

Here's what the Honorable James T. Smith, Jr., Baltimore County Executive, has to say about the Commission:

"The renaissance of Baltimore County is real, and as a government we are committed to bringing that renaissance to every community and every citizen, regardless of the unique challenges we each face. The Commission on Disabilities is a vital part of our efforts, and together we are moving forward."

You do not have to be a member of the Commission to participate in one or more of its Work Groups. If you are interested in being appointed to the Commission, or volunteering on a Work Group, please contact the Commission Office at:

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**Providing Support and
Advocacy for Citizens
of Baltimore County
with Disabilities for
Over 25 Years**

Baltimore County Commission on Disabilities

The Commission on Disabilities, which is located within the Baltimore County Office of Community Conservation, serves in an advisory capacity on the development and coordination of the County's policies affecting individuals with disabilities and their families, representatives of public and private service agencies, and State and local government.

Our MISSION is to foster attitudes and promote behaviors which respect and value people with disabilities among County government, its citizens and others.

Our VISION is for a culture and environment to exist in Baltimore County which provides the supports and opportunities for people with disabilities to participate fully in all aspects of community life.

The COMMISSION's objectives are:

- ❑ To provide an effective and systematic delivery of public and private resources to citizens of Baltimore County who have disabilities;
- ❑ To identify the strengths and weaknesses of programs, services, and resources in the County to assure an effective delivery system; and,
- ❑ To propose methods for meeting the needs of Baltimore County citizens with disabilities, and their families.

In order to meet these objectives, the Commission on Disabilities sponsors seven Work Groups:

- Education - reviews and advises on issues related to disabilities and education in Baltimore County
- Employment - acts as a resource for employment professionals, and advises on issues related to employment of individuals with disabilities

- Housing - examines the issues concerning the availability of affordable and accessible housing
- Public Policy - monitors local and State legislative issues, and prepares the Commission's legislative agenda for elected officials
- Public Relations & Special Events - organizes the Annual Awards Luncheon and other public information and awareness events
- Transportation - studies issues related to effective transportation for individuals with disabilities
- Universal Access - maintains and updates the Priority Matrix for making County facilities and services accessible to citizens with disabilities