



**Anne Arundel County
Commission on Disability Issues
2024 Annual Report
Steuart Pittman, County Executive**



2024 Membership

Voting Members January 2024 through December 2024

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| Karen Adams- Gilchrist | April Anderson-Comithier | Laura Anderson |
| Pamela Bukowski | Katie Collins-Ihrke | Darren Comedy |
| Lovely Grandfield | Phillip Holloway | Gregory Snyder II |
| Jody Thomas | | |

**Ex-Officio Agencies/Entities and their Representatives(s)
January 2024 - December 2024**

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| Community and Disability Services ADA Coordinator Jennifer Jackson | Assistant Director of Disability and Community Services Brandi Francis | County Council Councilman Nathan Volke, District |
| County of Annapolis Hilary Riggio, Mayor's Office | Department of Public Works Alexander Baquie | Department of Inspections & Permits Badanu Raghavenderrao |

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| Department of Recreation and Parks Mark Garrity | Department of Social Services Deanna Morgan | Health Department Thom McCarty |
| Mental Health Agency Catherine Gray | Office of Planning and Zoning Christina Pompa | Police Department Captain John Mahaffee |
| Office of Transportation Tanya Asman | Office of the County Executive Kaley Schultz | |



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Meeting Dates:

The Commission on Disability Issues met on the second Tuesday of the month from 1-3 PM six (6) times this year. Six (6) of the scheduled meetings were virtual meetings via Zoom.

2024 Accomplishments

- ❖ Participated as a panelist at the Human Relations Meeting on Fair Housing Testing, hosted by the Office of Equity and Human Rights in April 2024.
- ❖ Organized the annual Disability Awareness Day in October 2024 at the Severn Center, in collaboration with the Anne Arundel County Department of Aging and Disabilities. The event honored Jillian Amodio for her advocacy on behalf of individuals with disabilities and mental health awareness. Ten awards were presented to businesses and non-profit organizations serving Anne Arundel County.
- ❖ Collaborated with the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County and the Department of Aging and Disabilities to host the 2024 Artists Without Limits art exhibit at the Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library in July. The event, renamed the Nina De Angelo Artists Without Limits Exhibit in memory of Nina De Angelo, celebrated over 20 artists with disabilities.
- ❖ Supported the Disability Inclusion Committee under the Healthy Anne Arundel initiative of the Department of Health and contributed to planning the 2025 Healthy Anne Arundel Day.
- ❖ Partnered with the Department of Aging and Disabilities to distribute essential comfort items to veterans at Charlotte Hall during the 2024 holiday season.
- ❖ Promoted the Assistive Technology Program in partnership with the ADA Office and the Department of Aging and Disabilities.
- ❖ Advised the County Executive's Office on the impact of 2024 legislation affecting residents with disabilities in Anne Arundel County.



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2025 Goals

- Collaborate with county departments and organizations to host events like Artists Without Limits and Disability Awareness Day.
- Establish committees to direct Commission activities, including legislative, community outreach, and transportation initiatives.
- Review and report on legislation impacting individuals with disabilities at local, state, and federal levels.
- Advocate for inclusive community planning and represent disability interests in transportation and health initiatives.
- Participate in disability awareness training and support ADA-related projects.
- Expand outreach through media, social media, and events, increasing visibility with regular updates and new platforms.
- Support County Executive Pittman's vision by broadening the Commission's advisory role on disability issues.
- Broaden the advisory role of the Commission on Disability Issues to focus on areas that support the vision of County Executive Pittman to be *The Best Place- For All*.