

Benefits Enrollment Center



The Benefits Enrollment Center (BEC) supports young adults and their families in navigating the transition after graduation



Our Mission

The Arc Prince George's County is an inclusive organization committed to empowering people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and their families, and those navigating life-changing circumstances, including seniors and others in need of assistance accessing healthcare and essential services.



Providing support, understanding, and opportunities for a lifetime.





• Screen

• Educate

• Assist

- Prince George's County residents
- 18 years and older
- State and Federal benefits eligibility
- Comprehensive disability report





Why BEC Matters


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1) School Services End at 21

Once a student exits school:

- IEP services end
- School-based transition support ends
- Daily structure changes
- Families may feel overwhelmed or unsure what comes next

2) Many Families Do Not Fully Understand Adult Benefits

BEC helps families understand and apply for:

- Supplemental Security Income : SSI
- Medicaid : Medical Assistance
- Developmental Disability Administration: DDA
- Employment support
- Transportation support
- Utility assistance

3) Youth with Disabilities Often Need Income Stability after Graduation

After school ends, many young adults:

- Do not immediately obtain full-time employment
- May be in day, employment, or community-based programs
- Need financial support while building independence

4) Health Coverage (Medicaid) Is Critical During Transition

BEC helps protect access to:

- Medicaid
- Medicaid waivers (when applicable)
- Other healthcare-related supports

This is important so families do not experience a gap in medical coverage

5) Benefits support independence- not dependence

Benefits are a bridge, not a barrier

BEC can help families understand:

- How benefits can support the youth while they build skills
- How to work while receiving benefits (when eligible)
- How to use work incentives
- How benefits planning supports long-term independence

6) It Reduces Family Stress and Confusion

BEC gives families:

- Guidance
- Application support
- Document checklist
- Referrals
- Reassurance
- A clearer transition plan

7) It Helps Connect Youth to the full Adult System of Support

BEC is a doorway to broader adult transition success. It can support connection to:

- DDA services
- DORS vocational services
- Medicaid and waiver-related resources
- Community living supports
- Transportation supports
- Employment and training programs
- Food and housing resources



8) It Supports Equity For Families Who Face Barriers

BEC can provide:

- Step-by-step guidance
- Culturally responsive support
- Referrals
- Advocacy
- Clearer access to resources

BEC Benefits Overview

- **Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA):** Lifetime Supports
- **Supplemental Security Income (SSI):** Medicaid & Cash Assistance
- **Medicaid:** Health Care
- **Metro Access:** Transportation
- **DORS:** Employment
- **Low Intensity Support Services:** Purchase of Care
- **Summer Scholarships:** Reimbursements



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