

What is THE FUSE?

THE FUSE is a monthly, pop-up 21+ nightclub experience featuring some of Maryland's top performers. We welcome everyone—of all abilities—to enjoy a vibrant, inclusive nightlife atmosphere.

Where is THE FUSE located?

The address is 8855 Veterans Highway, Millersville, MD 21108. The building is owned by local nonprofit, Opportunity Builders, Inc. (OBI) and used each Monday – Friday to provide an array of services to individuals with disabilities.

When does THE FUSE take place?

THE FUSE is held on the 1st Saturday of each month, from 6 - 10pm. Check our website or social media for upcoming dates!

Who can attend?

Anyone 21 and older is welcome! Our venue is fully accessible to ensure a great experience for all guests, including those with disabilities.

Is THE FUSE only for people with disabilities?

No. THE FUSE is designed to fully accommodate people with disabilities, while also attracting people without disabilities – that's what makes us so unique!

Ten years ago, another local nonprofit launched Club1111, a nightclub in Baltimore that exclusively serves people with disabilities. Club1111 became wildly popular, proving the vast demand among people with disabilities for a nightlife.

Fast forward to 2025, with the understanding that people with disabilities deserve to be fully included in all aspects of life, OBI has put our own inclusive spin on things to create THE FUSE.

Does a support staff or caregiver have to be over 21?

Support staff/caregivers need to be at least 18 years old; this is the only exception to the 21+ rule! In order to gain entry, anyone under the age of 21 will need to show identification and verification that they are indeed support staff (i.e., business card, staff badge, letter from employer, etc.).

Do support staff or caregivers have to pay the cover/buy a ticket?

Yes, in order to gain entry to THE FUSE, everyone will need to purchase a ticket online for \$10, or at the door for \$15. This includes support staff or caregivers who may be accompanying an individual with a disability.

Do I need to purchase tickets in advance?

We highly recommend purchasing tickets ahead of time as events can sell out. Tickets are also cheaper when purchased online in advance. They are \$10 online, and \$15 at the door. Limited tickets may be available at the door. Visit our website for ticket details.

Is THE FUSE wheelchair accessible?

Yes! Our venue is fully wheelchair accessible, and we strive to accommodate all accessibility needs. If you require special accommodations, please contact us in advance.

What makes THE FUSE accessible for people with disabilities or those with significant health or medical conditions?

To ensure THE FUSE provides a safe space for EVERYONE we will have an on-site registered nurse and behaviorist, as well as specially-trained staff & security team. We also have a sensory lounge for anyone who may need to take a break, offering a quieter space with interactive sensory furniture and equipment.

What type of entertainment can I expect?

Each event features some of Maryland's best artists including a live band and DJ playing at the same time, in different rooms. Expect an exciting mix of musical genres, dancing, and a high-energy nightclub experience like no other.

Are there food and drinks available?

Yes! Our venue offers a selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks in addition to Food Trucks and light snacks. Please note that outside food and beverages are not allowed.

Does THE FUSE have a full bar?

No, each of our three bars offer a great selection of popular canned beverages, but no hard liquor or poured/mixed drinks. You can expect domestic and imported beers, flavored seltzers and vodka sodas, wine, and canned cocktails. We will also have non-alcoholic beer.

Each of our three bars will also sell plenty of non-alcoholic drinks such as sodas and water.

How can I apply to perform at THE FUSE?

We are always looking for talented bands & DJs, particularly those who routinely perform in and around Anne Arundel County. If you're interested in being considered, please email us at thefuse@obiworks.org with your contact information and links to your work!

Is it ok to just bring a copy of someone's I.D. instead of the actual I.D.?

No. In order to enter THE FUSE, everyone will need to present a valid form of photo identification to prove they are 21 or older. Acceptable forms of photo ID include a drivers license, state-issued ID (issued by MVA), passport, or military ID.

Can I reserve a table for my party?

No, unfortunately we cannot offer table reservations due to limited seating availability. You will find a mixture of high-top and low-top tables available for all guests.

Is there parking on-site?

Yes, there is a huge parking lot at Opportunity Builders, Inc. (OBI) that can hold over 100 vehicles. Unfortunately, we are not located on a public transportation route.

Will there be security?

Yes, we will have a paid team of unarmed security guards on-site for each night of THE FUSE.

If an agency is purchasing tickets for an individual with a disability and knows that agency staff will be accompanying the individual to THE FUSE, but they don't yet know who the specific staff person will be, how do they purchase tickets since you need to include names when purchasing?

In this situation, the agency should purchase the ticket for the individual by entering the individual's name, but instead of a specific staff name, they can put "Name of Individual Being Supported + Agency Name + staff". For example, if Sam Jones is a person with a disability supported by the Arc, and the support staff name is currently unknown, the agency should purchase two tickets as follows: 1) Sam Jones, and 2) Sam Jones_Arc_staff

Is the on-site nurse available for appointments?

No, the nurse is present in case any medical needs that occur while guests are at THE FUSE. We recognize that anything can happen at any time, so our nurse is on-site to assist with things like seizures, dizziness, sudden illness, etc. Of course, for any true medical emergencies, the nurse will call 911.

Is THE FUSE funded by DDA or another funding source like OBI's other services are?

No, in fact there is no funding for something like THE FUSE! OBI decided to launch THE FUSE because we deeply believe in the need for more inclusive nightlife opportunities, but we are relying on our community to help.

Please check out our <u>sponsorship packages</u> and encourage everyone you know to get involved.

How can I get involved?

We are always looking for volunteers, performers, and sponsors who align with our mission of an inclusive nightlife. Visit our website to sign-up to volunteer, sponsor, buy tickets, or to contact us!

Who do I contact for additional questions?

For any other inquiries, please reach out to us at thefuse@obiworks.org