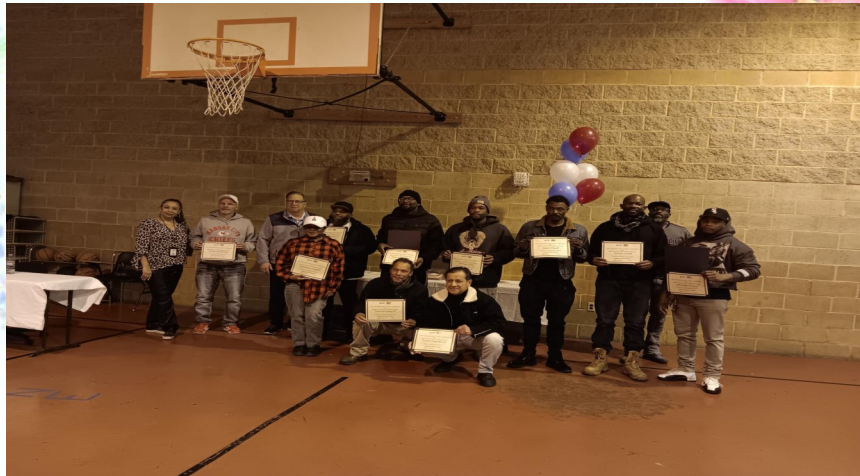


Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis

Newsletter May 2025



March 2025 Sherwin-Williams Homework Painter Training Class!

HACA is proud to share that 11 hardworking participants have successfully completed the week-long Sherwin-Williams Homework Painters Training Program and earned their certifications. This hands-on, intensive course provided invaluable insights into key painting fundamentals, including surface preparation, application techniques, and color selection.

Each participant demonstrated remarkable dedication and a strong desire to master the craft. The participants' commitment to learning and growing their skills speaks volumes, and we're confident that their newly acquired knowledge will lead to exceptional results in future painting projects.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to instructor Wayne Seymour, whose expert guidance and support were instrumental in making this program a success. His passion for teaching and wealth of industry experience created an inspiring and educational environment for all involved.

Congratulations once again to our graduates! Your determination, hard work, and enthusiasm for the trade have laid a solid foundation for continued growth and success.

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Message From Melissa Maddox-Evans Executive Director/CEO



I hope you are having a wonderful springtime. It is great to see the weather warming up as we prepare for summer months ahead. We are getting The Leron Fisher Pool at Harbour House ready and are hiring for lifeguards now! Please contact our Human Resource Department Main (410) 267-8000, if you are interested or know of anyone who is interested in becoming a lifeguard.

There are lots of activities for residents happening. Stay informed on our FB page for current events. <https://www.facebook.com/HACAMD> Thank you to Ms. Donna Johnson and Ms. Caorlyn Keene for planning the Easter events for the children. Our computer room at Harbour House has a new upgrade thanks to a grant from the State. We are excited to present it to you soon. Our redevelopment projects at Eastport Terrace, Harbour House Robinwood and Bloomsbury Square are moving along. Please participate in upcoming resident meetings this summer to ensure your voice is heard.

We are excited to partner with Mrs. Toni Strong-Pratt of People Builders Consulting to create a Behavior Modification Diversion Program for residents that are having challenges. Look out for information coming soon on how to sign up. We have scheduled various in-person informal meetings with myself called "Moments with Melissa". I wanted to have a set time for you to come and share your concerns and your successes as we work together to build a stronger community.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!

Sincerely,
Melissa Maddox-Evans
Executive Director/CEO
Housing Authority of

Message From Bishop Craig Coates Board Chairman



Hello HACA Family,

As we eagerly embrace the arrival of Spring, the promise of blooming flowers, green grass, vibrant trees, and warm weather fills our hearts with excitement. This season is not just a transition in weather; it symbolizes renewal and the opportunity for growth within our communities. As the days grow warmer and the landscape transforms, we are reminded of the potential for positive change that lies ahead. Together, we can cultivate an atmosphere of hopefulness, one that reflects our shared desire for a flourishing community.

However, this transformation requires active participation from each of us. It is essential that we lend a hand to nurture the attitudes we wish to see in our neighborhoods. I am excited to engage with all residents and our dedicated staff as we work together to create a vibrant tapestry of love and support. Your safety and well-being remain our top priority, and we want you to feel valued and heard. Please take a moment to complete the upcoming survey and to participate in the "Moments with Melissa" sessions, where you can share your thoughts and ideas.

Together, let's embrace the spirit of spring and all the wonderful possibilities it brings!

Happy Spring!

Bishop Craig Coates

Message from
Jackie Wells
Commissioner, Resident Advisory Board & Resident Council Advisor
Bloomsbury Square



Greetings,

Hope you are well.

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day in March and welcomed Easter in April. I hope each of you enjoyed both holidays. As the Advisor to the Resident Advisory Board (RAB) and the Resident Council, I am excited to announce that we will be hosting a meet-and-greet event on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Bloomsbury Square Community Center.

Your presence and participation are crucial to the success of this event. These gatherings are designed to help us connect and reconnect, build bridges to HACA, and foster stronger collaboration. Together, we can create better communities and deepen our understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the RAB and the Resident Council.

We are living in challenging times, and I understand the weight of our responsibilities. As leaders, we must be informed, committed, and ready to support public housing residents. Through dedication and continued training, we can successfully meet these challenges. I am grateful for our leadership, wisdom, and advocacy, and I appreciate everyone who supports the mission of preserving and strengthening the RAB and Resident Councils.

I encourage you to join us and contribute to this important event. Each day reminds us that there is still more work to do. The journey continues, and I look forward to walking it with all of you.

With gratitude,
Jackie Wells
Commissioner, Resident Advisory Board (RAB) & Resident Council Advisor

MOMENTS WITH MELISSA

A Special Opportunity to Connect with
HACA CEO, Melissa Maddox-Evans

Join us for an open and engaging session where you can:

- Share your concerns and feedback about any relevant housing related issues.
- Share Information about Community Events and Your Accomplishments You are Proud of.
- Share appreciation for local residents and community leaders

Robinwood Community Center
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
5:30 PM

We look forward to your participation and valuable input. Let's come together to create a stronger community!

Meetings will take place monthly, rotating between Robinwood, Bloomsbury Square, and Harbour House-Eastport Terrace Communities

- June 18th – 5:30 PM – Harbour House-Eastport Terrace
- July 8th – 5:30 PM – Bloomsbury Square
- August 20th – 5:30 PM – Robinwood
- September 17th – 5:30 PM – Harbour House-Eastport Terrace
- October 1st – 5:30 PM – Bloomsbury Square
- November 11th – 5:30 PM – Robinwood
- December 10th – 5:30 PM – Harbour House-Eastport Terrace





Attention!!! HACA Residents

**Earn a Stipend & Help
Your Community**

WE NEED YOU

**Help us to spread the word and make a difference in
your neighborhood!**

Are you a HACA resident and interested in our Temporary Worker/Stipend Program? If so, contact your Property Manager for additional information. HACA's residents are eligible to participate in our temporary worker/stipend program. This position will assist with various duties, including delivering flyers door to door, custodial and grounds duties. Temporary workers typically work about 2 hours per day and receive a monthly compensation of \$200.

**Your RENT will NOT increase by
becoming a stipend worker**



5 HOUSE KEEPING TIPS TO LIVE BY



1). Deep-clean your mattress.

Remove and wash your sheets as usual. To clean your mattress, use a garment steamer and go over the top, sides and box spring thoroughly to kill any dust mites that may be hiding near the surface. Then use your vacuum's upholstery tool and go over your mattress again. (This will remove the dust mites steaming has killed.) Remove any stains with a carpet and upholstery cleaner without over-wetting the mattress.

2). Clean oven/stovetop weekly.

Cooking messes should be cleaned up immediately, but every stovetop should be cleaned at least weekly to prevent grease and residue from collecting. You can clean both ceramic glass stovetops and coil stovetops using dish soap and a soft sponge for regular cleanings. Deep cleanings with one part baking soda and two parts vinegar may be necessary every few weeks to remove built-up grease.

3). Try baking soda for tougher messes.

A microfiber cloth is perfect for quickly cleaning up small messes on kitchen counters and appliance surfaces, break out baking soda for bigger food-related messes. Use the baking soda in your pantry for grease build up. Sprinkle some baking soda on a cloth and wipe down any areas that have grease buildup. Give it a couple of minutes and then follow up by wiping the area with a clean, damp cloth to pick up the residue.

4). Steam your microwave.

Fill a mug or measuring cup with water and microwave for two to three minutes, so it gets nice and steamy. The steam will soften the residue, making the wipe-down easier. You can also add lemon or vinegar to the bowl to clean your microwave even more effectively.

5). Use the right dusters.

Some dusters might look adorable, but they're not terribly practical. In order to remove dust effectively in the living room. Use a microfiber duster or cloth instead.



TRUIST Bank Presentation

Eastport & Harbour House Residents



TRUIST Bank delivered an informative presentation on banking and budgeting basics to 10 participants in the ROSS program. The session covered key topics such as credit scores, budgeting principles, and saving strategies. Participants engaged actively by asking questions about improving their credit and were offered one-on-one sessions to begin credit repair and create a basic budget. The presentation was highly successful, providing attendees with valuable tools to better manage their finances and improve their credit, regardless of income level.

Turn Around Thursday

On Tuesday, March 11, 2025, a group of 11 eager participants from the ROSS program gathered for an informative and engaging Turnaround Thursday presentation. This session provided valuable insights on various topics designed to enhance their job readiness and career prospects.

Participants had the opportunity to learn about job placement strategies, resume writing tips, and interview techniques that can help them stand out in a competitive job market. In addition, the session offered tutoring experiences, assessments, and one-on-one counseling sessions, allowing individuals to receive personalized support and guidance.

A key highlight of the presentation was the 30-hour work readiness training program, which not only equips participants with essential job skills but also presents the opportunity to secure a job upon completion. Participants were excited to learn that free transportation is provided throughout the training, ensuring accessibility and convenience.

As a result of this informative session, the ROSS participants are now empowered with the knowledge to improve their job prospects. They are committed to sharing the information they gained with other residents, helping to extend the benefits of this valuable program to the wider community.

This initiative continues to be an excellent resource for individuals looking to improve their skills and secure stable employment.

Robinwood Resource Event & Expungement Clinic

On March 12, 2025, the Maryland Department of Labor, in partnership with the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis (HACA), hosted a dynamic community resource event and expungement clinic at the Robinwood Community Center. The event connected local residents with critical support services and created meaningful pathways toward personal growth and economic stability.

A major highlight of the event was the expungement clinic, which offered residents the opportunity to meet one-on-one with legal professionals to begin the process of clearing eligible records. Many participants received direct guidance on their eligibility.

By offering free and accessible expungement services, the event aimed to provide a second chance for individuals working to move forward and rebuild their lives. Legal experts from partnering organizations were on hand to answer questions and provide compassionate, confidential support tailored to each person's circumstances.

In addition to legal aid, attendees benefited from a wide variety of other services, including workforce development resources, health screenings, library card registration, child support assistance, and more—thanks to the combined efforts of agencies from the City of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County.

This collaborative event showcased the strength and importance of community partnerships in removing systemic barriers and empowering residents with the tools they need to thrive.



FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PARTICIPANT SPOTLIGHT

Nicole Cook



Kudos to Nicole Cook, a resident of the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis; Nicole has been a Family Self-Sufficiency Participant since November 1, 2024, and has taken charge of her FSS Goals. In the five months she has been in the Program Nicole has already accomplished several goals she set for herself. She has managed to obtain a vehicle, is currently working in a new employment position and is taking Training to obtain her CDL Driver's License which, after completion, will enable her to fulfill her dream of becoming a school bus driver.

In addition, Nicole is pursuing Homeownership and is planning to attend the upcoming Arundel Community Development Services Homeownership Resource Fair on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at the Severn Center in Severn, Maryland that is open to all. Nicole is well on her way to a successful FSS Journey, and we wish her well in all her endeavors!

May 2025



ROSS & Case Management Events

Event Date	Event Name	Location	Time
05/06/25	On Our Own	Bloomsbury SQ	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
05/07/25	On our Own	Robinwood	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
05/08/25	OIC GED Presentation	Harbour House	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
05/13/25	Mental Health Awareness	Harbour House	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
05/13/25	Jewelry Making Event	Bloomsbury SQ	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
05/14/25	Jewelry Making Event	Robinwood	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
05/20/25	AACO SHIP	Bloomsbury SQ	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
05/21/25	AACO SHIP	Robinwood	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
05/22/25	Mental Wellness Event	Harbour House	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
05/29/25	Maryland Reentry Presentation	Harbour House	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

JUNE 2025 ROSS EVENTS

Event Date	Event Name	Location	Time
06/05/25	Recovery Support	Eastport	3-4
06/12/25	Financial Literacy	Eastport	2-3
06/19/25	Gottlieb Insurance	Eastport	2-3
06/24/25	AACO Dental	Eastport	11-12

PAST EVENTS

Thank you to all the residents who came out and participated in the many events we hosted here at HACA, such as Financial Literacy, Turn around Thursday, and many more. We are looking forward to a year full of events that will best serve the community.



Andre Atkins

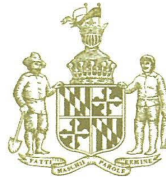
On April 4th, 2025, a Celebration of Life was held in honor of Andre Atkins, who served as the Board Chair of the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis (HACA). The event recognized his impactful leadership, dedication to public service, and lasting contributions to the community.



SHANEKA HENSON
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April 7, 2025

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It's an honor and a privilege to serve my first session as your State Senator for District 30, representing Annapolis, Arnold, Broadneck, Parole, Edgewater, Mayo, Shady Side, Churchton, West River, Galesville, Lothian, Deale, and every community in between. From the start in January, my colleagues and I got to work tackling the historic challenges facing our state while staying grounded in the voices and concerns of the people we represent. A total of 878 bills were passed by both chambers over the course of this session. Together, these efforts reflect our shared commitment to building a safer, fairer, and more resilient Maryland for everyone who calls it home.

As a practicing attorney I've spent more than a decade in courtrooms and across negotiating tables, standing up for clients and pushing for fairness in every corner of the legal system. That background has been invaluable in my role on the Senate's Judicial Proceedings Committee, one of the most important and impactful committees in the General Assembly. The committee handles a wide range of legislation—covering criminal and civil law, public safety, police reform, judicial appointments, family law, and more.

One of the central challenges of Maryland's 447th legislative session was addressing a significant revenue shortfall — a gap that placed real pressure on our ability to fund essential priorities like K–12 education. As federal support continues to decline, the responsibility to invest in our students and safeguard their future increasingly falls to us at the state level. Despite these fiscal constraints, we remained committed to protecting education funding and making smart, forward-looking decisions to keep Maryland on a stable financial path.

This year, we faced a long-standing structural deficit that came to a head, driven by declining revenues and a reduction in federal funding. To close the gap, we reduced spending on programs and projects across the board — and ultimately the General Assembly made the difficult decision to ask a bit more from those who have benefited most from Maryland's strong economy.

Some of my colleagues voted to address the gap through tax and fee increases, including the creation of a 3% sales tax on digital products, a 6% sales tax on vending machine purchases, authorizing local income taxes to rise by an additional 0.1% and doubling vehicle registration fees. Unfortunately, I could

not support these measures. With many families already struggling with the rising costs of living, including record-high utility bills, I felt it was unfair to burden Marylanders further.

I wholeheartedly believe that unaffordability is one of our state's biggest challenges. I've heard from too many families and small business owners who simply couldn't bear any additional increased costs to their bottom line. My focus has always been on finding solutions that protect our most vulnerable and ensure that our economic recovery is equitable for everyone.

Nevertheless various tax and fee increases were adopted into law and I will diligently communicate these changes and help you navigate them.

In the wake of the transition to a new presidential Administration in January, the General Assembly faced seismic shifts in policy coming from Washington, culminating in a nearly \$350 million reduction in expected personal, corporate, and sales tax revenues over a two year period due entirely to federal chaos and job losses. In addition, the State learned of up to \$418 million in federal funds being withheld to our public schools, \$305 million of which school systems had already spent, in addition to \$330 million in transportation funding summarily pulled back despite grant agreements.

These drastic and unprecedented actions spurred the General Assembly to redouble our commitments to core Maryland values including reinforcing Marylanders' constitutional protections, safeguarding access to health care, enhancing protections for Maryland's immigrant communities, defending reproductive freedom, and accelerating the State's transition to cleaner, cheaper energy. When federal support wavered, we provided clarity and a vision for the future.

As part of our commitment to keeping Marylanders safe from abuses of federal overreach, we advanced legislation to ensure that all residents—regardless of immigration status—are treated with dignity and protected under the law. We took steps in **HB1222 Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement (Maryland Values Act)** to protect our immigrant communities from lawless and warrantless actions by preventing immigration enforcement in sensitive locations like schools, hospitals, and religious institutions, in addition to making it easier for immigrants who are victims of crime and aiding police investigations from facing deportation with **SB608 Criminal Procedure - U Nonimmigrant Status Petitions**.

This legislative session, I was proud to sponsor and pass eight bills into law. Each one reflects a deep commitment to protecting Marylanders, whether it's their health, homes, safety, or future. Here's a look at the bills passed into law that I sponsored:

🚩 **Maryland Tenant Mold Protection Act (Senate Bill 856)** ensures that renters aren't left to suffer from dangerous mold conditions affecting their health by establishing clear responsibilities and protections for tenants. The law requires landlords to perform a mold assessment within 15 days of a tenant's complaint and to complete mold remediation within 45 days. Additionally, the bill tasks various Maryland State agencies, including Maryland Department of Environment to adopt regulations identifying and remediating mold.

🚩 **Restrictive Covenant Modification Notification (Senate Bill 513)** empowers homeowners to remove racist and discriminatory language from property deeds—an important step in healing past injustices.

✚ **Permanent Protective Order Consent (Senate Bill 721)** strengthens Maryland's ability to protect survivors of abuse by allowing permanent protective orders to be granted by consent, offering lasting safety without the retraumatization of repeated court visits.

✚ **Transit Worker Safety Act (Senate Bill 858)** enhances safety standards for public transit drivers through the adoption of a rider code of conduct and passenger exclusion policy for acts of violence committed on mass transit. This bill was brought to my office by Maryland transit operators who were assaulted on the job by riders. Their passion for their jobs, complicated by their need for a safe work environment, compelled me to champion these common sense solutions.

✚ **Tort Injury for Pet Death (Senate Bill 581)** increases the compensation paid to owners for a wrongful injury or death of a pet.

✚ **Pregnant & Parenting Student Support Act (Senate Bill 511)** requires higher education entities to provide information on resources available to pregnant and parenting college students while they are completing their education. Harkening back to my own experience as a pregnant and parenting college student, I am confident that with these supports more young parents will complete their college education.

✚ **Ecological Restoration (Senate Bill 722)** protects the efficacy of ecological restoration work by defining permissible uses.

✚ **Annapolis Mall-New Village Academy Exemption (Senate Bill 888)** provides a targeted exemption to support the New Village Academy's location to the Annapolis Mall, helping a local school thrive.

We had a great deal of legislative success this session. Still, I championed important bills that didn't make across the finish line. In preparation for next year, I will continue advocating to protect students' information from malicious doxxing attacks, providing medical assistance coverage for victims of domestic violence - healing their scars, the expansion of Pre-K child care funding and a substitute pilot program, as well as certain establishing prohibitions on excluding prospective tenants in rental agreements with landlords.

I am deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in me as your State Senator. It is an honor to represent you and work on your behalf every day. I remain committed to listening to your concerns, engaging with you on the issues that matter most, and ensuring that your voices are heard in the Senate. Together, we will continue to make Maryland a place where every community can live well. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to working alongside you in the years to come.

With Respect and Deep Appreciation,



Senator Shaneka Henson

2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATION OVERVIEW

I am pleased to share with you an overview of the legislation passed this session by the General Assembly. These measures have a direct impact on and benefit our community and the state.

Childcare & Education

HB150 – Child Care Centers - Certificated Staff Ratio Requirement – Alteration Bringing much-needed staffing flexibility to Maryland's child care centers, this legislation updates the ratio requirements to better reflect the qualifications of teaching staff. It helps providers maintain high standards of care while expanding access to more families—critical for working parents and early childhood development.

HB1204 – Public and Nonpublic Schools - Student Elopement - Notice and Reporting Requirements (Ace's Law) Ensuring that families are promptly notified when a student with disabilities or special needs elopes or goes missing from school is the purpose of this legislation gives peace of mind to parents and adds a vital layer of accountability to keep vulnerable children safe.

SB310 – Education - Youth Suicide Prevention School Program – Revisions This legislation strengthens youth suicide prevention efforts in schools by expanding training and awareness programs. It's a powerful step toward destigmatizing mental health and saving lives by making sure students have the support they need.

HB504 – Excellence in Maryland Public Schools Act The Excellence in Maryland Public Schools Act refines the Blueprint for Maryland's Future by adjusting certain educational initiatives to align with fiscal realities. Key provisions include delaying the implementation of "collaborative time" for teachers by three years, maintaining funding levels for community schools, and ensuring that per-student funding for students in poverty, special education, and English language learners remains unaffected. These strategic adjustments allow Maryland to uphold its commitment to educational excellence while responsibly managing state resources.

Criminal Law & Criminal Justice Reform

HB853 – Postconviction Review - Procedure to Reduce Duration of Sentence (Maryland Second Look Act) This bill recognizes that individuals who commit crime early in life have the capacity to change and allows those individuals to seek a hearing for a reduced sentence after serving at least 20 full years of their sentence.

SB092 – Peace Orders and Criminal Harassment - Intentional Visual Surveillance This legislation expands the protections against harassment by criminalizing the act of intentionally and repeatedly surveilling someone without consent. It helps keep people—especially women and vulnerable individuals—safe from stalking and intimidation in the digital age.

SB181 – Correctional Services - Geriatric and Medical Parole This bill allows individuals who are 60 years or older, or those who are suffering from terminal or debilitating conditions, to be considered for parole based on their medical or geriatric status when they no longer pose a threat to public safety. This reform balances compassion with fiscal responsibility—helping reduce the strain on the state's correctional system while ensuring that public safety is not compromised.

SB360 – Revenge Porn - Definition of Visual Representation and Civil Action This bill creates avenues for individuals who are victims of revenge porn generated by artificial intelligence to seek justice as we navigate this new technology and its consequences.

SB432 – Criminal Records – Expungement and Maryland Judiciary Case Search (Expungement Reform Act of 2025) This bill expands the number of misdemeanor offenses eligible for expungement, reduces expungement waiting periods, and prohibits certain minor charges from appearing on the Maryland Judiciary Case Search.

Environmental Protection

HB506 – Chesapeake Bay Legacy Act Investing in the long-term health of the Chesapeake Bay, this legislation funds regenerative agriculture, oyster aquaculture, and water quality improvements. It protects clean water, wildlife, and the communities that depend on the Bay—preserving a treasured natural resource for generations to come.

SB149 Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation - Total Assessed Cost of Greenhouse Gas Emissions - Study and Reports The RENEW Act addresses Maryland’s largest polluters by studying their emissions and assessing the long-term environmental costs they’ve created.

HB049 Environment - Building Energy Performance Standards - Alterations and Analysis This bill further refines direction to the Maryland Department of the Environment in their implementation of BEPS.

Equity

HB324 – County Boards of Education - Antibias Training for Members (County Board Member Antibias Training Act) Ensuring that members of local school boards receive anti bias training—this legislation enables them to better lead with equity, empathy, and cultural competence. It’s a necessary and powerful step toward more inclusive, responsive, and just educational leadership.

SB587 – State Government - Maryland Reparations Commission This groundbreaking legislation creates a commission to study and develop proposals for reparations for African American Marylanders. It’s a vital move toward truth, accountability, and healing —laying the groundwork for more equitable policies and a more just future.

Economic Development

SB683 – Catastrophic Event Account, Federal Government Shutdown Employee Assistance Loan Fund, and Powers of the Attorney General - Alterations (Protect Our Federal Workers Act) Expanding the purposes of the Catastrophic Event Account and the Federal Government Shutdown Employee Assistance Loan Fund this legislation provides funds that may be used to provide financial assistance to former federal employees facing financial hardship from the closure, relocation, or mass layoff of a unit of the federal government, or other similar circumstances.

HB502 Office of Disability Employment Advancement and Policy and Maryland as a Model Employer Initiative - Established. Creates the Maryland Office of Disability Employment Advancement and Policy (ODEAP) to help employ more individuals with disabilities in state government.

Family Law

SB275 – Family Law - Child Support - Multifamily Adjustment Making child support calculations more fair by considering the financial responsibilities of parents who support multiple families; this legislation brings needed balance to the system, reducing hardship while still ensuring children receive the support they need.

SB548 – Family Law - Child Custody – Determinations Seeking to reform child custody determinations by ensuring that all decisions prioritize the best interests of the child, factors such as emotional, psychological, and physical well-being are considered. This legislation aims to make custody proceedings more fair and equitable for families navigating the complexities of separation or divorce.

Healthcare

SB848 – Public Health Abortion Grant Program – Establishment. This bill establishes a grant program to support access to abortion care in Maryland, especially for underserved communities. It ensures that reproductive healthcare is not just a right, but a real option—no matter where you live or what you earn.

HB1315 – Vaccinations by Pharmacists and Health Insurance Coverage for Immunizations By expanding who can administer vaccines and requiring insurance to cover them, this bill makes it easier and more affordable for Marylanders to stay healthy. It's a commonsense step that boosts community immunity and removes barriers to care.

HB718 – Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission – Established Creating a permanent commission to defend and expand access to quality, affordable health coverage in Maryland, this legislation ensures we're ready to act when federal policy shifts—and puts Marylanders' health first.

SB594 – Public Health - Use of Opioid Restitution Fund and Training Under the Overdose Response Program Putting the opioid settlement funds to work saving lives, this legislation expands access to life-saving treatments and overdose reversal training. It's a smart, compassionate response to the overdose crisis that helps families, not just statistics.

SB357 Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Authority and Stakeholder Council Membership (Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for All Marylanders Now Act) This bill empowers the Prescription Drug Affordability Board to set price limits on vital medications, offering relief to families struggling with high costs.

Housing / Real Property

HB767 – Real Property - Landlord and Tenant - Procedures for Failure to Pay Rent, Breach of Lease, and Tenant Holding Over (Tenant Possessions Recovery Act). Enacting this legislation now protects renters from losing their personal belongings during eviction proceedings by creating clear, humane standards for handling tenant possessions. It helps ensure dignity and fairness for Marylanders facing housing insecurity.

HB1076 – Residential Real Property - Landlord and Tenant - Notice of Landlord Entry This bill requires a landlord to provide 24 hours notice before entering a leased premises, subject to limited exception. The bill includes additional provisions in regard to a landlord's entry and authorizes a tenant to seek injunctive relief or damages for a landlord's violation of the bill's provisions.

HB390 – Affordable Housing Payment In Lieu of Taxes Expansion Act The bill allows owners of rental housing properties to enter into agreements with county governments to pay a negotiated amount in lieu of property taxes, provided they maintain at least 25% of the units as affordable housing for a minimum of 15 years.

Utilities

HB121 – Electric Companies - Regional Transmission Organizations - Report (Utility Transparency and Accountability Act) This bill shines a light on the often-opaque energy grid decision-making process by requiring electric companies to report their actions in regional transmission organizations. It gives Marylanders more transparency and a stronger voice in how their power is generated and delivered.

SB931 – Public Utilities - Generating Stations - Generation and Siting (Renewable Energy Expansion Act) makes it easier to build renewable energy projects like solar and battery storage by removing unnecessary local roadblocks, places a first-in-the-nation 5% cap on the amount of agricultural land which can be used for solar, and allows local governments to participate in community solar programs.

SB937 Electricity and Gas - Emissions Reductions, Rate Regulation, Cost Recovery, Infrastructure, Planning, Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard, and Energy Assistance Programs (Next Generation Energy Act) provides a \$200 million refund (averaging \$80 per customer) to residential electric customers in two installments (once in the summer and once in the winter), expedites new and cleaner in-state generation to decrease our reliance on power from surrounding states, creates cost containment mechanisms around utility companies' spending on gas infrastructure, ensures multi-year rate plans provide a tangible benefit to customers while capping costs, removes waste incineration from Maryland's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard subsidy program, and ensures large load customers like data centers pay their fair share.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

I take great pride in being part of the Maryland General Assembly that adopted a balanced budget that is both fiscally responsible and true to our commitments. The fiscal 2026 operating budget addresses our projected structural deficit with \$1.6 billion in general fund cuts and \$1.2 billion in additional ongoing revenues, ultimately closing fiscal 2026 with a \$15 million structural surplus. The budget also reduces general fund spending by over \$400 million compared to fiscal 2025, demonstrating our commitment to fiscal responsibility. I am proud of the overall budget's fiscal discipline. Despite disruptions in federal funding streams, we committed to preserving core services and protecting Maryland's most vulnerable residents. Unlike Washington, D.C., we focused on making tough choices to keep Maryland's finances stable.

Locally, Anne Arundel County will receive \$29,334,642 from Maryland Video Lottery Terminal revenue for use with local impact grants. Nearly \$15 million in Highway User Revenue (HUR) is slated for Anne

Arundel County and Annapolis, with \$11,252,088 allocated to Anne Arundel County and \$3,708,804 to the City of Annapolis. Locally, the City of Annapolis State Payment in Lieu of Taxes is fully funded at \$931,561.

DISTRICT 30 SPECIAL PROJECTS

Annapolis High School - Mechanical
System Upgrade: \$598,000

Annapolis - Spa Creek Mooring Field
Reconfiguration: \$250,000

Annapolis Fire Department - New Fire and
Rescue Vessel Equipment: \$32,250

Annapolis City Dock: \$8,800,000

Annapolis Maritime Museum - Weems and
Plath Building: \$100,000

Annapolis Maritime Museum (Operating
Grant): \$40,216

Annapolis Middle School Field Lights:
\$500,000

Annapolis Juneteenth Museum and Cafe:
\$200,000

Bates Lower Field Improvements: \$500,000

Chaney Cares - Boys & Girls Club \$750,000

Children's Theatre of Annapolis: \$100,000

Choice Neighborhood Initiative Eastport
Terrace and Harbor House Redevelopment:
\$500,000

Historic Annapolis Foundation (Operating
Grant): \$1,074,100

IAC Asquith Creek Dredging: \$445,450

James Brice House Restoration: \$3,000,000

Kiwanis Club of Mayo: \$50,000

Monarch Academy Annapolis - Preschool
Playground: \$200,000

MMD Acton Cove Waterfront Park -
Boating Infrastructure Improvements:
\$350,000

New Supreme Court of Maryland Building:
\$51,117,000

New Edgewater Community Center:
\$2,250,000

Peerless Rens Club Outdoor Restoration:
\$40,000

Revolutionary War Memorial for Black
Soldiers: \$500,000

State Police Barrack J - Annapolis:
Communications Room and New Garage:
\$5,042,000

Summit School Building Expansion:
\$400,000

Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse: \$60,000

Upper West River and Johns Creek
Dredging: \$530,000

William Paca House Fire Suppression:
\$900,000

Spring

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Rental Assistance:

City of Annapolis (Rental Assistance Program)

160 Duke of Gloucester
Annapolis, MD 21401

Website:

<https://www.annapolis.gov/1980/Rental-Assistance-Program-Programa-de-As>

Community Action Agency (CAA)

251 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401
(410) 626-1900

Website:

<https://aaccaa.org/housing-assistance/>

ST Vincent De Paul St Mary:

109 Duke of Gloucester street Annapolis, MD
21401

410-263-2396

Contact: Dan Hurson

dhurson@comcast.net

www.stamaryannapolis.org

Chase Home Inc.:

22 Maryland Ave Annapolis, MD 21401

Contact: David Michaels

David@chaselloydhouse.org

www.chaselloydhouse.org

410-263-2723

Downtown Hope Church:

255 West street Annapolis, MD 21401

www.downtownhope.org

410-575-3252

Contact: Janice Keating

amazekate@gmail.com

Annapolis EP Church:

710 Ridgely Ave Annapolis, MD 21401

Contact: Laurie Nelson

Lnelson@epannapolis.org

410 266 8090

FOOD/CLOTHING - PLEASE BRING I.D. AND BAGS:

SALVATION ARMY:

351 Hilltop Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21403,
410-268-4577

Food Pantry available Thursdays 9:00 A.M. -
12:30 P.M. and 1:30 - 4:00 P.M.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH:

1101 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland
21403, 410-268-5419

Food Pantry every Tuesday 11:00 A.M. - 12:00
noon

EASTPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

926 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland
21403, 410-263-5490

Food Pantry every 3rd Saturday of the month
at 11:00 A.M. (Back of Church on parking lot
side)

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

87 West Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401,
410-268-5419

Food Pantry Wednesday 9:00 - 11:00 A.M. and
Friday 9:00 - 11:00 A.M. - call first to verify
have food...

SENIOR SERVICES:

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGING & DISABILITIES:

2666 Riva Road, Suite 160, Annapolis,
Maryland 21401, 410-222-4257

Maryland Access Point (MAP) Gateway to
Information and Services

Adult Evaluation and Review for Service
(AERS) request thru MAP Department
Resource Directory for A.A. County
Senior/Disabled Services available thru
MAP

**RESOURCES – BGE CUT-OFF ASSISTANCE
(BRING PHOTO I.D. CUT-OFF NOTICE & EVICTION NOTICE):**

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES:
80 West Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401
410-269-4500
No Appointment Needed

LIGHTHOUSE SHELTER:
10 Hudson Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401
410-349-5056
Food Pantry Thursdays 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 noon

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:
St. Mary's Catholic Church
109 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401
410-990-4019
Monday/6:30 P.M.
Wednesday/1:30 P.M.
MUST have Cut-Off/Eviction notice to receive Assistance – maximum around \$125.00

SALVATION ARMY:
351 Hilltop Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21403
410-263-4091
Will give Assistance for direct bill BGE customers with cut-off notice-
Call for Thursday appointment; Eviction Assistance on Thursdays with appointment
Food Pantry at Salvation Army Thursdays 9:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. & 1:30 – 4:00 P.M.

JOB PREPARATION/CAREER COUNSELING :
ANNE ARUNDEL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:
Annapolis - Stanton Career Center, 92 W. Washington Street, Annapolis, Md. 21401
Monday – Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. & Friday 9:00 – 2:00 P.M. call for appt.; also located (Largest Center) at: 613 Global Way, Linthicum, Md. 21090 – 410-424-3240
Kirkland J. Murray, President & CEO,
president@aawdc.org

MENTAL HEALTH:

Luminis Heath PATHWAYS:
2620 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401,
443-481-5400
Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment – inpatient/outpatient

HOPE HOUSE:
26 Marbury Drive, Crownsville, Maryland 21032 – 410-923-6700
Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment 18 and over – inpatient/outpatient

MEDICAL:
ANNE ARUNDEL MEDICAL CENTER:
2001 Medical Parkway, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, 24 Hours per day, 443-481-1000;
Wellness Programs

ANNE ARUNDEL MEDICAL CENTER COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS:
Morris H. Blum Senior Apartments
Community Health Center:
701 Glenwood Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, 410-990-0050
Monday – Friday 8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. – 12 years/older-takes most insurance/not all

EYE EXAM/GLASSES:
ANNAPOLIS LIONS CLUB:
Eye Exam/Glasses sponsored once every 2 years – 410-263-6311 – leave message – no cost – Referral thru Resident Services or Social Services Agency

DENTAL :
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:
3 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, 410-222-7138
Monday 9:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.; Tuesday – Friday 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

**EDUCATION – ABS AND GED
CLASSES/HEAD START :**

Anne Arundel Community College:

101 College Parkway, Arnold, Md. 21012
6-8:30 P.M. Tuesday/Thursday
Classes if student is 18 or older and
officially withdrawn from high school and
free GED Classes this Fall as well - call (410)
777-2222 for more information

Mount Olive Community Life Center:

2 Hicks Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401
9:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Tuesday/Thursday
6-8:30 P.M. Monday/Wednesday
6-8:30 P.M. Tuesday/Thursday

Stanton Community Center:

92 W. Washington Street, Annapolis,
Maryland 21401, 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Saturday

ANNAPOLIS FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER:

80 West Street, Suite B, Annapolis,
Maryland 21401, 410-269-4478 (Services
Free)

ABS/GED Classes – Requirement – 1 child
age 3 or under or expecting child; AFSC
provides free transportation/child care
during Class time and Nurturing Parenting
Classes

**OIC: (Opportunities Industrialization
Center of Anne Arundel County);**

2600 Solomons Island Road, Edgewater,
Maryland 21037; (443) 433-5900 ext. 4
Free evening GED Classes Weekday
evenings 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

LEGAL SERVICES:

**MARYLAND LEGAL AID OFFICES – ANNE
ARUNDEL COUNTY:**

229 Hanover Street, Annapolis, Maryland
21401, 410-972-2700, Lisa Sarro,
Only serves Income Eligible Clients – No
Charge

CHILD CARE VOUCHERS:

MARYLAND CHILD CARE CENTRAL:

1-866-243-8796 for more Information
Can apply at Dept. of Social Services ONLY
if receiving Temporary Cash Assistance

SHELTERS:

LIGHTHOUSE SHELTER:

10 Hudson Street, Annapolis, Maryland
21401, 410-349-5056, Executive Director,
JoAnn Mattson, Average stay – individuals
90 days; families 6 months – extensions
possible (Potential job training at
Lighthouse with Chef and Maintenance
careers – all can apply – B.E.S.T. Programs)

SARAH'S HOUSE:

2015 20th Street, Ft. Meade, Maryland
20755, (667) 600-3550 thru Catholic
Charities. Screening for Sarah's House
done by Anne Arundel County Dept. of
Social Services, 80 West Street, Annapolis,
Maryland 21401 – Shelter for Individuals and
Families

RED CROSS:

Southern District - 80 West Street, Suite A,
Annapolis, Maryland 21401 (410) 624-2000

What is Systems of Care?

Anne Arundel County Systems of Care is a multi-tiered approach to providing individualized information and support, connecting children, youth, and their families to appropriate resources in the community. Our goal is to provide a single point of entry to link families to appropriate agencies and community-based resources.

Who Do We Help?

Families and unaccompanied youth across the county who are facing challenges with any basic need and/or feeling unsafe in their current situation. Including, but not limited to: food insecurity, homelessness/eviction, truancy from school, mental health crises, and domestic violence.

How Do We Help?

- Navigation through our Warmline to connect families/youth with appropriate online resources.
- One-on-one peer support for youth via a peer navigator.
- Family navigation through our CRIT Team Meetings.

Systems of Care PARTNERS

- Anne Arundel County Public Schools
- Anne Arundel County Government - Office of the County Executive
- Anne Arundel County Health Department
- Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation & Parks
- Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services
- Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency
- Department of Juvenile Services
- Anne Arundel Community College
- Anne Arundel County Crisis Response
- Chesapeake Center for Youth Development
- Seedco
- United Way of Central Maryland
- Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation
- Developmental Disabilities Administration
- Parent Advocates

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY Systems of Care

Linking Families to Resources



Warmline/Intake:
+1 800 485 0041



Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM



**1 Harry S. Truman Parkway | Suite 103
Annapolis, MD 21401**



Anne Arundel County Partnership
for Children, Youth & Families

The Information and Referral Intake Phone Line

The information and referral intake phone line provides one-to-one support and assistance over the phone. Information and referral specialists are available to help callers find local resources including:

- Mental Health Services/Counseling
- Food/Housing/Utilities
- Advocacy
- Child Care
- Substance Abuse
- Support Groups
- Disabilities
- Crisis/Emergency Services
- Mentoring/Tutoring
- Parent Training
- Insurance Coverage
- Medical/Dental/Vision
- Legal Services
- Recreation and Parks
- Faith-Based Services

C.R.I.C.T.

(Community Resource Initiatives Care Team)

CRICT is a unique group of Anne Arundel County agencies, community organizations, and System of Care Navigators that meet one-on-one with families in a forum setting.

The goal of these meetings is to develop an individualized action plan based on how each Care Team member can assist with the unique needs of the family. This format eliminates the "pass-around" and fatigue of contacting multiple agencies and services to determine qualification.

Instead, a family only needs to explain their situation once to the Care Team and the members will work together identifying available resources in their prospective agencies/departments to create a realistic and sustainable plan for the family.

Cases/Family Types We Serve:

- Family with at least one school-aged child (Standard CRICT)
- Family with a child aged 0-5 and/or an unborn child (EC CRICT)
- Family who is victim of domestic violence (VS CRICT)
- Family facing chronic homelessness (BRICKET)

Systems of Care Manager:

Deirdre Berry | srberr@aacounty.org

CRICT, EC CRICT, VS CRICT & BRICKET

Coordinator:

Arianna Rodriguez | srrodr21@aacounty.org

Intake Coordinator:

Jessica Brockman | srkrau20@aacounty.org



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Annapolis MD 21403

Phone: (410) 267-8000
Fax: (410) 267-8290



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(410) 263-0778**

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Our Commitment

The Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis commitment to the community is to provide courteous service, alternative referrals, and absolute fairness to all applicants and current residents in addition to providing decent, safe and affordable housing.

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