

LISS RESOURCES & FAQs



What is LISS?

Low Intensity Support Services (LISS)

The Developmental Disabilities Administration's Low Intensity Support Services (LISS) Program serves children living at home with their family and adults with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities living in their own home in the community who are not receiving any support services from the DDA. The LISS program's goal is to ensure that children and adults with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities live happy, healthy, independent lives while being integrated into their communities across their lifespan. Below are just a few highlights:

It is flexible to meet the needs of children as they grow and adults as they mature across their lifespan. And;

Provides up to \$2000 to assist eligible children and adults with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities with purchasing eligible services and/or items to address their needs. And;

Enhances or improves the quality of life, for eligible children and adults with developmental and /or intellectual disabilities as well as promotes independence and community integration.

The LISS Program's Random Selection Application is now electronic and can be accessed in two locations on the DDA's website.

<https://health.maryland.gov/dda/pages/liss.aspx>

Where do we apply?

Details can be found here: <https://health.maryland.gov/dda/pages/liss.aspx>

Who gives out the money and answers questions?

There are two LISS Program Providers:

Maryland Community Connection

Attn: LISS Unit

4401 Nicole Drive, Lanham, Maryland 20706

Phone: 301-583-8880/Toll free: 877-622-6688

Website: <https://bit.ly/LISSMCC>

Counties served: Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's and St. Mary's, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester

Penn-Mar Human Services

Attn: LISS Unit

310 Old Freeland Road, Freeland, Maryland 21053

Phone: Toll free: 877-282-8202/TTY: 711/Fax: 410-357-4767

Website: <http://www.penn-mar.org/liss>

Counties served: Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard and Washington

Who can help me with my LISS application or questions?

Penn-Mar Human Services is a nonprofit that is contracted with the state to oversee LISS funds and work directly with families.

For those in the Penn-Mar counties (Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard and Washington), Penn-Mar offers webinars and 1:1 appointments for questions:

<https://www.penn-mar.org/liss/application-assistance/>

What can I spend LISS funds on?

Here's a family guide, which includes instructions and options for spending your grant:

<https://www.penn-mar.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/English-Version-Final-FY2023-Applicant-and-Family-Guide-062022.pdf>

Tips and Tricks from other Families:

1. I highly recommend scanning and saving all the verification paperwork because you can use the same documents (like to verify disability) every year and it gets a lot easier. -Anna
2. Try to use LISS for big-ticket items if possible, it's less paperwork to send in (example: if you're paying in \$5 increments, you'd have to prove you've spent each \$5.... it's a lot) -Rachel
3. I would highly recommend — if you have the ability to do so financially — to pay for it first, and then submit your invoice receipts and proof of payment to LISS for reimbursement. It can take notoriously long and I honestly don't know if I'd trust that fencing companies would know what to do with a check from LISS (or obviously front you the money) - Rachel
4. you don't have to have everything set to put in the LISS application - the application is just a 1-pager, and then the proof-of-disability and itemized requests for services/purchases is once you're selected - and they give you about a month post-selection to figure all that out. - Allegra
5. LISS Funding is not income- we aren't receiving cash funds, we are receiving items/services for our children through grant funding. - Amy