

# Backbone Mountain Youth Center

## The Program



- \* The Backbone Mountain Youth Center is an all-male committed program run by the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services and is located in Garrett County.
- \* Youth placed here work toward completion of identified treatment goals as noted in their individualized treatment service plans.
- \* Backbone Mountain Youth Center serves up to 48 boys from across the State.
- \* All staff are trained in trauma-informed care.

## Education

- \* The Maryland State Department of Education provides accredited education in which youth will receive credit that can be transferred to their home school.
- \* Serv-Safe is offered at all DJS facilities by MSDE.
- \* The Department of Juvenile Services has a partnership with Garrett Community College.
- \* Eligible youth may obtain their GED or Advanced Studies such as college courses.



## Family Involvement & Visitation

The Department welcomes family visits during visitation hours. Please make sure to bring identification with you when you come to the facility. Authorized visitors may include mother, father, legal guardians, grandparents, stepparents, siblings, stepsiblings, children of youth, and any other administratively approved persons. If you have any questions about visitation, please contact the facility case manager.



### Visitation Hours:

Monday - Friday: 4 - 6 PM

Saturday - Sunday: 1 - 3 PM

(virtual and on-site visits need to be pre-arranged)

## Contact Information



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**Backbone Mountain Youth Center**

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## Behavioral Health Services



All youth receive a behavioral health screening when they enter the facility. Available services are provided by certified or licensed clinicians:

- \* Psychoeducation group (social skills training and aggression replacement techniques)
- \* Substance use education and treatment (Seven Challenges)
- \* Trauma, addictions, mental health and recovery for youth group (TAMAR-Y)
- \* Crisis counseling
- \* Medication management
- \* Family counseling
- \* Individual counseling
- \* Individual trauma counseling

## Somatic Health Services

- \* All youth receive a health assessment when they enter the facility.
- \* The facility has an on-site nurse to meet the medical needs of each youth. Additionally, there is an on-call physician and a designated hospital emergency contact.
- \* The Department partners with the Allegany County Health Department and community providers for health, wellness, and additional health care needs.



## Activities

The Department partners with community organizations, churches, and civic organizations to provide programming for youth at the facility. Backbone Mountain Youth Center provides youth the opportunity to participate in:

- \* Writing Competitions
- \* Faith-based Activities
- \* Fine Arts



- \* Fitness and Sports
- \* Life Skills Development
- \* Tutoring

Community Case Worker: .....

Facility Case Worker:.....

Court Dates: .....

Notes:.....

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**THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR SEXUAL ABUSE OR SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF YOUTH. IF YOU SUSPECT OR HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF A YOUTH BEING SEXUALLY ABUSED OR SEXUALLY HARASSED BY EITHER A STAFF MEMBER OR ANOTHER YOUTH PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AT 855-821-2103.**