

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

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WHAT IS YOUR PHILOSOPHY IN PROVIDING SERVICES?	
<p>The KCHD DDA Resource Coordination Program strives to support individuals with disabilities in leading fulfilling lives with a variety of supports and services within their community. Each individual is assisted in developing a holistic plan which reflects their strengths, preferences, needs, and supports their rights and values. All services provided are based on the principles of self-determination, non-discrimination, are sensitive and responsive to age and cultural differences, person-directed, meet the highest standards for health and safety and ensure continuity of service provision.</p>	
HOW LONG HAS YOUR AGENCY BEEN PROVIDING COORDINATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES IN MARYLAND?	
<p>Eastern Shore Resource Coordination Partnership (ESRCP) has been operating for over 25 years. The Kent County Health Department DDA Resource Coordination Program has been serving the residents of Kent County for 30 years.</p>	
HOW IS YOUR AGENCY DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS?	
<p>ESRCP has been providing DDA Resource Coordination out of County Health Departments to the disabled individuals and their families living in the Eastern Region of Maryland since 1983. Historically, the KCHD DDA Resource Coordination Program has operated as an integral part of the County Health Department services system. Health Departments provide holistic care to local communities through a closely knit network of health, medical, mental health, substance abuse, family planning, maternity, infant and toddler, adult evaluation, personal care, medical transportation, child health, immunization, environmental, outreach and Emergency Response programs. With the gradual realization of the Affordable Care Act, this existing health network at the local County level will serve as a single point of entry for health care services for the residents of the county. Kent County families have a close relationship with the Health Department and look to the HD as a focal point for taking care of a vast array of health-related needs.</p>	
WHAT MARYLAND COUNTIES DO YOU SERVE?	
Kent County	
WHAT AREAS OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DO YOU HAVE SPECIALISTS IN?	
<p>The KCHD DDA Resource Coordination provides training to all its DDA Resource Coordinators in all areas of developmental disabilities as required by the DDA (Developmental Disabilities Administration). Further, each Resource Coordinator is also trained in the specific developmental disabilities of the individuals they serve. Using electronic “share documents” the ERRCC maintains an extensive cyber-library of resources and information on specific disabilities as well as on disabilities in general. Beyond the required DDA and individual training, KCHD DDA RC Program also ensures that the DDA RC staff receives continuing training throughout the year to provide well educated and knowledgeable staff. KCHD DDA RC Program also has a staff member that is able to sign at an intermediate level.</p>	
HOW DO YOU MATCH INDIVIDUALS WITH COORDINATORS?	
<p>The KCHD DDA Resource Coordination Program researches individual’s strengths, needs, and preferences, as well as specific needs for service and matches those individuals with appropriate resource coordinators. The individual’s choice is the final word on RC selection.</p>	

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DO YOU PROVIDE REFERENCES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND FAMILIES TO CONTACT? IF SO, HOW DO I ACCESS?

The KCHD DDA RC Program has been serving the residents of the county for over 30 years, working closely with other organizations- private and public and has a strong working relationship with them as well as established service history. The KCHD DDA RC Program is part of the local community life and will provide the names of a list of agencies and public and private organizations as references, whenever requested.