MARYLAND Department of Juvenile Services

Thomas J.S. Waxter Children's Center

Successful Youth • Strong Leaders • Safer Communities

DJS MISSION: **By law, DJS is a child-serving agency responsible for assessing the individual needs of referred youth and providing intake, detention, probation, commitment, and after-care services. DJS collaborates with youth, families, schools, community partners, law enforcement, and other public agencies to coordinate services and resources to contribute to safer communities.**

DJS welcomes parents, legal guardians, and grandparents to visit youth during visiting hours. Special visits can also be requested through the Facility Case Manager or Superintendent.

VISITATION HOURS:

Thursday:

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday:

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Mural created by youth at Thomas J.S. Waxter Children's Center

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PROGRAM:

The Thomas J.S. Waxter Children's Center, located in Anne Arundel County, is one of seven secure detention facilities operated by the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services (DJS). The Center serves up to 42 girls from across the State, between the ages of 12-18. The facility implements a structured behavior management program. All youth receive comprehensive evaluations that include medical, mental health, educational, and substance abuse screening during admission. Specialized programming includes life skills, substance abuse education, and anger management groups. All youth are afforded access to medical services. Recreational, religious, and volunteer programs also are provided, as well as a variety of enrichment activities.

EDUCATION:

The Maryland State Department of Education provides accredited educational and vocational programming to each youth at the facility. Eligible youth may obtain their General Educational Development (GED) or concentrate on advanced studies.

DJS 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 FACILITY ADMINISTRATOR AT (301) 362-6160.

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