



DEPARTMENT OF  
JUVENILE SERVICES

# DJS Initial Facility Assessment

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DJS staff conducted facility visits to:

- ✓ Assess current facility education space;
- ✓ Identify potential needs relating to classroom, technology and CTE programming space; and,
- ✓ Begin to develop potential solutions and opportunities to address education programming needs.

This is an initial assessment to help support the board and in-coming superintendent as programming and curriculum plans develop.

# Staff Secure Youth Centers

Backbone Mountain Youth Center	Mountain View	Green Ridge Youth Center
Located: Swanton, MD (Garrett County) Male Treatment Facility	Located: Swanton, MD (Garrett County) Female Treatment Facility	Located: Flintstone, MD (Allegany County) Male Treatment Facility
Capacity: 48	Capacity: 6	Capacity: 30

## Backbone Mountain:

- Classroom Space
  - Add to current education building approx. 700 sq feet
  - Estimated costs \$210k (depending on building material type)
- Career Technology Building
  - Renovate first floor into classroom and practicum area
  - Estimated costs \$15-20k
  - Partner with DNR - pond on-site for aquaculture
- Create additional three bay storage area (Education, Residential, Maintenance)
  - Estimated costs \$70-80k

## Mountain View:

- Classroom Space is Adequate
- CTE Programming
  - Hydroponic Garden Volunteer Program Development

## Green Ridge:

- CTE Programming
  - Expand current educational building 40' to accommodate for classroom space, woodshop and storage
  - Limited expansion due to flood plain
  - Cost estimates = \$650,000

# Hardware Secure Committed Programs

Victor Cullen	Garrett Children's Center
Located: Sabillasville, MD (Frederick County) Male Treatment Facility	Located: Lanaconing, MD (Allegany County) Male Treatment Facility
Capacity: 48	Capacity: 24

## Victor Cullen:

- Classroom Space
  - New Education Building (approx 10,000 sq feet) current footprint and expansion
  - Current lease ends June 30, 2025 (trailers will reach end of life cycle)
  - Rutledge Hall could become temporary education space - youth units stripped, electric and data drops added; open areas converted to classroom space.
  
- Current "recreation building" divided in half to accommodate two classrooms
  - Approximate cost \$5k to \$10K
  - Recreation space (video games etc) would be moved onto individual living units

## Garrett:

- Classroom Space
  - Education Trailer – purchase
  - Current lease expires on March 1, 2023
    - Buyout option of \$295k
    - New 5 year lease is \$143,760.00 annual or \$718,800
    - \$423,800 + cost savings to the State if purchased versus continual renewal just for 1 renewal period

# Detention Facilities

Charles H. Hickey School	Lower Eastern Shore Children's Center
Located: Parkville, MD (Baltimore County) Male Detention Center	Located: Salisbury, MD (Wicomico County) Co-Ed Detention Center
Capacity: 72	Capacity: 24

## Charles Hickey:

- Classroom Space
  - Current lease ends October 2023 (trailers will reach end of life cycle)
  - Exploring options for renovation to existing buildings for permanent education site or need for alternative programming space

## LESCC:

- Classroom Space
  - Adequate based on current population
  - Need to identify space for GED lab if expansion is approved (otherwise mobile lab could be utilized)

# Additional Education Programming Considerations

## GED Labs:

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- Currently 2 sites (CHHS and Greenridge)
- Current mobile lab (2) – can expand up to 15 units at no additional cost
- Expand # of sites - \$450.00 fee + computers
  - Need to determine interest in proctor certification
  - Eliminates need to transport and house youth between facilities to take the test
  - Streamlines process for eligible students and test taking

## Vocational/Certification Programs:

- Career Technology
  - Need to determine feasibility of Auto-Tech program
    - Requires new building (similar to current maintenance) with three bay, including truck/car lift; tire mounting, balancing system etc. And classroom space
    - Site visit to Worcester County Technical School
- CTE building expansion 60x24 for Music and Graphic Arts/Design - including production room. Use the current shed for production storage. Approximate cost for adding on to the existing building would be approx \$650K