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WESTERN MARYLAND CONSORTIUM

Open Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

301-334-8136

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Oakland Armory, 14 N. 8th Street, Oakland
www.westernmarylandconsortium.org

ASSISTS INDIVIDUALS AND THE COMMUNITY WITH TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

The Consortium has services for the general public and for qualifying individuals.



Services for the General Public

The Consortium helps anyone with registering and using the Maryland Workforce Exchange, applying for jobs on-line, interviewing tips, information about available jobs, help entering job contacts in MWE on-line for Unemployment, and other employment and training related information. Makes a resume for any individual. All services are free of charge.

Work Searches - In addition, if you need help entering your work searches in the system each week, the Consortium can help you with that as well.

Consortium Programs - While you are at the Consortium you will have the opportunity to learn about services that can help you find a job or train for a better job. Please read pages 1-7 for more information about the Consortium and its services.

ROW Workshop - The American Job Center of Allegany County hosts something called a ROW Workshop. Many Unemployment recipients are required to attend one of these workshops. If you are required to attend, Unemployment will send you a letter. In Garrett County, the ROW workshop is held once each month at the Oakland Armory. The workshop will provide you with information and services that can help you get a new or better job.

Unemployment Questions - The Job Center Rep has a wealth of information about Unemployment, but he does not actually work for Unemployment himself. He can advise individuals about Unemployment questions, but he cannot give anyone information about a specific claim or make changes to a claim. Please refer to page 8 of this booklet for more information about the American Job Center of Allegany County.

If you have a question about Unemployment, and you are unable to get through to Unemployment for an answer, we recommend contacting the American Job Center of Allegany County Representative, Dave Levesque at 301-777-1221 ex 317 or at David.levesque@maryland.gov. Again, he does not work for Unemployment, but he may be able to advise you, or refer you to someone who can answer your questions. He WILL NOT be able to tell you if you have been approved for Unemployment or the status of your claim.



Filing Your Webcert		
The following week(s) are available for you to file: The week begins Sunday, 05/13/2012, and ending Saturday, 05/19/2012.		
Answer the questions below for the week ending date(s) >>>>	05/19/2012	No 2nd week
1. Were you able and available to work full time in your occupation without restrictions? (If YES, do not answer Question 1A.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
1A. If NO, were you unable to work due to medical reasons?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
2. Did you attend school or training during the week?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
3. Did you actively look for full time work? (For agency verification purposes, you must keep a written record of your contacts.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
4. Did you work or earn money, whether or not you were paid, during the week?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
4A. If YES, enter your earnings before deductions, even if you were not paid yet.	<input type="text"/>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do NOT enter cents. Round up to the next whole dollar for \$ 01 to \$ 99. For example, if you earned \$49.26, enter 50 Remember to record the name of your employer for whom you worked and your earnings in your pamphlet. 		
Review your answers and make corrections now. Once you submit the form, you can not change your answers. Your Webcert responses become part of your Unemployment Insurance record and will be retained. By clicking the "Submit" button, you certify that you have not made any false statements or failed to disclose any wages or other material facts in order to obtain or increase these benefits. Remember it is a criminal offense to provide false information.		
<input type="button" value="Submit"/>	<input type="button" value="Cancel"/>	<input type="button" value="Help"/>

UNEMPLOYMENT OFFICE

Unemployment services are all conducted by phone, mail or internet. **There are NO in-person Unemployment Services.**

To open a claim or re-open a claim call

301-723-2000

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(We highly recommend that you call before 2:00 p.m.)

Or online at www.mdunemployment.com

For claim information, or to file your telecert call 1-800-827-4839 or 1-410-949-0022. You can also file your webcert at www.mdunemployment.com.

If you are on Unemployment, you will need 3 job searches per week. You will need to enter those in the MWE at: www.mwejobs.maryland.gov. The Consortium can help you get set up to do that each week.

The relationship between Unemployment, the Consortium, and the American Job Center:

When you are approved for Unemployment, you will receive a letter instructing you to go to the Western Maryland Consortium. You may also get a letter telling you to go to a workshop at the Armory hosted by the American Job Center. The Consortium and the Job Center are NOT part of the Unemployment office. Instead, they are services that help individuals obtain a job or training to get a better job. **In other words, they are not the Unemployment Office, they are Employment Offices.**

MWE - While at the Consortium, Unemployment will expect you to sign up for the Maryland Workforce Exchange so that you can conduct job searches and enter your work searches. They send you to the Consortium to do this so that you will have someone to assist you with the registration process and to instruct you about how to look for jobs in the system and how to enter work search contacts. That way, you won't have to try to navigate the system alone.

Services for Qualifying Individuals



Qualifiers

- On Unemployment
- On Public Assistance
- Low Income
- Have a Disability
- Veteran
- Have a Barrier

***COLLEGE TRAINING** - Provides college training at Garrett or Allegany Colleges in approved programs. College training programs are offered in: Continuing Education, Certificate, or Degree.

***WORK EXPERIENCE** - Offers “Work Experience” as a way for employees gain new skills, and to possibly “get their foot in the door” when jobs become available at a place of employment. Consortium pays employee’s wages for six weeks.

***ON-THE-JOB-TRAINING** - Allows an employee to work at a position for several weeks, training to do the job. Employees may, or may not, be hired by the work-site permanently afterward.

In-School Youth Programs:

***Summer Youth Programs** – Summer jobs available to youth in Garrett County. Contact the Consortium for more information. Different programs service different members of the community.

***Year-Round DORS-In-School Youth** – Year-round jobs for in-school youth through the DORS program.

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Garrett College Trainings



Garrett College: Credit

- *Adventure Sports Management Certificate
- *Cyber Security Certificate
- *Business and Information Technology Web/Graphic Design AAS
- *Business and Information Tech Business Mgmt/Entrepreneurship AAS
- *Cyber Security AAS
- *Natural Resources & Wildlife Technology AAS

Garrett College: Non-Credit

- *Certification in Apartment & Building Maintenance Tech
- *CFC-EPA Section 608 Certification Exam Prep
- *Machining-CNC Machining
- *Welding
- *Class B Commercial Driver's License
- *Class A Commercial Driver's License
- *Commercial Vehicle Transport Training
- *Certified Nursing Assistant
- *Certified Clinical Medical Assistant
- *Certified Medical Administrative Assistant
- *Medical Coding and Medical Billing
- *Medical Office Assistant
- *Phlebotomy-Venipuncture
- *Veterinary Assistant



*Serving the terminally ill
and their families
in Garrett County*

GARRETT COUNTY HOSPICE
301-334-5151
P.O. Box 271
Oakland, MD 21550

hospiceofgc@gmail.com

www.hospiceofgarrettcountry.org





GARRETT COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

301-334-6960

1916 Maryland Highway, Suite A

Mt. Lake Park, MD 21550

wguard@umd.edu

University of Maryland Extension (UME) of Garrett County is part of a statewide, non-formal education system within the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources of the University of Maryland, College Park and the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore. This partnership also includes support from USDA as well as county government. The Garrett County UME faculty and staff provide a broad range of outreach through workshops, seminars, classes, clinics, newsletters, consultations, and media efforts, related to the following topics:

4-H & Youth Development

Agriculture

Environment & Natural Resources

Home Gardening / Master Gardeners

Food & Nutrition

Health & Wellness

Money

We embody the University's land-grant mission with a commitment to eliminate hunger, preserve our natural resources, improve quality of life, and empower the next generation through world-class education.

For more information about Extension Programs, visit their website at: extension.umd.edu/garrett-county



COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Allegany College: Credit

- *Automotive Technician AAS
- *Computer Science Transfer AS
- *Dental Hygiene AAS
- *Forest Technician AAS
- *Human Services Associates Degree
- *Massage Therapy Degree
- *Medical Assistant Degree
- *Nursing Degree
- *Occupational Therapy Assistant Degree
- *Physical Therapy Assistant Degree
- *Radiologic Technician Degree
- *Respiratory Therapist Degree
- *Automotive Technician Certificate
- *Criminal Justice Certificate
- *Cyber Security Certificate
- *Nursing Assistant/Geriatric Aide Certificate
- *Pharmacy Technician Certificate
- *Phlebotomy/EKG Technician Certificate
- *Practical Nursing Certificate



For degrees, you must have already completed at least half of the credits necessary to graduate. Certificate programs, both credit and non-credit, do not require any prior college.



Allegany College: Non-Credit

- *Industrial Maintenance Tech: Basic Hydraulic Systems
- *Industrial Maintenance Tech: Basic Pneumatic Systems
- *Industrial Maintenance Tech: Electrical Systems
- *Industrial Maintenance Tech: Electrical Control Systems
- *Machine Tool Technology
- *MIG/TIG Welding Certification
- *Shield Metal Arc Welding Certification
- *Solar PV Professional
- *Electrician





WORK EXPERIENCE

Work Experience allows a worker to learn how to do a job at an actual job location for a set period of time.

Once registered as a “Work Experience” client, workers train at a specific job site, as agreed upon by the job site, the worker, and the Consortium. The Consortium pays for wages, workman’s comp, and taxes so that the worker can train. Although it is never guaranteed, sometimes clients are hired on at the job site permanently.

Unemployed?

Want A Better Job?

Want to Move Up At Your Job?

Want a New Career?

Want to Get Your Foot In The Door With A Particular Employer?

ON THE JOB TRAINING

On the job training allows workers to become skilled at a position while working at the job. Part of the employee’s wages during that time are paid by the Western Maryland Consortium.

Adult Workers: We reimburse 50% of wages

Youth Workers: We reimburse 75% of wages

Workers must qualify as a Western Maryland Consortium client, and they must work at least 32 hrs. per week. Reimbursement time varies depending upon the job and the skills of the employee at the start. It generally runs from 4 to 26 weeks, until the employee is proficient. On-the-Job-Training must be approved by the job site, the worker, and the Consortium.



PROVIDES SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED WHO CANNOT RECEIVE THE HELP THEY NEED ANYWHERE ELSE.

Assistance is widely varied. Individuals must be considered “in-need” and unable to obtain the same assistance from any other agency. Individuals will be referred to other agencies offering the needed service before they will be considered for House of Hope programs. The House of Hope is not an agency but a network of concern whose members cooperate to reach out to others when there is serious need. The House of Hope does not receive funding from local, state, or federal government organizations.

The resources of the House of Hope are primarily directed to short-term emergency situations, where quick response and flexibility are critical.

Food -- Operates four free Food Pantries in Hoyes, Grantsville, Deer Park, and Oakland to fight and prevent hunger in Garrett County.

Fuel/Utilities -- Provides advocacy and direct assistance in emergencies that put people at risk due to lack of heat in the cold winters of Garrett County.

Shelter -- Provides advocacy and direct assistance to those at risk for homelessness due to natural disasters or financial crisis.

Medical -- Provides advocacy and direct assistance to those whose health is threatened due to lack of resources for treatments and prescription medicine.

Safety Net - Assists those who fall between the cracks because they do not fit and therefore fail to receive help through other established program guidelines.

GARRETT GROWERS VEGGIE BOXES

240-321-9636

garrettgrowers@gmail.com

www.garrettgrowers.com



GET HEALTHY!

The Veggie Box Program is sponsored by Garrett Growers, a coop of local farmers who sell vegetables locally to restaurants and grocery stores.

The Veggie Box program is a CSA program that offers Garrett County residents the opportunity to receive a box of wholesome, fresh, locally grown vegetables every week throughout the summer. All vegetables contained in the box are grown by local farmers and picked fresh from the field. So, it helps the community, the economy, and our local farmers.

How does it work? You prepay for the season and then for 15 weeks during the season (starting early-mid June), you'll get a box of a lovely variety of fresh produce grown by our farmers! Because so many local farmers are involved, our farmers can offer the most diverse vegetable box around!

Boxes can be delivered within two miles of 219 between Accident, McHenry and Oakland, or two miles from Grantsville. Or they can be picked up at various locations. For orders of three or more Veggie Boxes to one location there is a \$50 discount per subscriber for the season.

BUY LOCAL!

Veggie Box is at wholesale restaurant pricing. Make great gifts and employee incentives.



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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM



The Western Maryland Consortium can help area youth, between the ages of 14 and 21 obtain part time jobs during the summer months.

In some cases, the youth can request a job site, and if the employer agrees, the youth will be placed at that site. If that location is not available, another job position will be offered.

Western Maryland Consortium pays for the youth's wages, as well as Workman's Comp.

There are several different programs:

Qualifiers for the program include: (Must have one from list A and one from list B)

LIST A - Low Income:

- *On TANF, SNAP, SSI, or other public assistance in last six months
- *Or a Foster Child
- *Or Homeless
- *Or receives or is eligible for free or reduced lunch

LIST B – Other Qualifier:

- *Deficient in Basic Literacy Skills
- *Or has a disability
- *Or is an offender
- *Or is pregnant or parenting





JOB SERVICES

Job Services are available to anyone.
There are no income guidelines.

Resumes – We will make a resume for you. We have several styles to choose from. You will need to come in and meet with staff so that we can go over the information that you would like included. Appointment required.

Maryland Workforce Exchange – We can help you register on the MWE. If you are on Unemployment, they may send you here to do register and to add work search contacts. However, you do not have to be on Unemployment to register. Once registered, you can access it any time to look for jobs, apply to jobs, or utilize any of the other job resources available on it. If you do need to put in job contacts for Unemployment, and you are having trouble doing so, we can help you add them to the on-line site.

Applying for Jobs On-line – Many jobs require an on-line application. We have computers available that you can use to apply for jobs, and if you need help, we can assist you with on-line job applications. Appointment needed for personal assistance.

Job Leads – We have a bulletin board outside our office that is updated weekly with jobs available in the area. You can come in and check it any time the Armory is open. Also, if you let us know what jobs you are looking for specifically, we can e-mail openings to you as we hear about them.

Interviewing and Job Tips – If you would like to brush up on interviewing skills, we can sit down with you and go over tips and also give you tips for successful employment. You will need to make an appointment.



NEED HEALTH INSURANCE?

The Maryland Health Connection is the health insurance marketplace in the state of Maryland, created in accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. They can help you wade through the confusion of healthcare.

You can obtain free in-person help by visiting the Western Maryland Health Insurance Connector website or by calling the number below.



www.wmdhealthconnect.org

1-888-202-0212

**DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES**

301-533-3000

**12578 Garrett Hwy,
Oakland**



<http://www.dhr.state.md.us/blog/?p=222>

Office Open Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Services available to those who qualify.
Qualifiers vary depending upon program.**

- Food Stamps
- Temporary Cash Assistance
- Temporary Disability Assistance
- Emergency Cash Assistance for Families & Children
- Medical Assistance
- Child Care Subsidy
- Adoption Services
- Adult Services
 - Adult Protective
 - In-Home Aid Services
 - Project Home (C.A.R.E.) – Support Housing Program
 - Adult Guardianship
 - Respite Care Program
 - Adult Financial Exploitation Program (S.A.F.E.)
- Child Protective
 - Child Support
 - Child Protection Services
 - Paternity Establishment
 - Safe Haven – (Give up baby with no legal implications)
- Homeless Service
- Maryland Legal Services
- MD Office for Refugees and Asylees
- Transportation Assistance
- Burial Assistance
- Energy Assistance



AMERICAN JOB CENTER OF ALLEGANY COUNTY

Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learners

301-777-1221, ext. 317

Oakland Armory

david.levesque@maryland.gov

The Maryland American Job Center provides a full range of assistance to job seekers and businesses (free of charge). The Centers are part of Maryland Jobs Now (MJN).

Job seeker services include:

- **Career exploration assistance**
- **Referrals to training programs**
- **Placement services**
- **Résumé preparation assistance**
- **Workshops to enhance job seeking skills & work readiness.**
- **ROW workshop for Unemployment**
- **Unemployment Assistance**

Dave Levesque, the Garrett County representative is stationed in Cumberland, MD, however, he comes to Oakland twice a month. Call to schedule an appointment.

In between visits, individuals in Oakland are assisted by American Job Center Partner, the Western Maryland Consortium for many of the services. The Consortium is located at the Oakland Armory, 14 N. 8th Street, Oakland.

Applicants have access to computers with Internet, printers, photocopiers, fax machines, telephones, and a variety of job search resource materials.

The American Job Center is considered the “Employment Office”, not to be confused with the “Unemployment Office”. See page 29 for more information about Unemployment.

APPALACHIAN CROSSROADS

301-334-8449

39 S. 3rd Street, Oakland

shollingsworth@appalachiancrossroads.com

RESOURCES FOR DISABLED YOUTH AND ADULTS

Community Living – Operates 8 group homes with family atmospheres

Employment Support – Helps clients apply for, obtain, and keep jobs. Also, transitional employment to gain work experience while earning a wage.

Staff Support – Assistance to help clients stay in their own homes.

Day Services – Enrichment, training activities, & community volunteerism.

Other Services – Social activities, money & benefits management, transportation and respite care for families of those with disabilities.



Community Living • Employment Support • Day Services

GARRETT TRANSIT

301-334-9010

301-334-9431 EX. 6300

<https://garrettcac.org/index.php/service-area>



Garrett Transit Service (GTS) is a shared-ride, door-to-door, advanced reservation service offered on a space-available basis by GC Community Action Committee. Driver assistance is provided.

GTS operates on an advanced reservation service. Trips can be scheduled up to 30 days in advance. To schedule a trip, call 301-533-9010 (or 301-334-9431 Ext. 6300), Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Make your call by 2:00 p.m. the day before your appointment. A 3 day advance notice required for any trips out of the local area. When scheduling a trip please provide the following information.

- * The day and date of the trip.
- * Appointment time or desired pickup time.
- * The exact street address and phone number of each location you will be picked up and dropped off.
- * The time you wish to return.

Telephone calls after 6:00 p.m. are recorded and will be handled on the next work day. Please speak slowly and leave a brief message. If you are calling to schedule a ride, you **MUST** speak with a GTS staff person before your pickup can be confirmed.

GTS provides transportation throughout Garrett County on a space-available basis. Trips to medical facilities in Baltimore, Morgantown and Cumberland are also available.

At Appalachian Crossroads, we believe that we are all part of the fabric of our community. Cut from the same cloth, woven together, and connected in ways seen and unseen. In our tight-knit community, we all benefit from learning, living, working, and engaging with one another.

Our organization empowers individuals with disabilities to contribute to our community's tapestry. Through the community living, employment support, and day services we offer, they may choose lives rich with meaning, friendship, and inclusivity.

DORS – Department of Rehabilitation Services - 301-777-2119

138 Baltimore St., Cumberland, MD 21502
Erin Shahan – director
allegany-garrett.dors@maryland.gov

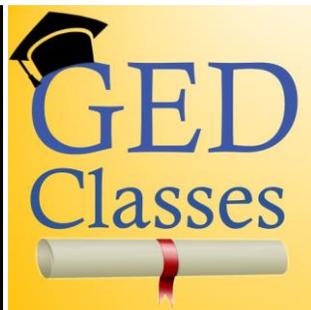
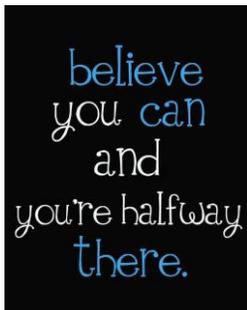


“HELPING MARYLANDERS WITH DISABILITIES GO TO WORK.”

DORS assists individuals with physical, emotional, intellectual, developmental, sensory and learning disabilities go to work and keep their jobs by providing services such as:

- career assessment and counseling
- assistive technology
- job training
- higher education
- job placement

Programs for Adult & Youth



GARRETT COLLEGE – GED – ADULT BASIC EDUCATION - 301-387-3087

kaitlyn.fike@garrettcollege.edu

Classes to assist individuals with obtaining the GED. Day and evening classes available. Locations in Accident, Oakland, and Grantsville. Classroom study – free of charge. Distance learning and independent learning opportunities are available at a fee of \$100-\$150.

Official Exams to obtain the GED after conclusion of classes are \$11.25 each or \$45 for all four.



DOVE CENTER –
301-334-9000, 1-800-656-HOPE(4673)
82 Memorial Drive, Oakland
dovecenter@gcdovecenter.org



PROVIDES SERVICES TO ADULT MALES, ADULT FEMALES, AND CHILDREN DEALING WITH ABUSE

Assists individuals dealing with domestic violence, witnessing domestic violence, adults molested as children, victims of rape or sexual assault, victims of emotional abuse, victims of physical abuse, victims of sexual abuse, victims of neglect and victims of stalking.

Services: counseling; 24/7 help line; 24/7 emergency shelter; group counseling; advocacy; accompaniment to legal, medical, and related appointments; free 911 cell phones.





GARRETT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

GARRETT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Garrett County's Public Health Agency

FIND MORE INFO

Garrett County Health Department
1025 Memorial Drive
Oakland, MD 21550
301-334-7777 or 301-895-3111
garretthealth.org

ABOUT US

The Garrett County Health Department provides leadership in promoting environmental and individual health through education, regulation, health promotion, and disease prevention, detection, treatment, and care.

In cooperation with other resources, the Health Department is responsible for assisting the community and its citizens to assume responsibility for both individual health and the health of the community.

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Public Health
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A PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION BOARD

GARRETT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dental Clinic
Family Planning Clinic
Flu Clinic
Mental Health Clinic
Rabies Clinic
Medical Assistance Transportation
Healthy Families
Early Head Start Home Visits
MD Children's Health Program
Nurse Case Management
Childbirth Classes
Socialization (birth to age 5)
Child Development Info. Line

GARRETT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
301-334-7777
1025 Memorial Drive
Oakland
<https://garretthealth.org>



Child Development Info. Line
Breastfeeding Services
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention

Home Health

Skilled Nursing
Occupational Therapy
Home Health Aide Services
Nutritional Services
Medical Social Services
Telehealth



Personal Health

AERS
Cancer Programs
Community Disease Surveillance
Family Planning
Immunizations
Zika Virus Clinic



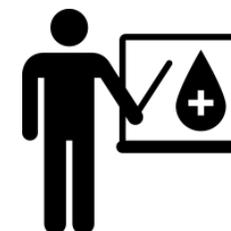
Education & Outreach

After School Programs
Bike Safety
Child Safety Seats
Diet Consultation
Healthy Community/Healthy Youth
Just Like You!
Partners After School
Smoke Detector Info.
Tobacco Cessation
WIC



Environmental Health

Burn Permits
Food Protection
Percolation Tests
Sewage Disposal Systems
Water
Wells





**GARRETT COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION
COMMITTEE – 301-334-9431
104 E. Center Street, Oakland**

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

- Head Start
- Early Head Start
- Judy Center
- After School Programs
- Wrap Around Day Care



FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

- 2nd Generation
- Parent Education
- Parent GED
- Budgeting/Financial/Energy Costs Counseling
- Homebuyers Program Workshop



AGING HEALTH & NUTRITION

- Information and Assurances
- Long Term Care Services
- Nutrition Programs
- Senior Centers
- Meals on Wheels



**MARYLAND
LEGAL AID**



MARYLAND LEGAL AID

**Kimberly Connaughton, Esq.
301-777-1221 ext 308 or 240-702-3284
kconnaughton@mdlal.org**

Maryland Workforce Legal Services

Made possible by funding from the Maryland Legal Services Corporation

Meet one-on-one with a Maryland Legal Aid attorney to discuss your civil legal issues:

**Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
At the Oakland Armory**

Registration is not required. Attendees are assisted on a first-come, first-serve basis. For information, call 240-702-3284.

Do you need help expunging your criminal record?

Are you being sued or harassed by bill collectors?

Do you need help with child support or visitation?

Are you facing eviction or foreclosure?

Do you have a landlord-tenant issue?

GARRETT COUNTY JOB STATISTICS

From the last US Census and the Department of Labor
And Maryland Commerce

There were 13,937 jobs in Garrett County at the time of the last US Census. It is estimated that there will be 12,383 households in Garrett County in 2020.

The occupations with the most workers were as follows:

Construction
Health Care
Education
Social Assistance
Retail Trade
Accommodations
Food Service
Recreation Services
Management
Computer Services
Administrative Services
Banking
Real Estate
Rental and Leasing Services
Manufacturing
Mining
Transportation
Warehousing
Forestry
Agriculture
Public Administration

Top employers in Garrett County:

Garrett Regional Medical Center - 500 employees
Beitzel/Pillar - 330
Garrett College - 255
ClosetMaid - 230
Wisp Resort - 220
Goodwill Retirement - 190
First United Bank - 180

Highest growth is in jobs that require specialized training or certifications. Maryland has 22% growth in jobs requiring a bachelor's degree, which is higher than the national average.

The window is closing rapidly for jobs available without a high school diploma or GED.

The median household income in Garrett County is \$48,174. It is \$57,652 for the US, as a whole. The average household income in Garrett County is \$63,130. In the US, it's \$81,283.

On-Line College

Want to get a degree, certificate, or career advancement training but find yourself unable to attend classes at Garrett or Allegany?



There is a solution. Today, there are thousands of on-line colleges, but they are not all created equal. It is important to research them before signing up. Beware of the words "fast track". It may mean higher costs and/or greater complications in getting a better credential later.

Do



Don't

- Make sure credits transfer
- Look for hidden costs
- Check On-line for Student Comments
- Do your research
- Take college advertising at face value
- Assume all colleges are alike
- Take the "fast track" until you know exactly what that means



A few good suggestions

There are many good on-line schools. Here's some..

Hagerstown Community College – Offers on-line Associates, Certificates, and Letters at Community College Pricing. Does have a major in Administrative Assistant

University of Maryland University College – Offers a Bachelor's degree for \$12,000 if you already have an Associates from a junior college in Maryland.

Geneva College – Top Value School US News & Word Reports

Liberty University – Ranked in top 1% for on-line colleges

Ed2go with Garrett College – Only offers career advancement and skill improvement. www.ed2go.com/garrett



<https://garrettcollege.emsicc.com>

Career Coach is a FREE resource designed to help individuals explore careers by providing the most current local data on wages; employment; education; and training, as well as a career assessment that considers the student's interests; skills; and values.



*Curious about what careers fit best with your interests and personality? Wonder if there are careers out there that you don't know about?

How much does it pay? What kind of training or education would I need? How many of those jobs are out there? Would it fit me?



A proud partner of the **americanjobcenter**

**VETERANS' REPRESENTATIVE
ALLEGANY COUNTY JOB CENTER**
Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning

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138 Baltimore St., Suite 102, Cumberland
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The state's American Job Centers offers a variety of services to assist veterans, transitioning military personnel, and other qualified individuals. Priority of service is given to veterans and their eligible spouses who meet certain eligibility requirements.

Local veteran employment representatives work with businesses, contractors, and employer organizations within local areas to develop career opportunities for veterans. The Disabled Veterans Outreach Program staff also provides specialized intensive employment assistance to eligible veterans with employment and training needs.

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MWE – MARYLAND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT JOB SEARCH WEBSITE

www.mwejobs.maryland.gov/

Are you looking for a job? Or, has Unemployment told you to sign up for the MWE?

JOB MATCHING SYSTEM FOR JOB SEEKERS AND EMPLOYERS

or go to the **Western Maryland Consortium** at the Oakland Armory for assistance with registration. Once signed up, individuals can access the system at any time to see job listings posted. Individuals can upload or create a resume that resides on the site to make applying to various jobs easier.

The MWE often has job listings that are not listed on other internet job services.

Instructions to sign up: Go to www.mwejobs.maryland.gov/ In the box on the right-hand side, select the yellow bar that says “REGISTER”. Follow the directions as they system directs, step-by-step. This will set up an account for you. Make sure you keep a record of your username and password where you can access it.

To search for a job once you are set up with an account, go to www.mwejobs.maryland.gov/ and put in your username and password in the box on the right-hand side. Click on the yellow bar that says, “SIGN IN”. Once you are in, there will be a link on the right-hand side, at the top of the column that says, “JOB SEARCH”. Click on that link. In the “Search Criteria” box type “Garrett County” instead of an occupation as it requests. This will give you a listing of all jobs in the Garrett County area.

If you are on Unemployment, they will also require you to put you’re your search contacts on this same site. You will find the “Work Search Log” in the middle column, half way down the page, after you put in your username and password and enter the site.

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