

Backbone Mountain Youth Center

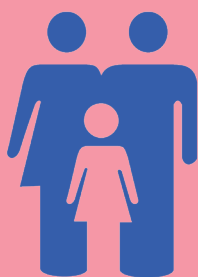
The Program

- * The Backbone Mountain Youth Center is an all male treatment program run by the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services. The facility is staff secure and is located in Garrett County.
- * Youth work toward completion of identified treatment goals as noted in their individualized treatment service plans.
- * Backbone Mountain Youth Center serves up to 24 youth from across the State.
- * Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is an evidence-based framework that guides the behavior motivation system using data based decision making.
- * All staff are trained in trauma-informed care.

Education

- * The Juvenile Services Education Program (JSEP) is an independent education program housed in the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) which provides comprehensive educational services to all students placed in a DJS detention and/or residential facility.
- * JSEP schools facilitate individualized education that builds on students' strengths preparing them for continued success and positive engagement in their communities.
- * Students attend school six hours daily, year-round. Coursework is aligned with the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) standards and each student is enrolled in classes which meet their graduation requirements.
- * Student opportunities include Career and Technology Education (CTE) certifications, specialized instruction, GED preparation and testing, comprehensive school counseling supports, and post-secondary options.

Family Involvement & Visitation



- * Daily Visitation is offered seven days a week and requires a 24-hour notice from the family to the Facility Case Manager.
- * In-person and virtual visitation appointments cannot be scheduled during school and meal times.
- * Significant persons are permitted, meaning any individual identified by the youth who plays a supportive role in the youth's life. This could include a coach, mentor, teacher, or an additional family member, etc. *Note: This will be in effect once there is no longer limited visitation.*

Contact Information



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Behavioral Health Services

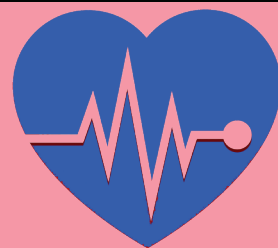


All youth receive a behavioral health screening when they enter the facility. Available services are provided by certified or licensed clinicians:

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

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
- * Greenhouse/Gardening
- * Fruit Harvesting
- * Woodworking
- * Reflections
- * Fishing
- * Pet Therapy



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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.