



Howard County Community Resources for Supporting Students and Families



The CARE Line for Howard County Families

CARE (Child and Adolescent Resources and Education) is a free referral and information service for Howard County families who have questions about supporting children (e.g. child care, financial, mental health, physical health). 410-313-CARE (2273)

Community Action Council of Howard County

Provides Howard County residents services in food, housing, energy, and early childhood education (ages 3-5). www.cac-hc.org or 410-313-6440

FISH of Howard County, Inc

Provides Howard County residents who have an emergency need for food, financial assistance, and/or information and referrals. www.fishhowardcounty.com Call and leave message for a return call. 410-964-8660

Foreign-Born Information and Referral Network (FIRN)

Provides immigration counseling, interpreting and translation services, information and referrals, and a variety of workshops. www.firnonline.org or 410-992-1923

Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center

Provides supportive and professional 24-hour crisis intervention, suicide prevention, shelter, and outreach services to individuals and families experiencing a personal, situational, mental health, substance abuse, or shelter crisis. grassrootscrisis.org or 410-531-6677

Howard County Health Department

Provides contact information and links to websites for a variety of health programs and services (e.g. healthcare/Medicaid, substance abuse, crisis intervention, clinical services, behavioral and environmental health). www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Health or 410-313-6300

COVID-19 Hotline: 410-313-6284

To visit the Howard County Health Department website, please scan this QR code.



Howard County Public School System

Provides a variety of information about the school system (calendar, schools, academics, announcements and updates). www.hcps.org

COVID-19 related information: www.hcps.org/coronavirus

Howard County Public School System: Mental Health and Wellness

Provides information about mental health supports available in HCPSS and resources for immediate crises (e.g. Maryland Crisis Connect, National Suicide Hotline). www.hcps.org/supports/mental-health-wellness

To visit the Howard County Public School System Mental Health and Wellness webpage, please scan this QR code.



Network of Care for Behavioral Health

Resource for individuals, families, and agencies with materials available in over 100 languages. It provides up-to-date information for a variety of services including behavioral health, basic needs, and community resources. Regardless of where you begin your search for assistance, it helps ensure that there is "No Wrong Door" for those who need services. howard.md.networkofcare.org/mh

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Regional Transportation Agency of Central MD (RTA)

Public transportation service providing fixed route and paratransit services within central Maryland (e.g. Howard County, Anne Arundel County, Northern Prince George's County and the City of Laurel). www.transitrt.com

COVID-19 related information: Check the website or call 800-270-9553 for current route information and other policies affecting riders.



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Called the Food Supplement Program (FSP) in Maryland, formerly known as Food Stamps. Everyone has the right to apply for FSP. Applicants must file an application, be interviewed, and meet all financial and technical eligibility factors prior to issuance of FSP benefits. <https://dhs.maryland.gov/food-supplement-program> or call 800-332-6347

The Howard County Public School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy/Girl Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Manager of Equity Assurance, Howard County Public School System, 10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042, 410-313-6654 (phone), 410-313-1645 (fax). For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit <http://wdcrocolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm> for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.