Department of Juvenile Services Historical Evolution Highlights Since 2007

2007

- Victor Cullen Center reopened
- Maryland Youth Residence Center (MYRC) closed
- SB 359 - DJS Reorganization and Regionalization

2008

- Thomas O'Farrell Youth Center closed
- SB 742 - Residential Child Care Program Bill of Rights
- Prince George's County Day/Evening Reporting Center opened
- VPI began in Baltimore City (Jan.) & Statewide (Nov.)
- Group Home Reform: Keeping MD Youth in MD Per Diem Reduction Initiative

2009

- Collaboration with Operation Safe Kids (OSK) in Baltimore City & Prince George's County
- Silver Oak Academy (private provider) opened

2010

- HB 1382 - Juvenile Records Disclosure
- Child Safety Net Dashboard launched

2011

- SB 62 - Juvenile & Education Records Disclosure
- HB 1190 - Child in Need of Supervision Pilot Program Expansion
- Committed females moved from Thomas J.S. Waxter Children's Center to J. DeWeese Carter Center
- CHALLENGE Program implemented at Carter Center

2012

- Screening for victims of human sex trafficking began at Thomas J.S. Waxter & Alfred D. Noyes Children's Centers
- Central Review Committee Implemented
- SB 245 - Continuum of Care Legislation
- CHALLENGE Program implemented in all facilities by October

2013

- HB 245 - Juvenile Information Sharing Increased
- Approval of Silver Oak Expansion
- U-13 Initiative commenced in Baltimore City
- Training sessions held on signs &responses to human sex trafficking victimization among youth

2014

- U-13 Initiative expanded to Prince George's County
- Screening for victims of human sex trafficking began at Charles H. Hickey Jr. School

2015

- AIM implemented statewide
- DJS facilities audited earned 100% compliance with federal PREA standards
- SB 172/HB 618 - Eligible youth charged as adults requiring detention held in juvenile detention
- Cross-Over Youth Initiative implemented in Prince George's County

2016

- Cheltenham Youth Facility (capacity=115) changed to Cheltenham Youth Detention Center (capacity=72)
- VPI ended
- William Donald Schaefer House closed
- Continuum of Care Legislation expired
- Offices of Family Engagement and Equity and Systems Reform created
- Remaining DJS facilities audited earned 100% compliance with federal PREA standards

2017

- Cross-Over Youth Initiative implemented in Montgomery County
- Behavioral Health Diversion Initiative pilot implemented in Baltimore City & Wicomico County