

Unified Community Connections (Unified)  
2021 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 FY21 Unified provided direct services and supports to more than 1,000 individuals with disabilities throughout Maryland.
- Unified is headquartered in Sparks, Md., in Baltimore County, with four satellite centers located throughout the state. One each in Baltimore (Middle River), Frederick, Hagerstown, and Cumberland.
- Unified's core services include Meaningful Day Services, Residential Services, No Boundaries Assistive Technology Center, and Transportation Services.
- 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.
- 89 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) (91%), Medical Assistance & Other Programs (7%) and Fundraising (2%).

**FY19 Program Highlights**

- 43 residential homes provided year-round 24-hour support to 145 individuals with disabilities in barrier-free agency owned or leased single-family homes and apartments maintained throughout the state.
- More than 220 individuals regularly participated in Unified's virtual Adult Day Habilitation Programs.
- 36,875 hours of personal care assistance was provided to individuals in need of support in order to remain in their own homes.
- Daily transports were provided for adults enrolled in Unified's day and residential programs via the agency's lift-equipped vans and buses to go to work, make medical appointments, and other personal and leisure activities.
- The No Boundaries Assistive Technology Center completed 202 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**

Amy Kreitz, President & CEO

Ellen Milles, Board Chair

Rob Freedman, Board Vice Chair

**More Information**

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