Agency Overview
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DJS Vision & Mission

Successful youth, Strong leaders, Safer communities

• By law, DJS is a child-serving agency responsible for assessing the individual needs of referred youth and providing intake, detention, probation, commitment, and after-care services.

• DJS collaborates with youth, families, schools, community partners, law enforcement, and other public agencies to coordinate services and resources to contribute to safer communities.
Roles and Responsibilities in Maryland’s Juvenile Justice System

**Courts**
- Determine whether or not it is safe for the child to remain in the home or is in need of out-of-home placement (detention)
- Ensure the youth’s needs are being met

**DJS**
- Juvenile intake
- Diversion services
- Detention
- Investigation
- Probation
- Residential facilities
- Aftercare services
- Treatment service plans
Key Decision Makers in the JJ System

Federal & Maryland Legislation

State’s Attorney

DJS

Youth & Family

Judges/Masters

Police

Public Defender

Education
Behavioral Health
Child Welfare
DJS Regions

Maryland Department of Juvenile Services
Regional Map

- Baltimore City
- Central
- Western
- Eastern Shore
- Metro
- Southern

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DJS Detention Facilities

Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center (Montgomery County)
Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center (Baltimore City)
Charles H. Hickey, Jr. School (Baltimore County)
Cheltenham Youth Detention Center (Prince Georges County)
Lower Eastern Shore Children's Center (Wicomico County)
Thomas J.S. Waxter Children's Center (Anne Arundel County)
Western MD Children's Center (Washington County)
DJS Committed Facilities

Staff Secure
Backbone Mountain Youth Center (Garrett County)
Green Ridge Youth Center (Allegany County)
Meadow Mountain Youth Center (Garrett County)
Savage Mountain Youth Center (Allegany County)

Hardware Secure
J. DeWeese Carter Center (Kent County)
Victor Cullen Center (Frederick County)
Hallmarks of the Developmental Approach

1. Accountability Without Criminalization;
2. Alternatives to Justice System Involvement;
3. Individualized Response Based on Assessment of Needs and Risks;
4. Confinement Only When Necessary for Public Safety;
5. A Genuine Commitment to Fairness;
6. Sensitivity to Disparate Treatment; and
7. Family Engagement
DJS’s Continuum of Care

- EBP Alternatives to Placement
- Wraparound
- Drug Treatment*
- Foster Care
- Group Home
- Residential Treatment
- Special Services
- Behavioral Placement
DJS Residential Programs Levels

**Level I – Community Residential**
- Traditional Foster Care, Treatment Foster Care
- Group Home, High Intensity Group Home
- Alternative Living Unit
- Independent Living

**Level II – Staff Secure Residential**
- Group Home, Therapeutic Group Home with on-grounds School*
- Intermediate Care Facility for Addictions
- Residential Treatment Center (Medicaid)
- Non-Medicaid Residential Treatment Facility
- Behavioral Program (e.g., Youth Center)

**Level III – Hardware Secure Residential**
- Hardware Secure Residential Treatment Facility (Medicaid)
- Hardware Secure Non-Medicaid Residential Treatment Facility
- Hardware Secure
Licensing and Monitoring Unit Mission

• Enhancing services that meet the needs of Maryland’s youth by conducting comprehensive monitoring of residential and non-residential programs to ensure the well-being and safety of youth in DJS care.
Overview of DJS L&M Unit

• The Licensing and Monitoring is one of seven units within the DJS Office of Inspector General.

• Licensing and Monitoring (L&M) is responsible for conducting reviews of and providing technical assistance to DJS licensed, contracted per-diem private provider programs, out-of-State residential programs, and non-residential community-based programs in which DJS places youth for supervision and treatment. L&M is focused on assuring compliance with applicable standards/regulations and partnering with providers to deliver effective services to youth. L&M is also responsible for the implementation and oversight of the Department's licensing process and works in close partnership with other Maryland child-serving agencies to coordinate licensing, monitoring and regulatory processes.

• L&M staff is responsible for monitoring residential child care programs in order to assure the health, safety and well-being of the youth placed with private provider agencies.

• Currently contracts with over 100 or more residential programs and DJS licenses 3 Residential Childcare Programs that hire RCYCP’s.