

Accessibility Resources for Persons with Disabilities

The Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition (HCLHIC) is sharing the resources below to help community organizations provide accessibility to persons with disabilities. County residents should have the same opportunities to participate in and contribute to community life without barriers.

Disability Topic and Definition	Resources
<p>Culturally Competent Care: the ability for providers and organizations to provide healthcare services that meet the diverse needs of patients</p>	<p>Administration on Disability Programs</p> <p>Cultural Competence for Health Care Providers</p>
<p>Disability Etiquette and Respectful Language: treating persons with disabilities with respect and using inclusive language</p>	<p>Glossary of Disability-Related Terms</p> <p>Guiding Principles for Inclusive Communication</p>
<p>Disability History and Civil Rights: a summary and timeline of both the mistreatment and advocacy of persons with disabilities</p>	<p>American Association of People with Disabilities</p> <p>Disability Rights Maryland</p>
<p>Disability Identity: promoting positive self-identity</p>	<p>The Council on Quality and Leadership</p>
<p>Independent Living Philosophy: the belief that persons with disabilities have the same basic human rights as persons without disabilities to participate in and contribute to community life</p>	<p>2022 Howard County Resource Guide</p> <p>National Council of Independent Living</p>
<p>Intersectionality: characteristics that work together to shape your identity and affects how you are treated</p>	<p>Diversity and Ability (DnA)</p> <p>National Disability Institute</p>
<p>Models of Disability: examines the social, political, cultural, and economic factors that define disability</p>	<p>Medical and Social Models of Disability</p> <p>Models of Disability: Types and Definitions</p>
<p>Social Determinants of Health: where you live, work, and play that affects your health and quality-of-life outcomes</p>	<p>Healthy People 2020: Disability and Health</p> <p>Disability in Public Health</p>

Available Resources in Howard County for Persons with Disabilities

Resource	Description
<u>Accessible Resources for Independence (ARI)</u> Voice/relay: (410) 636-2274 Email: arinow@arinow.org	Partners with individuals and organizations to improve the independence of people with disabilities.
<u>Equipment Connections for Children (ECFC)</u> Voice/relay: 240-801-9965 Email: jason@equipforchildren.org	Connects costly adaptive equipment from children with disabilities who outgrow equipment to other children in need.
<u>Howard County Office on Aging and Independence</u> Voice/relay: (410)-313-1234 Email: info@COGSMD.org	Assists older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers in finding services needed to enhance independent living.
<u>The Loan Closet of Howard County</u> Voice/relay: (410)-313-0363 Email: loancloset@howardcountymd.gov	An education and resource center for assistive technology, including durable medical equipment for all ages.

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If you would like additional resources, please visit the [HCLHIC website](http://www.hclhic.org).