free)

ASA Regional Office:

Greater Washington Region
4601 N Fairfax Dr. Suite 700
Arlington, VA 22203
Phone: 703-248-1700

Syringomyelia/Chiari Malformation

American Syringomyelia & Chiari Alliance Project (ASAP)

<http://www.asap.org/>

P.O. Box 1586
Longview, TX 75606-1586
Phone: 903-236-7079, 800-272-7282 (Toll-free)
E-mail: info@asap.org

Please contact them for resources in your area.

Transverse Myelitis

Siegel Rare Neuroimmune Association (formerly Transverse Myelitis Assn.)

www.wearesrna.org

1787 Sutter Parkway

Powell, OH 43065-8806

Phone: 855-380-3330

Please contact them for info in your area.

General Disability Resources

District of Columbia Yellow Pages for Kids with Disabilities

<http://www.yellowpagesforkids.com/help/dc.htm>

Washington, DC Disability Information

<http://washington.org/DC-information/washington-dc-disability-information>

District of Columbia Physical Therapy Association

<http://www.dcpta.com/>

Phone: 800-306-5596

E-mail: info@aptadc.org

District of Columbia Occupational Therapy Association

<https://dcota.wildapricot.org/>

Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE) DC chapter

<https://apse.org/chapter/district-of-columbia/>

Phone: 301-279-0060

Email: Christa@apse.org

211 Answers Please

<http://answersplease.dc.gov/>

Department of Human Services

64 New York Avenue NE

Washington, DC 20002

Phone: 202-463-6211

Email: answersplease@dc.gov

Provides callers with information about and referrals to human services for every day needs and in times of crisis. Can offer access to the following types of services: adult day care, respite care, home health care, transportation, support groups, Medicaid/Medicare, etc. The caller is provided with phone numbers, programs and services provided, location, hours of operation, and any other relevant information for the inquiry. All calls are confidential.

Reach a Ride

<http://www.reacharide.org/>

777 North Capitol Street NE

Suite 300

Washington, DC 20002

Phone: 855-732-2427 (Toll-free)

TTY/TTD: 202-962-3213

Reach a Ride provides information on transportation options for people with disabilities in the DC area including suburban Maryland and northern Virginia.

Wheelchair Accessible Taxis

Yellow Cab Company of DC

<http://www.dcyellowcab.com>

Phone: 202-544-1212

Royal Cab Association

<http://dctaxionline.com/>

Phone 202-398-0500

The above two companies are now providing wheelchair accessible taxi service in DC. Service is available 24/7 throughout the city. Please call one or two hours in advance. Note that the taxis can't accommodate an oversized wheelchair or scooter.

ThinkFirst National Injury Prevention Foundation

<http://www.thinkfirst.org>

1801 N. Mill Street, Suite F

Naperville, IL 60563

Phone: 630-961-1400

E-mail: thinkfirst@thinkfirst.org

ThinkFirst offers evidence-based injury prevention programs for students of all ages through their network of healthcare-based chapters. Health educators and people who have experienced brain or spinal cord injuries help students understand the importance of making safe choices related to vehicles, sports, violence and falls. Click "Find a Chapter" for contact information for Washington, D.C. chapters.

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