

# Career Links Quick Guide to Resources – Howard County and Beyond

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<p><b>Housing</b></p>	<p><b>The Columbia Housing Corporation</b> develops and secures affordable housing for low and moderate income families including the elderly and populations with special needs such as the developmentally disabled and emotionally challenged.</p> <p><b>The Howard County Office of Housing and Community Development</b> and the affiliated <b>Howard County Housing Commission</b> together manage and administer programs and resources to develop opportunities for low and moderate income households to obtain and maintain affordable housing.</p> <p>Programs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rent subsidy programs</li> <li>• affordable housing owned by the county or the commission</li> <li>• first-time home buyer programs</li> <li>• loans/grants for rehabilitation of homes of disabled and low income households</li> <li>• financing the development of other affordable housing</li> </ul>	<p><b>Columbia Housing Corporation</b> 9150 Rumsey Road, Suite A-1 Columbia, MD 21045 410-730-9554 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:info@columbiahousing.org">info@columbiahousing.org</a></p> <p><b>Housing And Community Development And The Howard County Housing Commission</b> 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, 3rd Flr Columbia, MD 21046 410-313-6318 Website: <a href="http://co.ho.md.us/DH/DH_homepage.htm">co.ho.md.us/DH/DH_homepage.htm</a></p>
	<p><b>The Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP)</b> funds provide limited grants or loans to households with a pending eviction, and in some jurisdictions, support counselors who work with tenants and landlords to prevent evictions.</p>	<p><b>Howard County Department of Social Services</b> 7121 Columbia Gateway Drive Columbia, Maryland 21046 (410) 872-8700 Website: <a href="mailto:howcodss@dhr.state.md.us">howcodss@dhr.state.md.us</a></p>
	<p><b>The Office of Transitional Housing</b> provides listing of housing programs for those in emergency housing situations by providing shelters and temporary motel placements.</p>	<p><b>Office of Transitional Housing</b> Maryland Department of Human Resources (DHR) Website: <a href="http://www.dhr.state.md.us/transit/">http://www.dhr.state.md.us/transit/</a></p>
<p><b>Medical Care / Prescriptions</b></p>	<p><b>Medicaid</b> is the comprehensive health care insurance program is for low-income families and individuals. The insurance Cover services such as in-patient/outpatient hospital care, pharmacy, basic physician care, nursing home costs, medical day care, personal care, mental health, and substance abuse treatment. Families receiving Temporary Cash Assistance and Federal supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits Automatically qualify for Medicaid.</p> <p><b>The Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP)</b> provides health insurance coverage for low-income children and pregnant women. Those eligible for the program will be included in HealthChoice-an existing state-wide managed care program that is a public-private partnership.</p> <p><b>The Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program</b> provides help to qualified Maryland residents, regardless of age, who are not eligible for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program. Eligibility is not limited to the elderly and disabled.</p> <p><b>NeedyMeds</b> is a resource for people who cannot afford medicine or other healthcare costs; NeedyMeds has information on over 600 programs. Site also provides information and links to medical care programs by state.</p> <p><b>The Partnership for Prescription Assistance</b> brings together America's pharmaceutical companies, doctors, other health care providers, patient advocacy organizations and community groups to help qualifying patients who lack prescription coverage get the medicines they need</p>	<p><b>Howard County Department of Social Services</b> 7121 Columbia Gateway Drive Columbia, Maryland 21046 (410) 872-8700 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene 1-800-456-8900</p> <p><b>Howard County Department of Social Services</b> 7121 Columbia Gateway Drive Columbia, Maryland 21046 (410) 872-8700 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene 1-800-456-8900</p> <p><b>Howard County Department of Social Services</b> 7121 Columbia Gateway Drive Columbia, Maryland 21046 (410) 872-8700 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene 1-800-456-8900</p> <p><a href="http://www.needymeds.com">www.needymeds.com</a></p> <p><b>The Partnership for Prescription Assistance</b> <a href="https://www.pparx.org">https://www.pparx.org</a> 1-888-4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669).</p>

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	through the public or private program that's right for them. Many will get them free or nearly free.	
	<p><b>Prescription Discount Cards for Howard County Residents</b> regardless of age, income or existing health insurance. The cards are FREE and available to everyone. There are no forms to fill out, no enrollment fees and no cost of any kind to participants. Any family member can use the card, and there are no limits on the number of times the card may be used. Even if you currently have prescription drug coverage through your health care insurance provider, you may still save money with the discount card since it may save you money on drugs your plan does not cover. You do NOT need to be a Medicare beneficiary to use this card, and the card does not take the place of the Medicare Prescription Drug Program. Overall savings to card holders that averaged nearly 20% -- and at times as much as 50%.</p>	<p>The cards are available and can be picked up at Howard County senior centers, library branches, Health Department clinics and at many county government office buildings.</p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Child Care</h2>		
	<p><b>The Howard County Child Care Resource Center</b> assists parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in locating licensed child care</li> <li>• Provides training to expand their knowledge of early childhood and best child care practices</li> </ul>	<p><b>The Howard County Child Care Resource Center</b>  3300 North Ridge Rd. Suite 380  Ellicott City, MD 21043  <a href="http://www.co.ho.md.us/OCS/CS_Childrens_Services.htm">http://www.co.ho.md.us/OCS/CS_Childrens_Services.htm</a></p>
	<p><b>Maryland Committee for Children</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works with parents, child care providers, advocates, employers, and policymakers to expand and enhance the early childhood education and child care available to Maryland's children.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Maryland Committee for Children</b>  <a href="http://www.mdchildcare.org/mdcfc/mcc.html">http://www.mdchildcare.org/mdcfc/mcc.html</a></p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Information and Referral</h2>		
	<p><b>Christ Church Link</b> maintains a database with over 3000 resources and is a phone based information and referral service for Howard County Citizens needing assistance. CCL is a service provided by Christ Episcopal Church. Call the above number for hours of operation.</p> <p><b>First Call for Help</b> provides a 24-hour confidential information and referral service using a computerized resource file to access all types of health and human services information on topics including alcoholism, child abuse, domestic crisis, legal and medical matters, runaways, suicide prevention, support groups, teen pregnancy, and youth services. Interview with caller includes problem assessment and brief counseling when needed.</p>	<p><b>Christ Church Link (CCL)</b>  Christ Episcopal Church  6800 Oakland Mills Road  Columbia, MD 21045  (410)381-9365  Website: <a href="http://christchurchcolumbia.org">christchurchcolumbia.org</a>  E-Mail: <a href="mailto:Office@ChristChurchColumbia.org">Office@ChristChurchColumbia.org</a></p> <p><b>First Call For Help, United Way</b>  100 S. Charles Street, 5TH Floor, PO Box 1576  Baltimore, MD 21203  800-492-0618  410-685-0525  Website: <a href="http://uwcm.org">http://uwcm.org</a></p>
	<p><b>Howard County Information and Referral</b> collects and continually updates data on government, quasi-government and non-profit agencies and provides information and referral to appropriate resources.</p>	<p><b>Howard County Government Information And Referral</b>  3430 Court House Drive  Ellicott City, MD 21043  410-313-3000  TTY: 410-313-2323 or MD Relay 711  Website: <a href="http://www.co.ho.md.us">www.co.ho.md.us</a></p>
	<p><b>The Association of Community Services</b> is a network of non-profit, government, and for-profit, community organizations and individual advocates whose mission is to advance human services in Howard County through advocacy, education and member services. The Association provides products and services to assist its members and the general public meet service needs.</p>	<p><b>Association Of Community Services (ACS)</b>  10480 Little Patuxent Parkway, Suite 920  Columbia, MD 21044  Phone 410-715-9545  <a href="mailto:info@acshoco.org">info@acshoco.org</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.acshoco.org">www.acshoco.org</a></p>
	<p><b>The Horizon Foundation</b> is an independent philanthropic foundation whose mission is to advance the health and wellness of the Howard County Community. The Foundation funds grants for new and existing programs that are consistent with its mission. Eligible grantees include public agencies and not-for-profit service providers.</p>	<p><b>Horizon Foundation</b>  10480 Little Patuxent Parkway Suite 900  • Columbia, MD 21044  410-715-0311  E-Mail: <a href="mailto:info@thehorizonfoundation.org">info@thehorizonfoundation.org</a>  Website: <a href="http://thehorizonfoundation.org">thehorizonfoundation.org</a>  Horizon Foundation Help Guide:  <a href="http://horizonhelp.org">horizonhelp.org</a></p>

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<p><b>Child Support</b></p> <p><i>The Child Support Program</i> assists families with collecting much needed child support from parents who are not in the home. The DHR Websites provides all the information you need to open a child support case.</p>		<p><b>Howard County Department of Social Services</b>  7121 Columbia Gateway Drive  Columbia, Maryland 21046  1-800-332-6347  Website: <a href="http://www.dhr.state.md.us/how">http://www.dhr.state.md.us/how</a></p>
<p><b>Crisis Intervention</b></p>	<p><i>See Information and Referral Listings</i></p>	
<p><i>Emergency Assistance to Families with Children (EAFC)</i> provides emergency cash assistance to families who need emergency help paying rent, utilities, or other emergency bills. Funds are available through the local department and there is no lifetime limit.</p>		<p><b>Howard County Department of Social Services</b>  7121 Columbia Gateway Drive  Columbia, Maryland 21046  (410) 872-8700  1-800-332-6347</p>
<p><i>Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA)</i> provides family units with assistance for a total of 60 months (5 years) over a lifetime. The program has a requirement for all applicants to seek employment. Once an applicant begins to receive TCA, they must meet the work requirement within 24 months.</p>		<p><b>Howard County Department of Social Services</b>  7121 Columbia Gateway Drive  Columbia, Maryland 21046  (410) 872-8700  1-800-332-6347</p>
<p><i>Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP)</i> provides limited cash assistance for disabled adults. Benefits may also include eligibility for the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program and Basic Outpatient Medical Services under the Maryland Primary Care Program.</p>		<p><b>Howard County Department of Social Services</b>  7121 Columbia Gateway Drive  Columbia, Maryland 21046  (410) 872-8700  1-800-332-6347</p>
<p><i>The Pregnancy Center</i> provides pregnancy testing, counseling for women in a crisis pregnancy, maternity clothes, infant clothes and furniture, and medical and general resource referrals. Services include a 24 hour answering service. All services are free and confidential.</p>		<p><b>Pregnancy Center - Howard County</b>  Century Plaza, Suite 203  10632 Little Patuxent Parkway  Columbia, MD 21044  (410) 730-3223  24-hour toll free hotline –  1-800-492-5530  <a href="http://www.howardcountypregnancycenter.org">www.howardcountypregnancycenter.org</a></p>
<p><i>Grassroots</i> provides 24-hour hotline and walk-in crisis intervention services for those experiencing a personal, situational, mental health, or shelter crisis; Mobile Crisis Team; suicide prevention and intervention; immediate assistance to runaways and their families in Howard County; and emergency and transitional shelter programs for homeless individuals and families. Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.</p>		<p><b>Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Inc.</b>  Harriet Tubman Center  6700 Freetown Road  Columbia, MD 21044  Office: 410-531-6006  24 Hour Hotline 410-531-6677  E-Mail: <a href="mailto:info@grassrootscrisis.org">info@grassrootscrisis.org</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.grassrootscrisis.org">www.grassrootscrisis.org</a></p>
<p><i>The Mobile Crisis Team</i> provides crisis intervention services to the community.</p>		<p><b>Mobile Crisis Team</b>  410-531-6677</p>
<p><i>The Salvation Army</i> provides emergency services for food, rent, and utility assistance. Also coordinates the holiday clearinghouse that provides assistance to families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. English classes are available.</p>		<p><b>Salvation Army-Howard County</b>  9017 Red Branch Road, Suite G,  Columbia, MD 21044  443-656-3376</p>
<p><i>The Community Action Council</i> provides services for limited income families and individuals. Programs include: Head Start, Homeless Care Services (Eviction Prevention and 1st Month's Rent), Fuel Fund, the Maryland Energy Assistance program (MEAP), the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), the Electric Universal Service Program (EUSP), Food Bank and Community Outreach/Crisis Intervention.</p> <p>Domestic Violence Center of Howard County</p>		<p><b>Community Action Council</b>  6751 Columbia Gateway Drive  Columbia, MD 21046  410-313-6440</p> <p>8950 Route 108, Suite 116  Columbia, MD 21045  Office: (410) 997-0304  24 Hour Helpline: (410) 997-2272</p>

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<p><b>Food Pantries in Howard County</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 33%;"> <p><b>Bridgeway Community Cupboard</b> 410-992-5832, Ext. 260 <b>Celebration Church</b> Food pantry open Friday's 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM only 410-997-2088</p> <p><b>Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Columbia</b> 410-730-6688</p> <p><b>St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Fulton</b> 410-792-0470</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 33%;"> <p><b>Elkridge Independent Christian Community Church</b> 410-796-1534</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church of Savage</b> 301-725-3944</p> <p><b>Jessup Baptist Church</b> 410-799-4842</p> <p><b>FISH</b> 410-964-8660</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 33%;"> <p><b>Coalition for Compassion</b> <b>410-997-2781</b></p> <p><b>St. Peter's Episcopal Church</b> 410-465-2273</p> <p><b>St. Paul's Catholic Church</b> 410-461-9111</p> <p><b>Church of the Resurrection</b> <b>410-461-9111</b></p> </td> </tr> </table>			<p><b>Bridgeway Community Cupboard</b> 410-992-5832, Ext. 260 <b>Celebration Church</b> Food pantry open Friday's 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM only 410-997-2088</p> <p><b>Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Columbia</b> 410-730-6688</p> <p><b>St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Fulton</b> 410-792-0470</p>	<p><b>Elkridge Independent Christian Community Church</b> 410-796-1534</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church of Savage</b> 301-725-3944</p> <p><b>Jessup Baptist Church</b> 410-799-4842</p> <p><b>FISH</b> 410-964-8660</p>	<p><b>Coalition for Compassion</b> <b>410-997-2781</b></p> <p><b>St. Peter's Episcopal Church</b> 410-465-2273</p> <p><b>St. Paul's Catholic Church</b> 410-461-9111</p> <p><b>Church of the Resurrection</b> <b>410-461-9111</b></p>
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<p><b>The Food Stamp Program</b> helps low income people buy the food they need for good health. You may be able to get food stamps if you:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. work for low wages,</li> <li>2. are unemployed or work part time,</li> <li>3. receive welfare or other public assistance payments,</li> <li>4. are elderly or disabled and live on a small income, or</li> <li>5. are homeless.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Howard County Department of Social Services</b> 7121 Columbia Gateway Drive Columbia, Maryland 21046 <b>410-872-4201</b></p>				
<p><b>Energy Assistance</b></p> <p><b>The Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP)</b> helps Maryland's hard working families pay their utility bills, minimize heating crises, and make energy costs more affordable. OHEP provides a comprehensive energy package, which includes programs that promote energy conservation, customer financial responsibility and energy independence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP)</b> - provides assistance with home heating bills.</li> <li>• <b>Electric Universal Service Program (EUSP)</b> - assist low-income electric customers with their electric bills.</li> <li>• <b>PROJECT HEAT UP</b> - a new and temporary program designed to provide relief from high heating bills to working families during the winter of 2006. A new, temporary program, <a href="#">PROJECT HEAT UP</a> will help families currently over the income requirements for EUSP and MEAP.</li> <li>• <b>Utility Service Protection Program (USPP)</b> - protects low-income families from utility cut-offs and allows MEAP eligible households to enter into a year-round even monthly payment program with their utility company.</li> <li>• <b>Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)</b> - provides home weatherization services.</li> </ul> <p><b>Salvation Army</b> You may go directly to the Salvation Army Family Service Center, 9017 Red Branch Road, Suite G, in Columbia to apply for assistance. They are open Monday-Thursday from 10-3 and Friday from 10-11:30 but please note they close for lunch each day from 12-1.</p> <p>Required documentation for energy assistance includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BGE turn off notice</li> <li>• Maryland ID</li> <li>• Social Security Cards for each child under 17</li> <li>• Proof of Income (including employment wages, unemployment benefits and all other assistance such as food stamps, TCA, childcare vouchers, etc.)</li> <li>• Proof of all expenses (bills) rent, water, car note, insurance and so forth...</li> </ul> <p><b>Public Service Commission</b> Complaints against BGE</p>					
<p><b>Howard County Community Action Council, Inc.</b> 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, 2nd Floor Columbia, MD 21046-2150 (410) 313-6440</p>		<p>Salvation Army Family Service Center, 9017 Red Branch Road, Suite G, Columbia, MD 21044 443-656-3376</p>			
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