



HOWARD COUNTY  
AUTISM SOCIETY

## **Emergency Respite Care Grants at the Howard County Autism Society 2020-21 Application**

The Emergency Respite Care Grants program at the Howard County Autism Society (HCAS) was established in October 2020 through a generous grant from Howard County, MD. Grants are intended to be utilized by individuals with autism as well as families of children, teens and adults with autism during COVID-19 to provide short-term relief for primary caregivers either at home or at a provider's facility. The maximum amount awarded is \$250 annually.

### **Examples of Uses:**

- In-home care by a caregiver who comes to your home for a few hours, daily, weekly or as needed
- A drop-off day program that provides activities
- A respite program offered by a community-based agency, residential facility or camp
- Unplanned gap in care
- Soft supports, companion, transportation, personal care

**Financial:** While HCAS does not require proof of financial need, please bear in mind that these grants are intended for those who would otherwise have difficulty affording respite care.

**Geographic:** Grants are limited to residents of Howard County, MD.

**Age Requirement:** There is no age requirement for the care recipient

### **Other Requirements**

- Care recipient cannot be residing in an institution or experiencing a medical or mental health crisis
- This is a \$250 annual grant paid directly to the respite care provider.
- Funds for respite care will be paid directly to the vendor and never to the grantee

### **Application Procedures**

1. Applications for support may be made by Howard County, MD residents
2. One gift up to \$250 per individual or family will be awarded in a 12-month period.
3. If approved, the applicant will be notified by the HCAS office.
4. Payment will be made directly to the provider
5. If the application is declined, the HCAS will provide rationale for denial to the applicant.
6. Whenever possible, emergency requests will be decided and processed within 48 hours of receipt.
7. Whenever possible, other requests will be decided and processed within one week of receipt.

### **How to Submit an Application:**

Complete the one-page application form and submit the form via.

1. **Email** the application form and any supporting documentation to [info@howard-autism.org](mailto:info@howard-autism.org)
2. **Mail** the application form and any supporting documentation to  
Howard County Autism Society  
9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 308  
Columbia, MD 21046

Questions? Contact the HCAS office at 410-290-3466 or email [info@howard-autism.org](mailto:info@howard-autism.org)

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Applicant Name			Date	
Street Address			Phone (H)	
City	State	Zip	Phone (W)	
Email			Phone (C)	
<b>Beneficiary Information</b>				
Beneficiary Name(s)			Relationship to Applicant	
<b>Requested Support</b>				
Requested Support <i>(Describe how you would use the financial support you are requesting)</i>				
<b>Financial Information</b>				
Amount Requested	\$	Date Needed		
Basis for Requested Amount <i>(Provide a description and/or website URL or attach relevant documentation supporting the requested amount)</i>				
<b>Other Funding Sources</b>				
Other Potential Funding Sources <i>(Please provide names and contact info for other funding sources that you have contacted)</i>				
<b>Additional Information</b>				
What else would be helpful for HCAS to know?				
Applicant Signature _____			Date _____	
<b>Do Not Write Below This Line – For Office Use Only</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Awarded	<input type="checkbox"/> Declined	Date	Check #	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> Award documentation received:				Date

Submit this form in person or by mail or email: Howard County Autism Society  
 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 308, Columbia, MD 21046  
[info@howard-autism.org](mailto:info@howard-autism.org) 410-290-3466

## Respite Care Resources

*\*Please note that this list is a compilation of local organizations, resources and services and does not represent an endorsement of any of these entities by the Howard County Autism Society. If you have suggestions of additional groups to add or corrections to the content here, please contact our office at 410-290-3466 or [info@howard-autism.org](mailto:info@howard-autism.org). Additionally, be aware that some providers may have altered their hours, level of care, etc. due to COVID-19.*

### **Howard County Department of Social Services – Respite Care Program**

Funding available based on income level. Person receiving care must have a developmental or functional disability. Can receive Level I supervisory and personal care services (light housekeeping, meal prep, help with dressing, toileting, transferring, etc.) or Level II skilled care (monitoring vital signs, admin. Of medication, IV therapy, changing dressings, etc. Consumer/caregiver is responsible for arranging respite care and has flexibility in choosing the type of care received (in-home by an agency, neighbor, family member, friend, day care, assisted, living, camp, etc.) Consumers can receive up to 164 hours or 14 days of respite per state fiscal year. Hours contingent on resource availability and are subject to change. 9780 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046

Questions 410-872-8807

[Howco.dss@maryland.gov](mailto:Howco.dss@maryland.gov)

Application is not online. Contact HCAS or DSS for a copy of the application.

### **Emergency Respite Care - MD Department of Human Services**

For an unplanned event that requires the unavoidable absence of the primary caregiver. Services within 72 hours and serves across the lifespan – any age, any disability. A family may make one request per 12-month period and the maximum grant per family is \$225 per 12 month period.

Elizabeth Cooney Personnel Agency, Inc. - Elizabeth Weglein, CEO

410-323-1700

[ew@elizabethcononeyagency.com](mailto:ew@elizabethcononeyagency.com)

### **LISS (Low Intensity Support Services) – MD Developmental Disabilities Administration**

LISS may provide up to \$2000 in short-term funding for eligible children and adults with developmental disabilities who are not currently receiving services through DDA or other Medicaid waivers. Application is twice yearly – fall and spring (check website for deadlines). Utilizes a random selection application that requires basic identifying and contact information.

Administered for Howard County by Pen-Mar. Funding reimburses you for monies spent on a service.

Penn-Mar Human Services, 310 Old Freeland Road, Freeland, MD 21053

410-343-1069, <http://www.penn-mar.org/liss/>

## **CHILDREN & ADULTS**

### **Abilities Network – Various Locations throughout Maryland**

Autism Services program

<http://www.abilitiesnetwork.com>

410-272-3712

### **Arc Howard County – Respite Care House**

The Respite Care House provides care for as little as a couple of hours or longer periods of time such as overnights, weekends vacations. Ages toddlers to aging adults. Costs are based on a sliding scale fee and private rates. Special activities throughout the year.

Contact: Barbie Merkin, 410-730-0638 ext. 370 or [bmerkin@archoward.org](mailto:bmerkin@archoward.org)

<https://www.archoward.org/how-we-help/community-and-family-services/respice-care/>

### **Camp Fairlee – Easterseals**

Located outside beautiful Chestertown, MD, Easterseals Camp Fairlee has been providing recreation and respite for individuals ages 6 and up since 1954. Camp Fairlee provides a safe and accessible experiences where campers are challenged to discover their full potential, acquire new skills, and make new and lasting friendships while under the guidance of trained, qualified staff. Special autism weeks/weekends offered throughout the year.

<https://www.easterseals.com/de/our-programs/camping-recreation/>

### **Camp Greentop – The League**

Programs for youth and adults with special needs. Offers a variety of programming for campers from 7 to adulthood. Accredited by the American Camp Association and licensed by the State of MD for Youth Camp Certification. 15001 Park Central Rd., Sabillasville, MD 21780  
<https://www.leagueforpeople.org/dates-and-rates>

### **Renoxx Caregivers**

Licensed Home and Community-Based provider providing integrated services to individuals with special needs from childhood through adolescence and continues as they transition into adulthood (DDA services). 9500 Annapolis Rd., Lanham, MD 20706  
301-850-1148  
Email: [caregivers@renoxxgroup.com](mailto:caregivers@renoxxgroup.com)  
Website: <http://www.renoxxcaregivers.com>

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH**

### **Brandon Dean’s Child Care Services – Newborns to Tweens**

Sitter/nanny that comes to your residence to provide care. 15+ years of experience working with children newborns to teens as well as children with special needs. CPR/First Aid/AED certified. Contact online or email  
[BrandonDeansChildcare@gmail.com](mailto:BrandonDeansChildcare@gmail.com)  
[Brandondeanschildcare.weebly.com](http://Brandondeanschildcare.weebly.com)

### **Awesome Respite Childcare Services for Children with Autism**

Goal is to lessen family life challenges for parents and siblings of children with autism. Provides respite care services while promoting social skill building and assistance with daily living activities.  
Contact: LaToya Drummond, M.A.  
Online: [www.awesomerespite.com](http://www.awesomerespite.com)  
Email: [awesome.respite@gmail.com](mailto:awesome.respite@gmail.com)

### **Soaring Stars**

Program focuses on children 9-21 years of age. Specialize in sensory integration, social skills, communication skills, music and play therapy, activities for daily living skills development.  
Online: <https://www.soaringstarstlc.com/>  
Phone: 240-646-6863

## **ADULTS**

### **Jewish Community Services**

A comprehensive non-profit human service agency of The Associated, JCS provides counseling, advocacy and case management services to children, adults and families of individuals with special needs. Other services include assistance with independent living skills, tutoring and locating and obtaining special equipment. Works with DDA to obtain and fund resources and services.  
10630 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Suite 401, Columbia, MD 21044  
410-466-9200  
[info@jcsbaltimore.org](mailto:info@jcsbaltimore.org); <http://www.jcsbalatimore.org>

## **PARENTS & CAREGIVER SUPPORT**

### **Easterseals – Respite Services**

<https://www.easterseals.com/de/our-programs/caregiver-and-respite-services/respite-services.html>

### **Howard County Office on Aging and Independence / Dept. of Community Resources**

410-313-1234  
[www.howardcountymd.gov/aging](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/aging)

### **Maryland Access Point – Howard County’s Aging and Disability Resource Center**

Quality-of-life services to assist older adults, their families, caregivers, and adults with disabilities. Also offers caregiver support system and workshops.  
410-313-1234  
[map@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:map@howardcountymd.gov)  
[www.marylandaccesspoint.info](http://www.marylandaccesspoint.info)

