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**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES AND BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE
HOP ON THE “CYCLE” TO SUCCESS**

Baltimore, MD – The Maryland Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) is always looking for innovative ways to provide court-ordered youth in the juvenile justice system opportunities for successful outcomes while ultimately creating safer communities.

In an effort to achieve these objectives, the Department is announcing an initiative along with the Baltimore County Police Department (BCoPD), starting September 12. The program will be known as “CYCLE” (Community Youth Connecting with Law Enforcement).

DJS officials will coordinate community curfew checks of Baltimore County youth who are under intensive supervision by the Department with the assistance of BCoPD officers up to twice a month. These visits will supplement the youth’s existing contact from their DJS Case Manager. Personnel from both departments will visit the youth in the evening to ensure that they are compliant with his or her terms of supervision.

“The Department is very excited to partner with Baltimore County Police on the ‘CYCLE’ initiative,” said DJS Secretary Sam Abed. “Our hope is that our kids will see another side of law enforcement that will help prevent them from making poor decisions.”

This program will not only foster a working relationship between DJS and BCoPD, but will create relationships and familiarity between police officers and Baltimore County youth, as well as the community. The ultimate goal of this program is to maintain public safety throughout the County, as well as make a positive impact on each youth.

“It is vital that the Police Department works with our federal, state and local partners including the Department of Juvenile Services to ensure that Baltimore County continues to be a safe place to live and raise a family,” said Baltimore County Police Chief Terrence B. Sheridan.

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