Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities

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Resource Mapping Project

Background

The Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities at Kennedy Krieger Institute, together with **The Office for Genetics and People with Special Health Care Needs**, has embarked on a project to assess and map resources by community for families of youth and adults with special needs. The purpose of the community resource mapping project is to identify and build on the strengths of community resources for families of individuals with special needs, autism, and other developmental disabilities. The Maryland community resource mapping project began in November 2011, focusing first on the Eastern Shore. During fiscal year 2013, the regions of Southern and Western Maryland will be mapped, followed by the remaining regions of Maryland.

Goals of the Project

- Learn more about our communities
- Engage critical community leaders
- Increase informal connections and networking between programs
- Identify services
- Identify expertise that can be shared
- Establish a common way to group or categorize services
- Build partnerships and collaborations

Our Process:

Convene Community Teams
- Identify/recruit team members
- Establish partnerships

Develop Data
- Identify resources
- Identify strengths
- Identify gaps

Utilize Data
- Make decisions
- Disseminate information
- Develop funding opportunities

Evaluate
- Analyze resources
- Analyze process