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This index is provided as a general guide to the services in this booklet. Please keep in mind that some programs only serve children with a particular diagnosis, while others serve the general population of children with disabilities. Check all of the listings to be sure and find the program that is right for your child. Some pages have multiple listings.

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Respite Care is temporary childcare to provide relief to caregivers and families. Respite is a service where care is provided to individuals with disabilities and other special needs or to those with chronic or terminal illnesses. Respite can occur in out-of-home or in-home and may be for only a couple of hours or it can be a residential summer camp for a week or more. This guide includes respite and hospice providers and summer camp listings for the Baltimore Metropolitan area. However, some of the summer camps are located on the Eastern Shore or out-of state. We have also tried to include providers in the counties surrounding Baltimore City including Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard Counties.



Respite care services and summer camp opportunities in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area and throughout the State are limited. Families should plan well in advance as much as possible. Included in this guide is a listing of respite care service, hospice providers and summer camp opportunities along with numbers to call and contacts. Please note that you may need to place several calls to respite providers before you are contacted. Be persistent! We have also included day care service information for families of children who need care while they work.

Potential Funding Sources



Funding for respite care may be available from the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). See the respite listing for contact information. The DDA application process can take several months and be frustrating. After your application is filed, call often to check on the status. For further information on the application process and services available call 410-882-4710 and ask for the Central Maryland Region Guide to Services. Hospice services are often covered by insurance plans, Medical Assistance, or Medicare. Summer camps may have scholarships available or reduced fees. Some camps are free of charge. Baltimore HealthCare Access may be able to provide funding for respite or camp for children living in Baltimore City. Call us at 410-649-0507.

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Other resources for families in this series are available including *Children and SSI: A How-To Guide to Benefits in Maryland*, *Children in Foster or Kinship Care: Accessing Care with HealthChoice*, *Children with Special Health Care Needs: Getting Help and Information in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area*, along with fact sheets about the REM program, Medicaid eligibility and more. Please call the number listed below to obtain copies of these publications or visit our website at www.bhca.org.



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Other Sources for Camp Information (cont.)

Organization	Website/Other Information	Phone Number
National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities	www.nichcy.org/pubs/genresc/camps.htm	1-800-695-0285
Peterson's Camp Guide	www.petersons.com/summerop/ Quick guide on the internet - complete guide available for purchase.	1-800-338-3282 ext. 5660
Summer Camps	www.petersons.com/summerop/	1-877-777-7738
YMCA camps in Central Maryland	Web site located at www.ymcamd.org	410-823-8870 Towson location

The Arc of Baltimore publishes a camp guide that has additional listings for adults with disabilities. The guide can be obtained by calling 410-296-2273.

If your child has a special condition, like Huntington's Disease, Cerebral Palsy etc., check to see if local or national support groups exist. You can try BHCA's *Children with Special Health Care Needs: Getting Help and Information* Guide. These groups often have information about camps serving their kids.

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Funding may also be available from the Department of Human Resources (DHR). Applications are taken at the provider site. Hospice services are often covered by insurance plans, Medical Assistance, or Medicare. Summer camps may have scholarships available or reduced fees. Some camps are free of charge. Children enrolled in the Autism Waiver are also eligible for respite care services.

Choosing a Provider or Summer Camp

No one can care for your child or young adult with the same love and attention as you and your family can provide. But what characteristics does a provider need to temporarily provide care you will be comfortable with? Any necessary training should include both an overall understanding of your child's disability or chronic illness and be individual specific. Interview potential new providers carefully and provide your own training or written instructions on how to care for your child. Below is a list of questions you may wish to include in your interview.

Questions for Potential Providers/Camp Staff

- ✓ How are care providers or staff screened?
- ✓ What is the training and level of experience of the staff?
- ✓ Will care providers or staff need additional training to meet specific family or child needs?
- ✓ How, and by whom, are the care providers supervised? How are meals handled?
- ✓ What happens during the time the children are receiving services? Are there organized activities?
- ✓ Does the program maintain current information about each child's medical and other needs? For respite or hospice providers is there a written care plan?
- ✓ What procedures does the program have for emergencies?
- ✓ Can parents meet and interview the people who care for the children?
- ✓ How far ahead of time do parents need to call to arrange for services?
- ✓ Are families limited to a certain number of hours of services for respite or hospice care?



- ✓ Does the program provide transportation?
- ✓ Can the respite provider take care of brothers and sisters as well?
- ✓ What is the cost of services? How is payment arranged?



Other Suggestions for Locating Care for Your Child or Young Adult

- 📄 Consider posting a notice at a community college or university for care. Some of the agencies listed provide only funding, not the person to provide care.
- 👨👩👧👦 Start a respite network with other families. Contact parents you know and arrange to exchange care services on a rotating basis.
- 📞 Consider contacting local high schools about posting a notice for respite service. All students in Maryland must earn community service hours to graduate.
- 📞 Contact your child's pediatrician, school, disease or disability specific support groups, or therapy providers to ask if they know of any available services.



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Other Sources for Camp Information

Organization	Website/Other Information	Phone Number
American Camping Association	www.acacamps.org/	1-765-342-8456
Baltimore's Child	Publishes directory of camps in February issue. www.baltimoreschild.com	410-367-5883
Brave Kids	www.bravekids.org/kids/club_camps.html Brave Kids is an organization dedicated to children with chronic, life-threatening illnesses or disabilities and their families.	
Camp Channel	www.campchannel.com/	
Camps for Children with Diabetes	www.childrenwithdiabetes.com/camps	
Camp Page	www.camppage.com/	1-828-877-6653
Camp Resource	www.campresource.com	
Camp Search	www.campsearch.com	
Children's Oncology Camping Association	www.coca-intl.org	
Diabetes Camping Association Camp Guide	www.diabetescamps.org/uscamps.html	
Kid's Camps	www.kidscamps.com	
Family Village	www.familyvillage.wisc.edu	

Camp Listing <i>Sponsorship</i>	Cost	Camp Details	Population Served	Telephone Contact
Camp Virginia Jaycee Camp located in Blue Ridge, Virginia http://www.campvirginiajaycee.com/	\$550 per 5 day session \$175 for weekend between sessions.	Residential camp offering swimming, hiking, crafts, music, horseback riding, etc.	Children age 7 through adults who have a diagnoses of mental retardation.	540-947-2972 Everett Werners
Camp Windward <i>The Odyssey School</i> <i>Stevenson, Maryland</i>	\$3000 for 5 week full day program	Language tutoring, math and other academics along with sailing (children 9 and older) and other traditional camp experiences	Children ages 6-14 who are dyslexic	410-580-5551 Robyn Wagner

We have listed the Therapeutic Recreation programs for Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, and Howard Counties. If your county's local Department of Recreation is not listed please see your local government listings for the number. Most counties have therapeutic recreation offerings throughout the year.

Respite Care, Hospice, and Day Care Providers

The following section provides information about available respite, hospice, and day care providers. Please contact our office if you know of additional resources for families so we might include a listing in our next guide. We can be reached at 410-649-0521 ext. 3007. Information about the population and region served by each agency is located in the first column under "Provider or Funder".

Programs listed on the following pages may provide information, free care, funding, or may charge on a sliding fee basis. DDA provides funding for many of the programs although limitations in choice of provider are in place depending on where you live. If you are a private pay customer these area service limitations may not be in effect.

If you are a foster parent or providing kinship care to a child, you may also wish to contact your child's social worker for information about respite care. Some programs offer respite care to their families.

Respite Care

Provider or Funder	Cost of Service	Scope of Care	Telephone Contact
The Arc of Baltimore Provides services for individuals who have mental retardation and other disabilities and reside in Baltimore City or Baltimore County.	DDA, DHR funded Private pay accepted \$7.50 an hour Sliding Scale	Respite in-home or or at provider site. Training provided at the ARC	410-296-2273 Joseph Anastasio
Arc of the Northern Chesapeake Region Provides family support services and maintains a listing of respite providers and referrals. Serves Harford County.	DDA, DHR funded. Private pay accepted \$5.00 to \$8.00 an hour	Lengthy waiting list for support services but those on list have access to a listing of 12 respite Providers and other resources	410-836-7177 ext. 383 Anne Cerruto

Respite Care (cont.)

Provider or Funder	Cost of Service	Scope of Care	Telephone Contact
<p>Abilities Network Respite care for families who have children with a diagnosis of autism.</p> <p>www.abilitiesnetwork.org/</p>	Autism waiver, will help families locate funds	Services for children enrolled in the autism waiver	410-828-7700 Kathy Naviasky
<p>Arc of Anne Arundel County Respite care for children and adults with mental retardation/developmental disabilities.</p> <p>www.arcofannearundel.org</p>	DHR and DDA funds Rainbow fund	Respite services provided in your home or in staff homes. Trained workers, RN available 24 hours for emergencies.	410-269-1883
<p>Arc of Howard County Respite care available for children and adults with mental retardation. Some services available for children with complex medical needs.</p> <p>www.archoward.org</p>	DHR, grants, and sliding scale	Hourly, overnight care and respite house available. Nursing care for children with complex medical needs provided one Saturday per month. Nursing care maybe available in your home - limited basis	410-730-0638 Silvia Mckown

Camp Listing Sponsorship	Cost	Camp Details	Population Served	Telephone Contact
<p>United Methodist Church Camps for Children who are Deaf</p> <p><i>Baltimore Washington Conference Retreat and Camping Ministry</i></p> <p>www.bwconf.org/camping</p>	\$295 5 day camp. Scholarships available through local United Methodist Churches	Five day residential camp offering boat rides, swimming, wall climbing, field trips, etc. Counselors trained in American Sign Language Prices may vary	Children grades 3 through 12 who are deaf	1-800-922-6795 or 410-867-0991
<p>Camp Variety Camp located at Farring-Baybrook Recreation Center</p> <p><i>Baltimore City Department of Therapeutic Recreation</i></p> <p>www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/recnparks/therapudic_rec.htm</p>	\$240 for six week session (children) \$40 for 1 week session for developmentally disabled young adults	Summer day camps, transportation and meals provided, Sessions vary in length and are age specific. Swimming, sports, arts and crafts, etc.	Ages 5 through adult with disabilities. Children diagnosed with behavioral disorders accepted to age 12 only.	410-396-1550 Mary Gardner Programs offered year round for children and adults with disabilities.
<p>Variety Club Camp and Developmental Center Camp located in Worcester, Pennsylvania near Philadelphia</p> <p>www.varietyphila.org</p>	\$500 per 2½ or 3 week session Camperships available at reduced cost of \$200	Residential camp offering 2½ week (7-12 year olds) and 3 week (13-17 year olds) sessions with swimming, sports, nature studies, and field trips	Children ages 7 to 17 who have physical disabilities	610-584-4366 Jen Tanzloa

Camp Listing Sponsorship	Cost	Camp Details	Population Served	Telephone Contact
Camp Sunshine Camp located in Baltimore, Maryland <i>Sickle Cell Disease Association of America</i>	No fee	Day program. Five week program offering traditional camp activities and academic program.	Children ages 6-14 with sickle cell anemia and their siblings.	410-383-2214
Camp Sunrise Camp located at Chesapeake Center in Port Deposit, Maryland <i>American Cancer Society</i>	No fee	Residential camp offers traditional camp activities including swimming, crafts, sports, nature Day camp also offered. Oncologists and oncology nurses on hand 24 hours a day.	Children ages 6-18 with cancer for residential program. Day program for children ages 4 and 5. Additional weekend programs for siblings and young adults 18-25.	410-933-5139 Carole Sharp
Camp Superkids Camp located at Camp Friendship in Laytonsville, Maryland <i>American Lung Association</i>	\$300, \$50 deposit	Residential one week camp. Offers traditional camp activities and education about managing asthma	Children ages 7½ to 12 who have asthma.	410-560-2120 Heather Dougherty

Respite Care (cont.)

Provider or Funder	Cost of Service	Scope of Care	Telephone Contact
Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks Offers sports and recreational opportunities year round to individuals with disabilities. Serves Baltimore City primarily. Transportation provided to Baltimore City residents. www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/recnparks/therapudic_rec.htm	\$2 per week (day program)	Not a traditional respite program. Twice weekly recreational program currently for young adults (over 21) with developmental disabilities. Variety Theatre Program Fall and Winter for children and adults.	410-396-7072 Mike Naugle 410-396-1550 Mary Gardner
Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks Social and sports programs Services offered for individuals with disabilities year round. Primarily serves Baltimore County. www.co.ba.md.us/Agencies/recreation/therapeutic.html	Cost range from \$2 to 20 monthly fee	Not a traditional respite program. Multitude of opportunities for recreation including social programs, adapted sports. Evening and day programs 1-3 hours.	410-887-5370 410-887-5319 (TTY) Complete listing of programs on the web.
Bello Machre Provides respite for children through adult with developmental and physical disabilities Serves primarily Anne Arundel County but not exclusive.	DDA, DSS funded. Private pay accepted. Cost varies depending on needs.	Provides on-site respite at Bello Machre. Respite home available.	410-255-3805 Janice Palko

Respite Care (cont.)

Provider or Funder	Cost of Service	Scope of Care	Telephone Contact
<p>Change, Inc Services provided for children & adults with disabilities including behavioral problems. Offers adult day care aquatics program, sheltered workshop, and parent support group. Serves Carroll County residents.</p>	<p>DDA funded Private pay accepted DHR grant for respite in Carroll County</p>	<p>Respite care offered in your home or in the home respite care worker. Night Care program twice a month for individual and siblings. Provides parents with a list of providers.</p>	<p>410-876-2179 Heather Powell 410-751-2969 Peggy Whittmen</p>
<p>Chimes Provides services for individuals with developmental disabilities and who are medically fragile. Medical and vocational day day programs available. Statewide.</p> <p>www.chimes.org/</p>	<p>Funding through DDA. Private pay accepted.</p>	<p>Care typically provided in community based home affiliated with Chimes. Limited respite beds available.</p>	<p>410-585-2065 John McSweeney</p>
<p>Community Support Services for the Deaf Services provided for adults who are deaf. Individuals served usually have other disabilities. Also provides residential services. Statewide.</p>	<p>DDA funded Private pay accepted Average \$12.50 an hour Rate can vary for extended use.</p>	<p>Provides on-site care for a few hours up to overnight (if beds are available). Care can be arranged for long-term use.</p>	<p>410-597-8780 Kara Brown</p>

Camp Listing Sponsorship	Cost	Camp Details	Population Served	Telephone Contact
<p>Rebounders I Can Do It Too Camp Located in Timonium, Maryland</p> <p>Ready...Set...Go</p> <p>Rebounders Gymnastics www.rebounders.com</p>	<p>\$45 a day MTW. Sessions are the last week in June and the 1st and 3rd week in August</p> <p>\$300 per 12-week session or \$180 per 6-week session. Classes are offered Saturdays</p>	<p>Program combines sensory stimulation, gross motor activities, and gymnastics to facilitate learning, and in a safe and fun environment.</p> <p>Program integrates educational readiness, sensory motor, fine and gross motor activities. Offers arts and crafts, dramatic interactive play, and communication and social games.</p>	<p>Children ages 3-16 with any minimal to severe physical, mental, emotional, social, language, and/or sensory challenges.</p> <p>Children with special needs ages 3 to 8 years and typically developing children ages 3 to 6 years.</p>	<p>410-252-3374 ext. 12</p> <p>410-252-3374 ext. 12</p>
<p>Camp Ridge Camp located in Towson, Maryland</p> <p>Towsontown Recreation Office</p>	<p>\$225 for 5 weeks</p>	<p>Five week day program offering weekly field trips, guest entertainers, cookouts, etc.</p>	<p>Children ages 6-21 with mild to severe developmental disabilities</p>	<p>410-887-5913</p>

Camp Listing <i>Sponsorship</i>	Cost	Camp Details	Population Served	Telephone Contact
Mid-Atlantic Burn Camp Camp located in Harrisonburg, Virginia Blue Ridge Mountains <i>Baltimore Regional Burn Center, Johns Hopkins Hospital</i> www.midatlanticburncamp.org/	No fee	Residential camp. One week camp offering swimming, nature, crafts and Adventure Program for teens. Camp is staffed with critical care nurses and offers PT, OT, and Speech therapy.	Children ages 8-17 who are burn survivors. Teen adventure program	410-531-5942 Linda French Tomas Kalil
Camp Milldale Camp located in Reisterstown. Maryland <i>Jewish Community Center of Baltimore</i>	Fees range from \$12.95 to \$23.30 per week. Sessions are 4 or 8 weeks	Day camp offering traditional camp activities. Speech, OT therapy available. Social worker and Jewish educator on staff.	Children ages 5-15 who have special needs. Inclusive day camp with additional staffing provided as needed. Child must be a member of the JCC Center or be enrolled in a Hebrew School.	410-356-5200 ext. 376 Rachel Weitzner

Respite Care (*cont.*)

Provider or Funder	Cost of Service	Scope of Care	Telephone Contact
Creative Options, Inc Services provided for children who are dually-diagnosed with mental retardation and mental illness. Also provides community supported living and residential services. Serves Baltimore City and County, Harford and Howard Counties.	DDA funded only.	Provides care in child's home or in residential setting	410-780-4095 Tim Rheil
Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Family Support Services offers funding for respite, day programs and other family support services to children and adults with developmental disabilities. Statewide. Web: www.ddamaryland.org/	Provides funding for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Must be eligible for DDA services. Up to \$2000.00 a year available through <i>rolling access</i> .	Respite, day programs and residential services Apply early- the process can take several months Home visit determines level of care provided	410-902-4521 Steven Block
Easter Seal Camp Fairlee Provides weekend respite sessions throughout the year for children through adult with disabilities Statewide. On the web at www.easterseals.org .	DDA funded \$300.00 per weekend Other financial assistance available.	Weekend respite sessions provided. Some emergency Respite available. Located in Chestertown, Maryland.	410-778-0566 1-800-221-6827

Respite Care (cont.)

Provider or Funder	Cost of Service	Scope of Care	Telephone Contact
Core Services Agency of Harford County Authorization and funding provided for children and young adults (to age 18) with behavioral problems who reside in Baltimore Cecil or Harford Counties.	No fee for approved services. Children must be receiving mental health services through Maryland Health Partners.	Provides care inside and outside the home with Maryland Mentor or Villa Maria.	410-803-8726
Kennedy Kreiger Institute Offers respite care for children and young adults (to age 21) with behavioral problems. Statewide. On the web at www.kennedykrieger.org	No fee to children with Medical Assistance \$150.00 per overnight \$15.00 an hour DDA funded, private pay accepted.	Will provide care in home or outside the home up to 10 hours 4 days a month	443-923-5985 Amy Meyerl
Maryland Mentor Services provided for children only. Specializes in serving children who have complex medical needs and developmental disabilities. Only for foster parents, that are apart of the Maryland Mentor program	DSS funding available for children in foster care.	Provides care outside the Home in the community. Respite can be a few hours or for a weekend.	410-944-5055 443-543-5055 Jennifer Zwarich
Maryland Respite Care Coalition Coalition provides Statewide resource directory for respite services and can help answer funding questions.	None	Coalition interested in increasing respite care for all ages	410-767-7323 Dorinda Adams

Camp Listing Sponsorship	Cost	Camp Details	Population Served	Telephone Contact
Camp Maria Camp located in Leonardtown, Maryland <i>MDA of Maryland</i> www.mdausa.org/clinics/camp/index.cfm	No fee	Residential one week camp offering swimming, crafts, dancing, and traditional camp activities	Children and young adults ages 6-21 who have muscular dystrophy	410-494-7106 Katy McGuire
Camp Merrick Camp located in Nanjemoy, Maryland <i>Lions Club</i> www.lionscampmerrick.org	Deaf- \$375 per week Diabetic - \$600 per week	Residential camp for children who are deaf or have diabetes. Offers swimming, crafts, nature activities, and traditional camp activities	Children ages 6-16 who are deaf or have diabetes	301-870-8898 Robert Rainey

Camp Listing <i>Sponsorship</i>	Cost	Camp Details	Population Served	Telephone Contact
Kamp A-kom-plish Camp located at Melwood Recreation and Travel Center in Nanjemoy, Maryland www.kampakomplish.org	Camp fees for start at \$535.00 for one week.	Residential camp with 1:1 or 1:2 staffing available. Swimming, horseback riding, crafts, etc.	Ages 8-16 with a disability.	301-870-3226 Heidi Aldous
Camp Letts Camp located in Edgewater, Maryland <i>Epilepsy Foundation of the Chesapeake Region</i>	\$600 per week, 3 rd week in August, Scholarships provided based on need.	Residential one week camp offering swimming, high ropes challenge, nature, etc. The EFCR supplements camp staff with their own counselors and a nurse.	Children ages 8-16 with epilepsy <i>and their siblings</i> . 3:1 staffing, 1:1 provided as needed.	410-828-7700 Sabrina Cooke
LINC Summer Arts Program Camp located in Baltimore, Maryland <i>Learning Independence through Computers</i> www.linc.org	\$175 non-disabled \$250 disabled Please note these are 2003 fees. Scholarships available	Full day program offering computer use training and computer graphic arts. Participants create their own artwork. Field trips to local art galleries and museums.	Children ages 7 to 14 with and without disabilities.	410-659-5462 Jean Wunder

Respite Care (*cont.*)

Provider or Funder	Cost of Service	Scope of Care	Telephone Contact
Medical Assistance Personal Care Program Services provided for children through adults with disabilities or chronic illnesses that impede normal daily activity. Must be a Baltimore City resident.	Funded by Medical Assistance and operated by the Baltimore City Health Department.	Plan of care done by nurse. Plan can include assistance with ambulation, bathing, toileting, dressing, meal preparation, etc.	410-396-4494
New Care Home Health Services Services provided for individuals of all ages who are in need of specialized medical care.	\$15.50 an hour - 3 hour minimum - some funding may be available through private insurance long term care. Rates vary in county by zip code.	Provides personal care, light housekeeping, and nursing care	410-675-2322 Nanette Patterson
Pathfinders Autism Resource Center Online database to assist in search for respite providers and a host of other resources including health, camps, legal etc. specifically for children and adults with autism.	No charge for service	Pathfinders will provide personal assistance if a provider can not be located on the internet database.	1-866-806-8400 Linda Pearl

Respite Care (cont.)

Provider or Funder	Cost of Service	Scope of Care	Telephone Contact
Villa Maria Provides services for children ages 6-12 with a mental health diagnoses. Serves all children Statewide but DSS or other government funding only from Baltimore or Howard Counties	Sliding scale co-pay for children referred by local core service agency. \$749.00 for weekend for private pay	Twenty-four hour care provided by staff experienced in emotional/behavioral disorders - 3pm Friday-3pm Sunday	410-252-4700 Anne Marie Poretti

Hospice Care Providers

Hospice care is provided to individuals who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness whose prognosis is 6 months or less. Most agencies require that a caregiver be in the home at the time of service. Check with the provider.

Provider or Funder	Cost of Service	Scope of Care	Telephone Contact
Hospice Network of Maryland	None	Resource to locate a pediatric hospice	410-729-4571
Joseph Richey Hospice Care for older children (over 12) and adults but will assess on case-by-case basis for younger children.	Accepts private insurance, and Medical Assistance, Medicare, Sliding scale fee for private pay. Care provided at no charge in warranted situation	In-home visiting nurses and 24 hour inpatient care available. Weekend services also available. Ages 16-21 - inpatient hospice available 5 day respite available	410-523-2150 Catherine Hawtin

Camp Listing Sponsorship	Cost	Camp Details	Population Served	Telephone Contact
Camp Holiday Trails Camp located in Charlottesville, Virginia http://avenue.org/cht/	\$1120 for two week session - scholarships available.	Residential camp offering traditional camp activities including swimming, nature studies, crafts, horseback riding, etc.	Children ages 7-14 who have chronic health problems including complex medical conditions. Children on kidney dialysis accepted.	434-977-3781
Howard County Department of Parks and Recreation Camps are located at various locations throughout the county <i>Howard County Department of Parks and Recreation</i> www.harfordcountymd.gov/parks_rec/	Fees for day programs sessions range from \$60 to \$110 per week.	Day programs offering a variety of camp experiences including sports, nature study, crafts, etc.	Children through young adult ages 3-21 who have a disability. Sessions may be geared to a particular age group such as teens or diagnoses such as autism.	410-313-4628 Cathy Vigus Programs offered year round for children and adults with disabilities.
Camp Jemicy Camp located in Owings Mills, Maryland on school campus. <i>Jemicy School</i> www.jemicyschool.org	1/2 day program \$2000, full day program \$3000, fee for extended day	Day program offering full range of recreational activities and tutoring/academic program.	Children ages 6-9 who have dyslexia.	410-653-2700

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Camp Glencoe Camp located at St. Timothy's School in Stevenson, Maryland <i>Jemicy School</i> www.jemicyschool.org	\$5400 for 6 week 5 day program \$6500 for 6 week 7 day program	Residential camp - 5-7 day program offering swimming, nature, ropes initiative, and off-campus trips. Tutoring/academic program included.	Children ages 8-13 who have dyslexia.	410-653-2700 ext. 263 Dave LaSalle
Camp Glyndon Camp located in Nanjemoy, Maryland at the Lions Camp Merrick <i>American Diabetes Association</i> www.diabetes.org/communityprograms-and-localevents/diabetescamps.jsp	\$625 per session Family Retreat Weekend - \$150 for camper, \$100 for family members	Three one week residential program sessions offering swimming, nature study, hiking, music, dance etc. Program has on-site medical care and teaches diabetes management to children.	Children ages 7 to 16 who have diabetes. Family Retreat weekend open siblings and parents.	410-265-0075 Tyrone Vines
Camp Greentop Camp located in the Catoctin Mountains - Western Maryland. <i>League for People with Disabilities</i> Year round assisted travel & sailing www.campgreentop.org	\$900 - 6 days, \$1800 - 12 days \$120 adults, \$80 child Family Weekend	Residential summer camp - Accessible swimming, crafts horseback riding, boating, fishing etc. 24-hour nurse available.	Ages 7 and up.	410-323-0500 Jonathan Rondeau

Hospice Care Providers (cont.)

Provider or Funder	Cost of Service	Scope of Care	Telephone Contact
Maryland Community Hospice Serves all ages www.communityhospice.org	Accepts private insurance, HealthChoice (Medical Assistance, Medicare and sliding scale	24 hour on care as needed	866-234-1742 410-248-3000 Pat Engleman
Medstar/VNA, Inc. Serves all ages on a case-by-case basis.	Accepts private insurance, HealthChoice (Medical Assistance, Medicare and sliding scale	Intermittent care - Home Health Aide 1-2 hours a day up to 5 days. No weekend service	410-933-2888
Mid-Atlantic Hospice Care Serves all ages.	Accepts private insurance, Medical Assistance, Medicare, sliding fee scale for private pay	24 hour care as needed. Manor Care or Northwest hospital if urgent acute care needed	410-247-2900
Upper Chesapeake/ St. Joseph Home Care Serves all ages.	Accepts private insurance, Medical Assistance, Medicare Private pay	Offers a range of services including home health, hospice, and Companion/nursing Assistants in the home	410-931-0990
VNA Hospice of Maryland Serves all ages.	Accepts private insurance, Medical Assistance, Medicare Private pay	Intermittent care- 24 hour call for nurse available - weekend service	410-594-2600

Day Care Services

Provider or Funder	Cost of Service	Scope of Care	Telephone Contact
Locate Child Care Helps parents locate day care services for children with special needs up to age 12.	None	Provides listings by zip code. Trained counselors can help locate care.	410-752-7588 1-800-999-0120
PACT Offers specialized day care Services for children 0-4 with developmental delays or complex medical needs. Family support services and help locating resources for families of older children are also available. Training program for parents who have a intellectual disability and have children under age three.	DHMH, DHR, or Maryland State Department of Education funded.	Day care includes therapy services including PT, OT, and Speech and Language services.	410-298-9280

A listing of residential and adult day care services can be obtained from the Developmental Disabilities Administrations' Towson Coordinating Office. The number to call is 410-902-4500. Ask for the Central Maryland Region Guide to Services.

Please see the Note About the Americans with Disabilities Act in the Summer Camp section for information about reasonable accommodations for children with special health care needs in non-specialized day care settings.

Camp Listing Sponsorship	Cost	Camp Details	Population Served	Telephone Contact
Fells Point Corner Theatre Summer Drama Camp Camp located in Baltimore City <i>Fells Point Corner Theatre</i>	No fee	July day program - 10:00am-1:00pm five days a week for four weeks. Drama workshops to create an original play. Participants will tour theatres in Baltimore.	Children and adults from age 10 who have a disability.	410-466-8341 Beverly Sokal
Camp Friendship Camp located in Laytonsville, Maryland <i>Carol Jean Cancer Foundation, Inc.</i> Recreation and support programs offered year round. www.cjcf4kids.com	\$25.00 processing fee per family	Four one week residential camp sessions and one weekend session Day camp for younger children (3-7) for one week. Camp offers swimming, horseback riding, boating, nature study, crafts, etc.	Children ages 3-17 who have cancer <i>and their siblings.</i>	410-531-0758 Bev Gough
Gallaudet Sports Camps Camp located on the campus of Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C. <i>Gallaudet University</i> http://athletics.gallaudet.edu	\$350 one week, \$650 two weeks \$100 for weekend between sessions	Residential program focusing on one sport: basketball, cheerleading, softball, volleyball, or Track and field. Offers additional traditional camp activities.	Children and youth ages 10-18 who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.	1-202-651-5603 Dyan Kovacs Dyan.Kovacs@gallaudet.edu

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<p>Camp Discovery Camp located at Camp Horizon in Millville, Pennsylvania</p> <p><i>American Academy of Dermatology</i></p> <p>www.aad.org/public/Parentskids/CampDisIntro.htm</p>	<p>Full scholarships include all expenses and transportation. Child's dermatologist must refer.</p>	<p>Residential camp offering traditional camp activities including swimming, nature, crafts, dancing, etc. Staff includes counselors who also have similar skins conditions. Nursing and dermatology care provided.</p>	<p>Children who have serious skin conditions.</p>	<p>Contact your child's dermatologist.</p>
<p>Camp Fairlee Manor Camp located in Chestertown, Maryland</p> <p><i>Easter Seals</i></p> <p>http://de.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=DMDR_recreation_respite</p>	<p>Eight 1 week residential sessions- \$800 Respite Weekend offered Sept-May- \$260</p>	<p>Residential, respite weekends, and family camp available. Swimming, pontoon boat rides, canoeing, arts & crafts, sports and games, cookouts, fishing, field trips, nature study, etc</p>	<p>Children and adults from age 6 who have a disability</p>	<p>410-778-0566 Trena Eales</p>

Summer Camp Opportunities

Finding a summer camp experience your child will enjoy and meets his/her needs can be a time-consuming process. For the families of children with special health care needs the search becomes even more complicated. The following guide was developed to assist families in finding the right summer camp match for their child. Please see the information following the listings for other possible sources should you not find a camp suitable for child in our provided listing.

Handy Tips

- ✓ Begin calling early in the year for information about camps. Most camps will begin accepting calls/applications beginning in January or February.
- ✓ Many camps for children with special health care needs offer camp scholarships or other financial assistance. Call the camp and ask if these are available for your child.
- ✓ Maryland counties not listed may also offer therapeutic recreation opportunities throughout the year and summer day camps. Check the local listings for the Department of Recreation and Parks in your county in the blue pages.
- ✓ Not all the listed camps are American Camping Association (ACA) accredited. Call the individual camp for accreditation information.
- ✓ Fees listed may be for Summer, 2005 as updates were not available as we went to print. Camp fees are subject to change.

A Note About the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Parents of children with special health care needs should be aware that most summer camps and day care settings must comply with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements for access to these programs unless doing so would cause an "undue burden" to the facility. This includes camps and day care operations not specifically designed for children with disabilities. Camps or day care facilities sponsored by religious groups or operated by a private club may be exempt. Although many parents may choose to send their child to a special camp or day care, experience in other settings may be valuable or even preferred, particularly for children who do not have complex medical or behavioral needs. If you or your child has an interest in a camp experience not listed, talk to the camp director about what accommodations can be made for your child to attend the camp. For more information and/or assistance contact the Mid-Atlantic ADA Information Center at 1-800-949-4232.

Camp Listing <i>Sponsorship</i>	Cost	Camp Details	Population Served	Telephone Contact
<p>Camp Ability Camp located at John Archer School</p> <p><i>Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation</i></p> <p>www.co.ha.md.us/parks.rec</p>	<p>\$350.00 for 6 week day program</p> <p>\$250.00 for half day program</p>	<p>Recreational day camp offering swimming, sports, crafts, and instruction designed to assist in maintaining skills learned during the school year.</p>	<p>Ages 3-21 who have a prime diagnoses of mental retardation. Transportation provided to Harford County residents only. Half day for children ages 3 and 4.</p>	<p>410-638-3877 Mike Watkins mdwatkins@co.ha.md.us</p>
<p>Achievements Program Camp located in Baltimore Maryland</p> <p><i>Kennedy Krieger Institute</i></p> <p>www.kennedykrieger.org</p>	<p>\$220.00 for each 2^{1/2} hour session Autism Waiver accepted</p>	<p>Six week camp 2-3 days a week focusing on language and social skills. May be billable to private insurance as speech therapy.</p>	<p>Children ages 3-6 with autism spectrum disorders</p>	<p>443-923-7880 Erica Solliday</p>
<p>Anne Arundel Department of Parks and Recreation Camps located at Lake Rutherford and Camp Mayo</p> <p><i>Anne Arundel County Department of Parks and Recreation</i></p> <p>www.aacounty.org/RecParks/</p>	<p>\$145.00 a week</p>	<p>Day camp offering swimming, sports, crafts, nature study etc. Transportation from bus stops unless child has wheelchair home pick-up. Transportation in Anne Arundel County only.</p>	<p>Preschool children to 21 with a disability</p>	<p>410-222-7300 Wendy Scarborough</p>

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<p>Broncho Junction</p> <p><i>Anne Arundel Medical Center</i></p>	<p>\$100.00, scholarships available. Lunch provided.</p>	<p>One week day camp. Children learn about asthma and how to manage it. Outdoor activities, swimming, field trips, crafts, etc. RN and respiratory therapist on duty.</p>	<p>Children ages 6-12 with asthma</p>	<p>443-481-4000</p>
<p>Club Venture Camp located at Camp Louise in Cascade, Maryland</p> <p><i>The Arc of Baltimore</i></p> <p>www.baltimorearc.org</p>	<p>\$650 for one week (2003 cost)</p>	<p>Residential camp offering swimming, hiking, arts and crafts, etc.</p>	<p>Adults 21 and up who have a diagnosis of mental retardation</p>	<p>410-296-2273 Diana O'Brian</p>
<p>Camp Discovery Camp located at the YMCA in Towson, Maryland</p> <p><i>YMCA of Central Maryland</i></p> <p>www.ycamd.org/</p>	<p>\$169 a week for members \$203 for non-members</p>	<p>Day program offering swimming, nature studies, crafts, etc. Eight one week sessions. High staff:child ratio.</p>	<p>Children ages 7-15. Pre-camp interview required. Camps are for children with and without disabilities.</p>	<p>410-823-8870 Offers year round programs for people with disabilities</p>

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<p>Blind Industries and Services of Maryland Camps <i>continued</i> www.bism.com</p> <p><i>'Tween Camp</i></p> <p><i>WINGS - Winning Independence Now Guarantees Success</i></p>	<p>\$100.00 in state NFB members, \$125.00 non-members, \$300.00 out-of-state</p> <p>\$3,375 five week residential program</p>	<p>Weekend camp for middle school children. See description for Teen Camp.</p> <p>Residential camp/youth transition program offering employment development services, sport and social activities, trips to local attractions and skills development.</p>	<p>Teens ages 13-19 who are blind</p> <p>Teens 15 and up who are blind. Must be able to read Braille or large print.</p>	<p>410-233-4567 ext. 302 Robin Zimmerman</p> <p>410-233-4567 ext. 302 Robin Zimmerman</p>

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<p>Camp Attaway Camp located in Columbia, Maryland</p> <p><i>Parent support groups available in evenings</i></p>	<p>\$1900 for three week session - camp scholarships are available June 25-July 16 9am-3pm daily</p>	<p>Day camp. Three week session offering sports, learning games and computers, rock climbing, drama, arts/crafts, field trips, swimming, games to build social skills, etc.</p>	<p>Children ages 7-13 who have emotional and/or behavioral disorders.</p>	<p>410- 730-2633 Saul Lieberman</p>
<p>Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks Camps are located at various sites around the county.</p> <p><i>Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks</i></p> <p>www.co.ba.md.us/Agencies/recreation/therapeutic.html</p>	<p>Camp fees vary with camp selected</p>	<p>Summer day camps -12 different day camps offered. Swimming, nature study, crafts, and sports offered. Performing Arts camp and therapeutic Riding camp also offered</p>	<p>Ages 6-21 with mild to severe disabilities including emotional disorders, ADHD, developmental disabilities, and physical disabilities</p>	<p>410-887-5370</p> <p>Programs year round for children and adults with disabilities.</p>

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Camp Barrett Camp located in Crownsville, Maryland <i>Maryland Special Olympics/Elks</i> Sports programs offered throughout the year www.elkscampbarrett.com/info.html	No fee.	Residential camp for one week offering sports training and traditional camp activities.	Children ages 9-13 who meet criteria for the Special Olympics program. Must have a Special Olympics medical form completed.	410-224-2945
Believe in Tomorrow Retreat Housing <i>Believe in Tomorrow National Children's Foundation</i> www.believeintomorrow.org	No fee for housing - expenses at the resort are the responsibility of the family	Retreat housing for families located at Ocean City, Maryland Fenwick Island, Delaware, and Deep Creek, Maryland	Program is for children to age 18 who are critically ill and their families.	1-800-933-5470 Carey Wargo

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Blind Industries and Services of Maryland Camps www.bism.com <i>Camp BISM-Tech</i> <i>KIDS Camp</i> <i>Teen Retreat</i>	\$350.00 a session - one week sessions \$250.00 in-state NFB members, \$275.00 non-members \$400.00 out-of-state \$100.00 NFB member, \$200.00 non-member	Computer camp with individualized curriculum for each child One week residential program includes recreational activities and community excursions. The goal of the camp is to develop appropriate social skills & peer relationships. Blind adult role models are on staff. Weekend retreat offering skills training in a fun outdoor setting. Career exploration, Braille, cane travel and more.	Children ages 11-19 who are blind Children ages 6-12 who are blind or visually impaired Teens ages 13-19 who are blind	410-233-4567 ext. 316 Dan Woytowitz 410-233-4567 ext. 302 Robin Zimmerman 410-233-4567 ext. 302 Robin Zimmerman