

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Birth Certificates

Carroll County Health Department

290 S. Center Street, Westminster, MD 21157-5219

410-876-2152

carrollhealthdepartment.dhmh.md.gov

Provides birth and death certificates for the public. Persons must be born in Maryland to obtain a copy of his or her birth certificate through the Health Department. Death certificates are now available to the public. Proper identification is required and there is a fee for each copy of the certificates.

Caring and Sharing Ministries of Northwest Carroll County, Inc.

PO Box 384, Taneytown, MD 21787-0384

410-756-2302

graceucctaneytown@verizon.net

To provide ecumenical fellowship and shared community ministries including ecumenical worship, religious education, and community service. The group relates to and supports other community ministries including a local food bank and St. Joseph's Clothing Ministry. Limited funds are available for persons and families in the Taneytown area experiencing emergency needs; requests are managed through Human Services Programs of Carroll County.

Carroll County Department of Social Services

1232 Tech Court, Westminster, MD 21157-3029

410-386-3300

dlcarrolldept_dhr@maryland.gov

dhr.maryland.gov/county/carroll/

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30pm

Child Support: To assist individuals in matters relating to child support establishment, enforcement, and collection. The Bureau of Child Support Enforcement locates absent parents, obtains support orders from the court, and enforces the collection of payments through the Carroll County State's Attorney office. Call or visit the Internet site for complete information. Those not receiving temporary cash assistance pay a fee.

Family Investment: To administer public assistance benefits to eligible individuals



and families. Benefits include Cash Assistance Programs, Food Stamps, Medical Assistance, Emergency Assistance and Child Care Vouchers. Case managers work with families and individuals to determine eligibility for state and federal programs that will help meet their needs. Call or visit the site for more complete information.

Social Work: To protect children and vulnerable adults, and to support healthy functioning of individuals and families. **Adult Protective Services:** Protection of vulnerable adults at risk of abuse, neglect/self-neglect, or exploitation. **In-Home Aide Services:** Chore services, personal care, respite care for adult protective service clients. **In-Home Family Services:** Provides social work services to families in need of maintaining a stable and safe environment for their children. **Protective Services for Children:** Investigates reports of child abuse or neglect and provides child safety services due to abuse and/or neglect.

Foster Care for Children: Temporary care for children whose parents are unwilling or unable to care for them. **Adoption Services:** Conducts home studies, places children, refers to other agencies. Speakers are available on a variety of topics such as child abuse, child welfare, and other social work areas. To report suspected child or adult physical and sexual abuse, neglect, and/or mental injury, call 410-386-3434 twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. No charge for services, In-Home Aide Services may have a fee determined by income.

Catastrophic Health Planners

255 Clifton Blvd, Suite 202, Westminster, MD 21157

410-871-0751 Fax: 410-871-0752

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

chp1@comcast.net

chp1.org

Assists individuals who suffer from a disabling condition or illness. Free. Services include educational development, support, and referral services to patients and their families facing a catastrophic health event. Information and assistance with financial planning, mortgages, medical services, accounting services, legal services, insurance services, counseling, support groups, social security disability, social services programs and educational development. Services are offered at no charge. Serves all ages.

The Center for Healing Arts

112 East Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157

410-848-9257

vickii@centerfor-healingarts.com

centerfor-healingarts.com

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 8:00 pm;

Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Fees and hours vary with individual practitioners.

Offers integrative bodywork, meditation counseling, massage therapy, acupuncture and Felden Kraus method, Chinese herbal medicine, acupressure, Chinese dietary therapy, psychotherapy for individuals, couples and families. Other services include massage therapy during pregnancy, pre and neonatal massage, hot stone, Reiki, integral nursing, workshops and retreats. Serves all ages depending on treatment modality. Insurance not accepted. Self-pay only.

Dads Works

255 Clifton Blvd. Suite 301, Westminster, MD 21157

443-605-6358

davidberry@dadsworks.org

dadsworks.org

Helps families by serving fathers to overcome barriers to success. Services include classes in parenting, child visitation, budgeting, job skills, support group, anger management, overcoming substance abuse, violence and aggression, and other community links. Support group meets every week either Wednesday morning or Thursday evening. Meetings are confidential. All dads served. Does not accept insurance.

Disabled American Veterans, Old Glory Chapter #22

PO Box 764, Westminster, MD 21158-0764

443-375-0595

dav-oldglory.org

To provide emergency services for disabled American veterans including assistance with paperwork for needed services. On a state level, DAV offers counseling on veterans compensation, health care, pension, employment rights, and more. Also extends disaster relief to disabled veterans affected by natural calamities.



Nationwide, the organization works toward legislation benefiting disabled veterans, their widows, spouses and orphans. This chapter also supports programs at Veterans Administration Medical Centers in Baltimore; Fort Howard, and Martinsburg, West Virginia. For veterans who served and have a service-connected disability, their immediate families, and Gold Star mothers.

ESCAPE Ministries, Inc.

Messiah Lutheran Church Building
5600 Old Washington Road, Sykesville, MD 21784-8618
410-549-7230
escapeministries@hotmail.com

To help people in the Sykesville/Eldersburg, Finksburg, and Woodbine areas, and northern Howard County find and secure needed services and resources. This nonprofit volunteer organization, supported by area churches and civic groups, also coordinates relief assistance to needy families and individuals. In addition, it refers people to the appropriate helping agency/agencies, and acts as an advocate on behalf of those in need or distress. ESCAPE is intended to help those who are faced with a temporary emergency, and refers those with on-going difficulties to appropriate resources. No fees are charged.

Family and Children's Services

22 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157
410-876 -1233 Fax: 410-876-4791
fcsmd.org

Monday – Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm; After hours call: 443-865-8031

Assists families who are facing separation, domestic violence, child sexual abuse, and other hardships that increase stresses of daily living. Offer domestic violence program, child abuse treatment services, general counseling and medication management. Accepts Medicare, Medical Assistance and most insurances and there is an Ability to Pay scale for those without insurance. Serves ages 3 to seniors. Psychiatrist sees ages birth to seniors.

Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc.

10 Distillery Drive, Ground Floor, Westminster, MD 21157

410-857-2999 Fax: 410-857-8793

hspinc.org

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Friday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Family Support Programs - Provides services that help families develop self-sufficiency and effective parenting skills. Child development care is provided to support parents while they are learning valuable skills. Programs include: Carroll County Family Center and Child and the Adult Food Care Program.

Shelter & Housing - In addition to shelter, services are provided to assist families, individuals, and those with disabilities get back on their feet to obtain and remain in permanent housing. Programs include: Safe Haven Shelter, Intact Family Shelter, Men's Shelter, Women and Children's Shelter, Cold Weather Shelter, Rapid Rehousing, Coordinated Intake Shelter and Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing and the Rental Assistance Program.

Workforce Development - Assists individuals in job training, resume building, and searching for employment. The Workforce team also works with individuals to overcome barriers to employment such as criminal background or lack of previous experience. Programs include: opportunity WORKS, Second Chances, Community Garden, Economic Success Program, and Voluntary Income Tax Assistance program.

Emergency & Prevention Services - Connects individuals with an array of funds throughout the community and the state to assist them with paying utilities and preventing evictions. Emergency Services partners with the Maryland Energy Services Programs (MEAP) and the Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP) of the Department of Human Resources. Programs Include: Family Links and Energy Assistance.

Moms Works

255 Clifton Blvd. Suite 301, Westminster, MD 21157

443-536-4669

diane@momsworks.org

Helps families by serving mothers to overcome barriers to success. Services include classes in parenting, communication, relationship skills, employment, anger management, overcoming substance abuse, violence, child visitation and money management. Mother



support group meets every week either on Tuesday morning or Wednesday evening. Meetings are confidential. All moms served. Does not accept insurance.

Mount Airy Net

(located inside Calvary United Methodist Church)
403 S. Main Street, Mount Airy, MD 21771-5346
301-829-0472 (Leave voice mail message for service.)
mountairynet.org

Mount Airy Net is a cooperative network of churches, civic organizations, and caring individuals. Services provided are emergency assistance for needy persons in the four-county Mount Airy area. Emergency assistance is available in the following areas: fuel/electricity, pharmaceutical, food, clothing, shelter (limited), and other appropriate needs. No fees are charged.

Northeast Social Action Program, Inc. (NESAP)

1046 S. Carroll Street, Hampstead, MD 21074
410-239-6216 Fax: 410-374-9109
Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
nesapinc@gmail.com
nesapinc.org

To provide an interdenominational ministry of love and care designed to meet the needs of Carroll County residents in emergency situations. Offers rent, energy and medical assistance, and food and clothing from our onsite Food Pantry and Thrift Store. Assistance in other areas is also available through our cooperative outreach programs. The thrift store is open to the public and donations are welcomed.

On Our Own

265 E Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157
Call for hours: 410-751-6600
onourownofcarrollcounty.org

Wellness and Recovery Center. Provides peer support and a safe environment for those suffering from mental health disorders and or struggling with substance abuse to come and work on or begin their recovery journey. Provides a variety of support groups. Some examples include men's & women's support, recovery support, anger management, Narcotics and Alcoholics Anonymous, DTR (Double Trouble in

Recovery), goals group, anxiety support, WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan) classes, etc. Also host educational workshops, monthly dinners, movie night, and weekly game nights. Provide community resources, make referrals and assist with navigating the behavioral health care system. Advocates, when needed, as well as provide education to decrease stigma. There is a \$10 annual membership fee but not required, if unable to pay. Does not accept insurance. Serves ages 18 and up.

Salvation Army, Carroll County Family Service Center

Salvation Army Baltimore Region

300 Hahn Road, Westminster, MD 21157

410-876-9358 Fax: 410-876-1964

tsabaltimore.org

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm;

Closed 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm for lunch

Provides emergency services and friendship to people who are in need. Assists with emergency housing situations, such as cut-off notices for utilities and eviction notices. Offers assistance to the needy through a food pantry. Also helps with assistance for prescription costs. Emergency furniture vouchers are available. Offers Thanksgiving and Christmas programs for those in need and offers child scholarships for Summer Camp. Free Life Skills classes are offered throughout the year.

Shepherd's Staff

30 Carroll Street, Westminster, MD 21157-4831

410-857-5944 Fax: 410-857-6122

Monday, Tuesday, and Friday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm;

Thursday: 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm; Wednesday: Closed

shepstaff@comcast.net

shepstaff.org

Provides a Christian outreach and support center which offers assistance to resolve short-term crises while seeking pathways to self-sufficiency. Basic needs are considered and determined during the interview process for financial assistance. Provides prescription assistance to the uninsured and underinsured. Offers many programs including Back-to-School, Take-a-Book, Call for Coats, Blessings Closet, food assistance, general clothing, walk-ins, referral and advocacy. Serves all ages. No fees are charged.

**Social Security Administration, Carroll County Office**

125 Airport Drive, Suite 10, Westminster, MD 21157

800-772-1213 Fax: 410-857-1736

socialsecurity.gov

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm;

Wednesday: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

To pay benefits to people who qualify for retirement (age 62 or older), or disability benefits; make payments to widows/widowers, and provide survivor benefits for children. Also pays Supplemental Security Income benefits to the aged, blind, and disabled. Administers the Medicare Program. Most applications for retirement, disability, benefit verifications, change of address, retirement estimates, etc. can be done from the web site and do not require traveling to the local office. If a visit to the office becomes necessary, appointments can be scheduled. For Social Security cards, call at the above number, stop by any Social Security office, or download an application form from the Internet. No charge for services provided by the SSA. Serves all ages

St. Vincent de Paul Society

43 Monroe Street, Westminster, MD 21157

410-848-8693

Offers services for the homeless and the hungry. Outreach includes emergency financial assistance with housing, fuel, medication, food. Participates in Carroll County Food Sunday, Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen. Sponsors the Adopt-A-Family program for Christmas holidays. For housing and fuel assistance a visit to Human Services Program is required. Serves all ages at no cost.