#### WHO WE ARE

Service Coordination has been providing Coordination of Community Services throughout Maryland since 1982, originally as a division of The Arc of Frederick County until becoming incorporated in 2005. Service Coordination has been working with transitioning students even before the inception of the Governor's Transitioning Youth Initiative (GTYI) in 1989.

We provide services in eleven counties and Baltimore City across Maryland, working with hundreds of transitioning students each year.

Over the many years of supporting transitioning students, Service Coordination has developed many relationships within Maryland communities; assisting students to secure service funding under the Developmental Disabilities Administration, and serving on committees with county Boards of Education, the Maryland State Department of Education and state service agencies including the Division of Rehabilitation Services.

Service Coordination, Inc. works with people with developmental disabilities who are receiving services funded by the Maryland State Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), and people who are applying for DDA services.

All of the individuals we serve are referred to us by the Developmental Disabilities Administration.

Service Coordination, Inc. is a private 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization serving people throughout Maryland.

Service Coordination has a mobile workforce and technological capabilities which allow us to work from virtually anywhere in the communities we serve in the following counties:

- Anne Arundel
- Allegeny
- Baltimore City
- Baltimore
- Carroll
- Frederick
- Garrett
- Harford
- Howard
- Montgomery
- Prince Georges
- Washington

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# TRANSITIONING YOUTH

#### A GUIDE FOR BUILDING UNDERSTANDING AND AWARENESS





Service Coordination, Inc. is a nonprofit organization with serving Baltimore City and 11 counties across Maryland. We support people of all ages to make choices affecting their lives and to access resources and services in their community.

#### **OUR MISSION**

Service Coordination provides quality case management services by helping people understand what their choices are and connecting them to resources in their communities in ways that respect their dignity and rights.

#### Meaning Behind the Mission:

**Choices, Connections and Communities.** We welcome all individuals who can benefit from our services. We help people understand options in a dignified and respectful way. We provide quality information and helpful options that can guide people to resources of their choice, ultimately supporting their decisions to connect to available services.



CHOICES. CONNECTIONS. COMMUNITIES.



# TRANSITION PLANNING WITH YOUR SERVICE COORDINATOR

### What is "Transitioning Youth"?

The formal process of transition begins in the school system when a student is 14 years old and continues until the student leaves school for the adult world. Eligible students with intellectual and developmental disabilities are entitled to remain in school until the year of their 21st birthday. However, services after the age of 21 are dependent on meeting eligibility requirements and on the availability of funds.

The Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) and the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) are two state agencies that offer services to transitioning youth who meet eligibility requirements. For DDA services, obtaining GTYI funding depends on:

- the person's eligibility for DDA services;
- the availability of funding; and
- completing the process within a specific timeframe.

Types of service include a variety of employment and non-employment options.

For more information about these services, talk to your Service Coordinator or go to the following websites:

- www.dors.maryland.gov
- www.dda.dhmh.maryland.gov

#### WHAT WE VALUE

Every person regardless of disability has the right to choose the kind of life they want to live.

Family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. are essential ingredients for acceptance in any community.

True community inclusion happens when individuals make their own decisions and are welcomed into and supported by the communities where they choose to live.

Good individual plans are the result of proactive and creative planning.

The role of your Service Coordinator is to:

- Explain the DDA Transition Process (GTYI)
- Attend your Transition IEP
- Connect you to other needed community resources
- Provide you and your family with a list of local licensed DDA service providers
- Assist with questions about what to ask providers when interviewing
- Assist you and your family to ensure services provided are appropriate

For more information on Transitioning Youth and resource coordination, please visit our web site:

www.servicecoord.org

