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DJS Announces Major Facility Realignment Plan *4 Facilities to Close and an Expansion of the Cheltenham Campus*

Baltimore - The Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) is announcing a major facility realignment based on the current youth population, demographics, and a desire to locate DJS facilities closer to the communities where youth live.

In its upcoming Capital Improvement Plan, DJS is proposing to close two detention and two residential treatment facilities. The realignment calls for the closure of the Thomas J.S. Waxter Children's Center, the Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center, Mountain View, and the Green Ridge Youth Center. The Department will construct a new co-ed treatment facility and expand the existing Cheltenham Youth Detention Center.

Not only will these moves better support DJS' needs, but it will also modernize the facilities, reduce the Department's footprint, and ultimately keep more youth closer to their families and other community support systems.

"This realignment is about consolidating our resources, investing in our programs, and getting our young men and women closer to home," said DJS Secretary Sam Abed. "I am grateful for our hardworking and dedicated staff, and I am pleased to report this plan will result in no layoffs."

All staff affected by this realignment will have the opportunity to transfer into other critical roles within the Department, including residential and community-based positions. Additionally, the realignment provides DJS access to a larger and more diverse labor pool for future recruitment.

Proposed Realignment:

- Thomas J.S. Waxter Children's Center (42 beds) – closure January 2022.
- Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center (57 beds) – closure FY2025.
- Mountain View (6 beds) and Green Ridge Youth Center (30 beds) – closure FY2027.
- New Girls Detention Wing at the Cheltenham Youth Detention Facility (24 beds) – FY2025.
- New Treatment Center on the Cheltenham Campus (48 beds) – FY2027.

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