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Department of Juvenile Services

The Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) is an executive agency whose primary task is to appropriately manage, supervise and treat youth who are involved in the juvenile justice system in Maryland.
Detention Facility – serves youth who are pending a court hearing and require secure custody for the protection of themselves or the community. This includes youth awaiting adjudication, charged as adult awaiting a transfer hearing, and youth awaiting placement in a committed facility.

Committed Facility – serves youth that are court ordered, post-disposition, to an out-of-home treatment facility to receive rehabilitative services. Committed facilities are classified as either community based residential, staff secure, or hardware secure.
Juvenile Justice Reform Council

✓ Selected Vera Institute of Justice as the Technical Assistance Provider
   Conducting comprehensive data review and analysis from all components of Maryland’s Juvenile Justice System

✓ Statewide Regional Listening Sessions to Gather Public Input
   Regional listening session dates can be found at: https://djs.maryland.gov/Pages/Juvenile-Justice-Reform-Council.aspx

✓ Committed to Evaluating Council Policy Recommendations Through a Racial Impact Assessment Lens
DJS DATA TRENDS
Maryland Juvenile Complaints Have Declined Significantly

- Between FY2010 and FY2019 Maryland juvenile complaints referred to DJS Intake declined 53.5%

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DATA SOURCE: DJS ASSIST. FY2019 DATA.
Maryland Juvenile Complaints Have Declined Significantly In All Categories

- Misdemeanor complaints referred to DJS Intake declined 56.2% in ten years.
- Crimes of Violence declined 43.2% over the same period.
Complaints Have Declined Significantly in All Regions

Between FY10 and FY19 Regional complaints declined between **35.1%** and **78.9%**.
The Maryland Juvenile Detention Population Has Declined Significantly

- The average daily population in DJS detention declined 37.6% since FY2010, to 280.7 in FY2019.
- Cases detained for the Adult Court now make up 36.6% of the DJS detained population.
Cases Transferred to Juvenile Court

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Committed Youth Population Has Declined Sharply

- The total average daily population (ADP) of Maryland youth committed by the juvenile court to out-of-home placement declined **57.3%** over 10 years, from 928.0 in FY2010 to 395.9 in FY2019.
- Most of that decline, **55.9%**, occurred since FY2014.
Since FY2011, the proportion of newly committed youth who were low risk decreased by nearly half, from 20.2% to 11.3%.
Rates of Recidivism Remain Relatively Flat, While Committed Youth Are Increasingly Higher Risk

- Since FY 2013, the rates of juvenile or adult reconviction and reincarceration one year from release declined 2.7 and 4.6 percentage points, respectively.
The Report was requested by the Budget Committees in the 2019 Joint Chairman’s Report to evaluate the effectiveness of both DJS programs.

### Alternative to Detention (ATD)
- DJS uses an objective risk assessment tool to identify youth that are appropriate to be supervised in the community through an ATD rather than be placed in detention.
- ATDs Include:
  - Community Detention
  - Electronic Monitoring
  - Evening Reporting Centers

### Informal Pre-Court Supervision
- DJS uses an objective risk and needs tool to identify youth to be informally supervised in the community rather than being forwarded to court for formal processing.
- DJS has independent discretion to place misdemeanor offenders on informal pre-court supervision.
- The State’s Attorney must approve youth charged with a felony or handgun violation.
DJS Pre-Court Supervision Outcomes

During Fiscal Year (FY 2016 – FY 2018):

✓ 4 out of every 5 youth successfully complete pre-court supervision

Of the Youth Placed on Informal Pre-court Supervision:

✓ 96% of youth **DO NOT** have any new adjudicated offenses while under supervision
✓ 90% of youth **DO NOT** have any adjudicated offenses during a one-year follow-up period
Alternative to Detention Outcomes

More than 80% of youth on ATDs successfully completed their supervision, appearing for court and having no new offenses.
Baltimore City Juvenile Complaints Have Declined Significantly Over the Past 10 Years

- Baltimore City complaints referred to DJS Intake declined 78.9% in 10 years.
- Statewide complaints declined 53.5% over the same period.

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Juvenile Complaints in Baltimore City Have Declined Across All Categories of Offenses
Juvenile Probation and Commitment Orders Have Declined

- Baltimore City Juvenile probation orders declined 81.0% in ten years. Statewide probation orders declined 58.6% over the same period.

- Baltimore City juvenile commitments declined 36.0% in ten years. Statewide commitments declined 52.8% over the same period.
Baltimore City Refers Cases to Juvenile Court at a Much Higher Rate than the Rest of the State

Case Forwarding Decisions, Baltimore City and Maryland (Excluding Baltimore City), FY 2018

- **Baltimore City**
  - Petition to State’s Attorney: 78.1%
  - Informal (Pre-Court Diversion): 15.9%
  - Resolved/No Jurisdiction: 6.0%

- **Maryland (excluding Baltimore City)**
  - Petition to State’s Attorney: 42.1%
  - Informal (Pre-Court Diversion): 16.1%
  - Resolved/No Jurisdiction: 41.7%

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Although 78.1% of Baltimore City Complaints are Referred to Juvenile Court, Most Receive No Services

Of that 78.1%...
Since 2008, Juvenile Homicides Have Declined as a Percentage of all Homicides in Baltimore City

In 2008, juveniles accounted for 13% of homicides in Baltimore City; since 2012, they represent 5-7%
Baltimore City Strategic Partnership

Goals:

• Improving Public Safety
• Supporting our Communities
• Intervening with Youth Earlier
• Supporting Diversion Efforts
• Increasing Access to Evidence Based Programs

Department of Juvenile Services
Baltimore City Police Department
Baltimore City State’s Attorney’s Office
Mayor’s Office
Crossover Youth Practice Model

Partnership with Georgetown University

Continuing to Expand

Working across systems for dually involved youth

CYPM Toolkit

Legend
- First CYPM Sites
- Second CYPM Sites
- Third CYPM Sites
- Fourth CYPM Sites

Prepared by: DJS Research & Evaluation
Date: October 9, 2019
Family Peer Support

Engaging Youth and Families at Critical Points

September 2018: Piloted in 5 Jurisdictions

October 2020: Projected Statewide Rollout
Facility Updates

- Family Transport to Committed Facilities
- Anytime Visitation for Families
- Increased Youth Access to Phone Calls
- Engaged Vera Institute on Overarching Treatment Plan Improvements
Resources

DJS Website
www.djs.maryland.gov

Data Resource Guides

Juvenile Justice Reform Council
https://djs.maryland.gov/Pages/Juvenile-Justice-Reform-Council.aspx

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