

The Harford County Department of Community Services was established in 1979 via Executive Order to provide advocacy and services to enhance the quality of life for Harford County citizens. The Department works with Federal, State, local and private agencies to meet the diverse needs of our community including assistance for youth, seniors, persons with disabilities, those struggling with addiction, the homeless, and at risk individuals.



Office on Aging

- Serves as the single point of entry for seniors and adults aged 18 and older who are living with disabilities
- 35 employees provide a comprehensive system of services to allow older adults to age with dignity and have the best possible quality of life in our community
- Services include: Information and Assistance, Senior Activity Centers (6), State Health Insurance Program, Senior Medicare/Anti-fraud Patrol, Aging and Disabilities Resource Center, Home Delivered Meals Program, Legal Assistance Program, National Family Caregiver Support Program, Senior Care Program, Guardianship, Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Waiver, the Nursing Home Ombudsman Program

Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP)

- County's Lead Prevention Agency, working daily to create a drug-free Harford County
- 7 employees provide prevention outreach, support to treatment providers, monitoring and reporting activities, drug take back events, coordination of government agencies and non-profit organizations to address drug and alcohol abuse, and operate Harford County Drug Courts

Office of Disability Services

- Promotes and facilitates the independence of people with disabilities in all aspects of community life
- Connects individuals with disabilities, their families, and their care givers to resources regarding healthcare, employment, disability benefits and accessible housing
- Investigates and resolves complaints

Office of Human Relations & Mediation

- Alleviates social problems and promotes equality, understanding, and harmonious relations between citizens
- Supports the Human Relations Commission, the Women's Commission and Mediation Commission
- Investigates discrimination and Fair Housing complaints
- Provides free, informal, voluntary mediation services to citizens of Harford County aiding in a reduction of the caseload of the Court System and a cost effective alternative to attorney engagement.
- Coordinates Volunteer Harford initiatives

Office of Children, Youth and Family

- Advocates for children, youth, and families
- Administers local and state grant funding to public and private organizations that deliver human services to children and families

COMMISSIONS

Harford County Community Mediation Commission
Harford County Commission on Disabilities
Harford County Human Relations Commission
Harford County Commission for Women
Harford County Youth Commission

BOARDS

Advisory Board on Aging
Local Management Board