



CHOICE VISION

Envisioning communities where youth make choices that strengthen their lives, their families, and their world.

CHOICE MISSION

Strengthening communities through innovative, family-focused strategies that connect youth to opportunities for positive choices.

QUESTIONS?

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INTENSIVE ADVOCACY

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES

The **DJS Intensive Advocacy Program** provides an effective and cost-efficient alternative to the incarceration of youth. We believe young people thrive when they have access to supportive resources and are able to contribute to, and connect with, their communities.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Who We Serve:

- Young people aged 8 - 18 in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Prince George's County & Montgomery County
- Referred from the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) in need of supported supervision

What We Offer:

- Strengths-based services adapted to meet individual needs in youth development, advocacy & resource brokering
- Services that develop youth accountability & reduce recidivism & disproportionate confinement of minority youth

PROGRAM SERVICES

Youth Development

- Consistent connection to positive role models
- Informal counseling & conflict resolution
- Structured recreational, educational, & community service activities
- Job readiness training & employment development
- Weekly school visits aimed to increase attendance & performance

Family Engagement

- Assistance in navigating school & court systems
- Accompaniment to court hearings
- 24/7 crisis intervention

Monitoring

- Daily visits to youth in their home & community
- Curfew checks & probation support
- Goal-setting

Community Resources

- Liaison to DJS to report youth progress
- Case management & referral services for family & youth needs



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