



# Maryland—State Resource Guide

## State Behavioral Health Agency

For more information about admission, care, treatment, release, and patient follow-up in public or private mental health and substance abuse treatment facilities, contact your State agency:

Mental Hygiene Administration  
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
55 Wade Avenue, Dix Building  
Catonsville, MD 21228  
Phone: 410-402-8300  
TDD: 800-735-2258  
Fax: 410-402-8301

Internet: <http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/mha>

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration  
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
55 Wade Avenue, Room 216  
Vocational Rehabilitation Building  
Catonsville, MD 21228  
Phone: 410-402-8600  
TDD: 410-528-2258  
Fax: 410-402-8601  
E-mail: [adaainfo@dhmh.state.md.us](mailto:adaainfo@dhmh.state.md.us)  
Internet: <http://maryland-adaa.org>

## State Protection and Advocacy Agency

Each State has a protection and advocacy agency that receives funding from the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Agencies are mandated to protect and advocate for the rights of people with mental illnesses and to investigate reports of abuse and neglect in facilities that care for or treat individuals with mental illnesses. These facilities, which may be public or private, include hospitals, nursing homes, community facilities, board and care homes, homeless shelters, jails, and prisons. Agencies provide advocacy services or conduct investigations to

address issues that arise during transportation or admission to such facilities, during residency in them, or within 90 days after discharge from them. Contact:

Maryland Disability Law Center  
The Walbert Building  
1800 North Charles Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
Phone: 410-727-6352, ext. 0  
Toll-free: 800-233-7201  
TDD: 410-727-6387  
Fax: 410-727-6389  
Internet: <http://www.mdclbalto.org>

*Spanish language assistance available*

## Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which are part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, investigate some complaints about treatment facilities that receive Medicare and Medicaid funding. For further information at the national level, contact:

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
7500 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850  
Phone: 410-786-3000  
Toll-free: 877-267-2323  
TDD: 866-226-1819  
E-mail: [question@cms.gov](mailto:question@cms.gov)  
Internet: <http://www.CMS.gov>

You may also share your concerns with staff at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services office in your area, which is Region 3. The regional office address and telephone numbers are:

Philadelphia Regional Office  
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
150 South Independence Mall West, Suite 216  
Philadelphia, PA 19106  
Phone: 215-861-4140  
Fax: 215-861-4240  
Internet:  
<http://www.cms.gov/RegionalOffices/Downloads/PhiladelphiaRegionalOffice.pdf>

#### **Advocacy Organizations**

Local chapters of Mental Health America (formerly the National Mental Health Association) have information about community services and engage in national and State level advocacy. For more information about the association, write or call:

Mental Health Association of Maryland  
711 West 40<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 460  
Baltimore, MD 21211  
Phone: 410-235-1178  
Toll-Free: 800-572-MHAM (6426)  
Fax: 410-235-1180  
E-mail: [info@mhamd.com](mailto:info@mhamd.com)  
Internet: <http://www.mhamd.org>

The National Alliance on Mental Illness maintains a helpline for information on mental illnesses and referrals to local groups. The local self-help groups have support and advocacy components and offer education and information about community services for families and individuals. For information about the Alliance's affiliates and activities in your State, contact:

NAMI Maryland  
10630 Little Patuxent Parkway, Suite 475  
Columbia, MD 21044  
Phone: 410-884-8691  
Toll-free: 877-878-2371 (warm line)  
Fax: 410-884-8695  
E-mail: [info@namimd.org](mailto:info@namimd.org)  
Internet: <http://namimd.org>

Statewide consumer organizations are run by and for consumers of mental health services and promote consumer empowerment. These organizations provide information about mental health and other support services at the State level and are active in addressing and advocating for mental health system issues. For information about consumer activities in your area, contact:

On Our Own of Maryland  
1521 South Edgewood Street, Suite C  
Baltimore, MD 21227  
Phone: 410-646-0262  
Toll-free: 800-704-0262 (Statewide)  
Fax: 410-646-0264  
E-mail: [oomd@earthlink.net](mailto:oomd@earthlink.net)  
Internet: <http://www.onourownmd.org>

Office of Consumer Affairs  
Mental Hygiene Administration  
55 Wade Avenue, Dix Building  
Catonsville, MD 21228  
Phone: 410-402-8300, ext. 3  
Fax: 410-402-8441  
Internet: <http://www.dhmd.state.md.us>

The National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse, funded partly by SAMHSA, promotes and helps to develop consumer-run self-help groups across the country. Technical assistance and materials are available on such topics as organizing groups, fundraising, leadership development, incorporating, public relations, advocacy, and networking. For more information, contact:

The National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse  
1211 Chestnut Street, Suite 1207  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
Phone: 215-751-1810  
Toll-free: 800-553-4KEY (539)  
Fax: 215-636-6312  
E-mail: [info@mhsselfhelp.org](mailto:info@mhsselfhelp.org)  
Internet: <http://www.mhsselfhelp.org>

The National Empowerment Center is a Technical Assistance Center run by mental health consumers/survivors. The Center's mission is to carry a message of recovery, empowerment, hope and healing to people who have been diagnosed with mental illness. The Center provides information and referrals to consumer/survivor resources nationwide and offers technical assistance to individuals and groups involved in consumer empowerment activities. The Center distributes recovery-related publications and sponsors education and training activities. For information on consumer/survivor activities in your area, contact:

The National Empowerment Center  
599 Canal Street  
Lawrence, MA 01840  
Phone: 978-685-1494  
Toll-free: 800-769-3728  
Fax: 978-681-6426  
Internet: <http://www.power2u.org>

### **Other Sources of Information**

There are many sources of information that you can tap. Your area mental health authority, which is generally a part of the local government, may be useful. Other branches of your city or county government also may be able to help. For example, the education office might have information about help for children, and the agency for the aging might know about services for senior citizens. In addition, your family physician or area hospital may be able to make referrals. For legal advice, contact your local bar association or go to <http://www.findlegalhelp.org>. Also, your local library and telephone yellow pages may have resource lists for sources of help in your community.