

Thomas J.S. Waxter Children's Center

The Program



- * The Thomas J.S. Waxter Children's Center is an all-female detention center run by the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services and is located in Anne Arundel County.
- * Youth are held here while they await their court date or placement.
- * Waxter Children's Center can serve up to 42 youth from across the State.
- * All staff are trained in trauma-informed care.

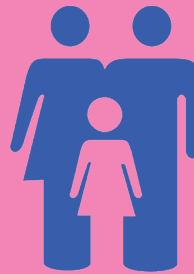
Education

- * The Maryland State Department of Education provides accredited education in which youth will receive credit that can be transferred to their home school.
- * Students are provided year-round education and spend six hours a day in the classroom. Serv-Safe is offered at all DJS facilities by MSDE.
- * 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:

Thursday: 6 - 8 PM
Saturday: 2 - 4 PM

Once a month, the facility offers a special visit for youth and families where they participate in an activity or learn new information from a guest speaker.

Contact Information



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Behavioral Health Services

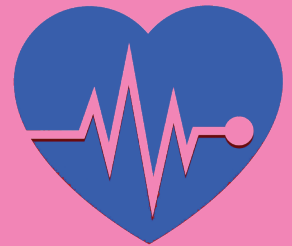


All youth receive a behavioral health screening when they enter the facility. Available services are provided by certified or licensed clinicians:

- * Crisis counseling
- * Psychoeducation
- * Evaluations
- * Services for survivors of human trafficking
- * Medication management
- * Substance use education

Somatic Health Services

- * All youth receive a health assessment when they enter the facility.
- * The facility has on-site around the clock nursing staff to meet the medical needs of each youth. Additionally, there is an on-call physician and a designated hospital emergency contact.



Activities

The Department partners with community organizations, churches, and civic organizations to provide programming for youth at the facility. Waxter Children's Center provides youth the opportunity to participate in:

- * Book Club
- * Writing Competitions
- * Faith-based Activities
- * Leadership Development
- * Fine Arts
- * Fitness and Sports
- * Life Skills Development
- * Tutoring
- * Yoga



Community Case Worker:

Facility Case Worker:.....

Court Dates:

Notes:.....

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