



Successful Youth • Strong Leaders • Safer Communities

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

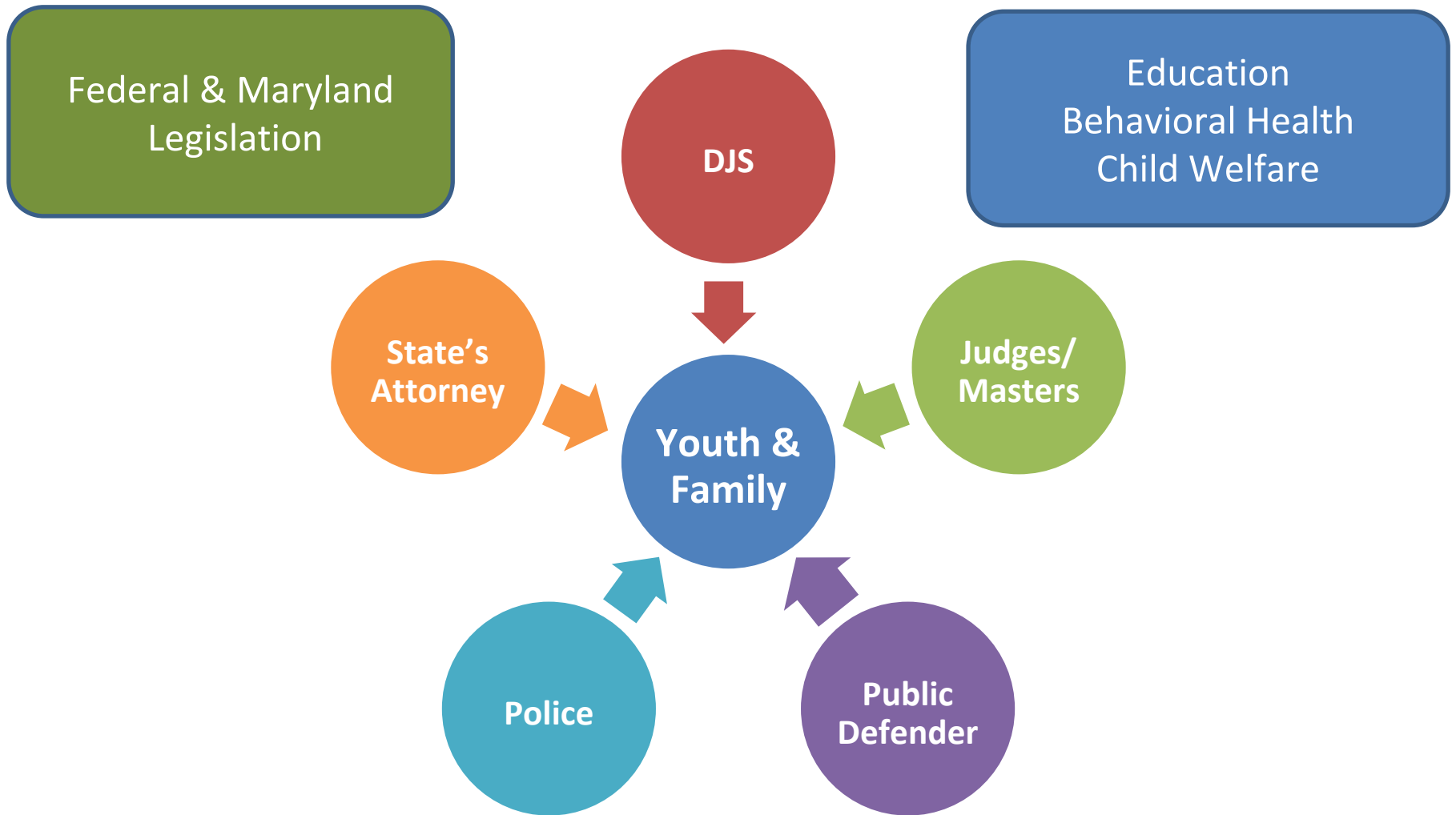
Courts

- 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



DJS Regions



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

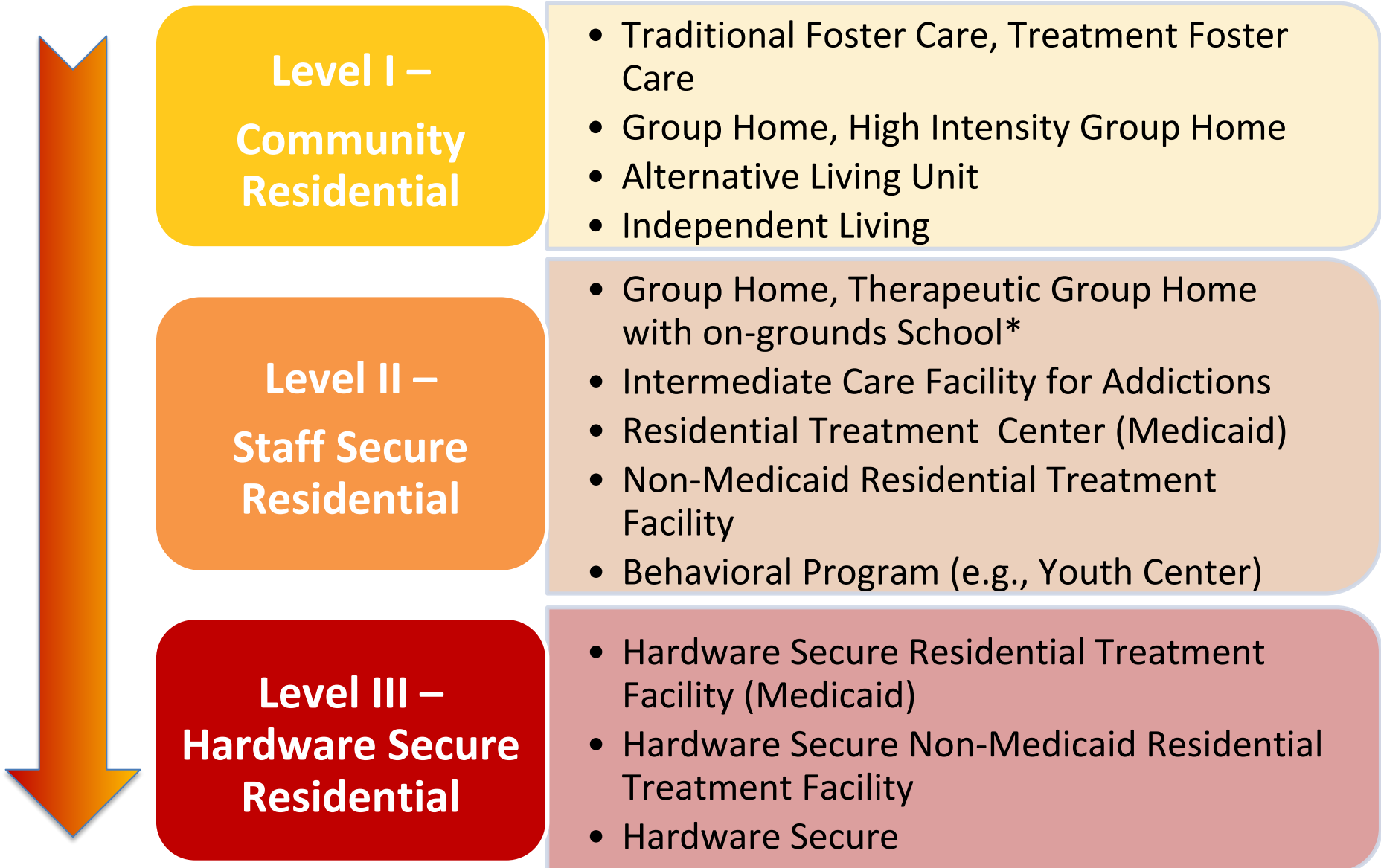
Residential Treatment

Special Services

Behavioral Placement



DJS Residential Programs Levels



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.