

Opened in September 1977, the Center is a secure regional detention and evaluation facility for youths from Montgomery and western Maryland counties. Located in a semi-urban part of Montgomery County, it can serve forty young people, from as young as age 8 to as old as age 18 (Code 1957, Art. 83C, sec. 2-117).

THOMAS J. S. WAXTER CHILDREN'S CENTER

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Opened in November 1963, the Thomas J. S. Waxter Children's Center then was called the Southern Maryland Children's Center (Chapter 38, Acts of 1962). The Center was renamed in 1963 to honor Thomas J. S. Waxter, the Director of the State Department of Public Welfare from 1953 until his death in 1962. (Chapter 131, Acts of 1963).

The Waxter Children's Center is a facility for juvenile detention and evaluation. It houses some sixty-two minors from as young as age 8 to as old as age 14. Located in a semi-rural part of Anne Arundel County, the Center serves Anne Arundel and Howard counties, and Baltimore City, but also Prince George's and Baltimore counties (Code 1957, Art. 83C, sec. 2-117).

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

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Educational Services administers and supervises education programs for youth placed in detention and residential facilities of the Department. The unit offers instruction in English, math, science, social studies, physical education, music and art, remedial reading and math; and prepares students for the General Education Development (G.E.D.) test.

Educational Services receives funding from and is subject to rules and regulations of the State Department of Education. To receive federal funds, it provides special education that meets the needs of disadvantaged youth. Most facilities also offer vocational training.

HEALTH SERVICES

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Health Services coordinates and oversees health care for youth admitted to the Department's care and custody. Medical services include an assessment of immediate medical needs by a nurse, a physical examination and health history, immunizations, laboratory tests, dietary services, dental care, sick care, and emergency treatment.

Many youth entering Department facilities have behaved irresponsibly and face complex health problems, such as chronic untreated medical conditions, sexually transmitted diseases, illnesses related to drug or alcohol abuse, tuberculosis, teenage pregnancy, or a poor self-image. Health Services teaches youth to prevent disease and take responsibility for their health.

Health Services also provides clinical, managerial and administrative guidance to health service personnel in Department facilities and programs. The nurse manager at Health Services advises nurses at juvenile facilities on treatment. The nurse manager also tracks youth from one juvenile facility to another, monitoring their health care. For physicians who treat youth in the Department's care, and for pharmacy and medical laboratory services provided to these youth, Health Services writes and manages contracts. It also oversees intergovernmental agreements for health care to youth in Department facilities. In addition, Health Services monitors expenditures for services and organizes continuing education seminars for clinicians.

DEFUNCT DEPARTMENTAL AGENCIES

ADMINISTRATIVE & PROGRAM SERVICES DIVISION

In 1996, Division functions were reorganized: administrative services were assigned to Administration under the Deputy Secretary; and program responsibilities stayed with the Program Services Division.

COMMITTED PROGRAMS

Under the Residential Services Division, merged with Detention Programs in 1996 to form Committed and Detention Programs.

DETENTION PROGRAMS

In 1996, merged with Committed Programs to form Committed and Detention Programs under the Residential Services Division.

DONCASTER BOOT CAMP

This Charles County residential camp was designed for juveniles who committed nonviolent offenses.

It closed in April 1996. Since then, such youth have been sent to other institutions under the Department of Juvenile Justice.

PATTERSON HOUSE

This group home for girls closed in Oct. 1992. Thereafter, responsibilities of the program were assigned to the Maryland Youth Residence Center.

PLACEMENT & EXPENDITURE MANAGEMENT

Under the Program Services Division, renamed Placement Services in 1996.

PROGRAM MONITORING

Under the Program Services Division, renamed Standards and Compliance in 1996.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM SERVICES

Under the Program Services Division, renamed Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services in 1996.