

Unified Community Connections (Unified)
2018 Fact Sheet

General Organization Information

- Originally founded in 1953 as United Cerebral Palsy of Central Maryland by a group of parents and concerned citizens, Unified Community Connections (Unified) is today a large, dynamic non-profit organization providing thousands of hours of services and support each year to both children and adults with a wide variety of disabilities and chronic health issues throughout the state of Maryland.
- In FY18 Unified provided direct services and supports to more than 1,000 individuals with disabilities throughout Maryland.
- Unified is headquartered in Hunt Valley, Md., in Baltimore County, with four satellite centers located throughout the state. One each in Baltimore, Frederick, Hagerstown, and Cumberland. Unified also operates the Delrey School in Lansdowne for children with disabilities ages two to 21.
- Unified's core services include Day Program Services, Residential Services, In-Home Support, No Boundaries Assistive Technology Center, Supported Employment Services, Transportation Services, and Children's Services through the Delrey School.
- The broad range of services Unified provides are tailored to meet the unique needs of each individual, helping to fulfill their hopes and dreams by connecting them to life's possibilities and supporting them in living as independently as possible.
- 90 cents of every dollar donated to Unified goes directly to programs, services and priority needs of the organization.
- Primary funding sources for operations are the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) (88%), Department of Education (DOE) (8%), Medical Assistance Programs (MA) (3%) and Fundraising (1%).

Program Highlights

- 46 residential homes providing year-round 24-hour support to 146 individuals with disabilities in barrier-free agency owned or leased single-family homes and apartments maintained throughout the state.
- More than 250 individuals regularly attended Unified's Adult Day Programs, in four centers across the state.
- 58,694 hours of personal care assistance were provided to individuals in need of support in order to remain in their own homes.
- More than 100,000 transports were provided for adults enrolled in Unified's day and residential programs via the agency's lift-equipped vans and buses to attend day programs, go to work, make medical appointments, and other personal and leisure activities.
- 36 individuals were provided with assistance in job selection, interviewing, training, and maintaining both paid and volunteer positions in dozens of different places of employment throughout the state.
- 26 students enrolled in the Delrey School received comprehensive services, including special education classes certified by the Maryland State Department of Education integrated with the latest therapeutic techniques and communication strategies to help better engage them in learning.

- The No Boundaries Assistive Technology Center completed 260 augmentative communication assessments and 480 personalized training sessions for children and adults with communication difficulties throughout the state.

Mission

The agency's mission is to support individuals with disabilities in achieving independence, productivity, and the quality of life they seek.

Vision

The agency's vision is to be recognized for excellence and leadership in providing innovative person-centered supports, making us the agency of choice for individuals with disabilities and their families, and the employer of choice for human service professionals.

History

Originally founded in 1953 as United Cerebral Palsy of Central Maryland, Unified Community Connections began offering its first day program to 10 children in 1964. Through its history, the organization grew to launch an adult day program in 1976, create alternative living units through its residential services program in 1978, open an independent living center in 1980, and fund a supported employment program in 1985, among numerous other milestones for meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities.

Leadership

Diane K. Coughlin, President & CEO

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