

SILA APPLICATION PROCESS

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To find out more about the SILA program, get a **SILA application** and information packet from your BCDSS case worker or your attorney. You can also download one from BCDSS's website at [www.bcdss.org](#) or call the Ready by 21 program at 443-423-6134 to request one.

Review the information to find out if the SILA program is right for you. If you have any questions, contact your case worker or your attorney.

Give the **completed application** to your caseworker for review. Once your caseworker reviews the **application**, he or she will sign the application and give you a copy. If there is a problem with the **application**, your caseworker will help you correct it.

Fill out the application completely and sign it. If you have any questions, contact your caseworker or your attorney.

Your caseworker will return the **completed application** to:

Angela Smith
Ready by 21 Program
1920 N. Broadway
Baltimore, MD 21213
443 423 6134

The Ready by 21 Specialist will review your **application** and schedule an **interview** with you and your caseworker within three business days. You, your caseworker and your attorney will get a letter in the mail confirming the interview.

At the SILA interview, you will be asked why you want to be in the SILA program and how you are going to manage your expenses and maintain your living arrangement.

The SILA program will send you a letter the next business day letting you know if you have been admitted into the program.

If your application is denied, your letter will explain why and how you can ask for a review of the decision.

If you have been approved, you will be assigned a SILA worker. Your SILA worker will meet with you within 30 days to set up a SILA budget, develop a service agreement and make sure that you don't have any questions.

You will receive a SILA payment each month until your 21st birthday.

Note: If your SILA payment is going to be stopped for any reason, you will get a letter explaining how you can ask for a review of the decision.