

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

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WHAT IS YOUR PHILOSOPHY IN PROVIDING SERVICES?	
<p>The Worcester County Resource Coordination Program strives to empower individuals with disabilities to live meaningful, independent, and self-directed lives, and become active members of their community. We base our services on the principles of self-determination, personal empowerment, community integration, and nondiscrimination. We provide services that are person-directed, sensitive and responsive to age and cultural differences, and supportive of individual rights and values. Each individual in our program is assisted in developing a holistic plan for services which reflects their strengths, preferences, desires, needs and meets the highest standard for health and safety.</p>	
HOW LONG HAS YOUR AGENCY BEEN PROVIDING COORDINATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES IN MARYLAND?	
<p>The Worcester County Resource Coordination Program has been serving the Citizens of Worcester County for 30 years, and is a member of the Eastern Shore Resource Coordination Partnership (ESRCP).</p>	
HOW IS YOUR AGENCY DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS?	
<p>The Worcester County Health department 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, immunizations, environmental , outreach and Emergency Response programs.</p>	
WHAT MARYLAND COUNTIES DO YOU SERVE?	
<p>Worcester County</p>	
WHAT AREAS OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DO YOU HAVE SPECIALISTS IN?	
<p>Our agency provides training to every resource coordinator in all areas of developmental disabilities as required by the Developmental Disabilities Administration, (DDA). In addition, each resource coordinator is also trained in the specific developmental disabilities of the individuals they serve. Using electronic "share documents" the ESRCP maintains an extensive cyber-library of resource and information to meet a variety of needs.</p>	
HOW DO YOU MATCH INDIVIDUALS WITH COORDINATORS?	
<p>We consider the individual's strengths, preferences, and desires, as well as specific needs for service and match those individuals with the appropriate resource coordinator. Our staff has extensive and diverse experiences in the field of disabilities and many resource coordinators have specialized knowledge and interest in specific disabilities. We take this specialized knowledge into account when matching an individual and resource coordinator. The individual's choice is also an important element of resource coordination selection. We place a great deal of importance on the relationship between the individual and their resource coordinator, and take efforts to ensure that this match is positive and successful.</p>	
DO YOU PROVIDE REFERENCES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND FAMILIES TO CONTACT? IF SO, HOW DO I ACCESS?	
<p>Yes, references of families and/or public and private organizations can be provided upon request.</p>	