Tip Sheet

Family Visitation at a DYRS Facility

The Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) strongly encourages family members and caregivers to visit their youth who are housed in a secure detention facility and to keep in touch with them by phone during this pivotal time in the youth's life. Visitation and contact is also believed to reduce recidivism.[1] If the youth is at a community-based residential facility, please talk with the youth's case manager about visiting hours and check the information online at http://dyrs.dc.gov/page/visiting-your-youth.

DYRS Locations

New Beginnings Youth Development Center

8400 River Road, Laurel, MD 20742

- Each youth may have up to three visitors at a time.
- Visiting hours are held every Saturday and Sunday from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm.
- Visitors must arrive by 2:00 pm.
- DYRS offers free transportation to New Beginnings every Saturday and Sunday. The bus is scheduled to arrive for pick up at the Minnesota Avenue Metro Station at 11:00 am and departs promptly at 11:54 am. The bus departs New Beginnings at 2:30 pm.

Youth Services Center (YSC)

1000 Mt. Olivet Road, NE, Washington, DC 20002

- The youth has 30 minutes per visit with a limit of two visitors at a time.
- Visitors must arrive at least 30 minutes before the end of the visitation period.
- Visiting hours are held according to the following schedule:

Tuesdays and Saturdays

- For youth on the housing unit A/B 100, Tuesday from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Saturday from 11:00 am-noon
- For youth on the housing unit C/D100, Tuesday from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm and Saturday from 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm

Thursdays and Sundays

- For youth on the housing unit A/B 200, Thursday from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm and Sunday from 11:00 am to noon
- For youth on the housing unit C/D 200, Thursday from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Sunday from 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm

---

[1] Source: http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0022427808317574

People Permitted to Visit Youth

- Parents or guardians
- Siblings
- Parent of a youth's child (if under 18, must visit with child)
- Youth's child
- Youth's attorney of record
- Other adult with close relationship to youth (with approval of facility superintendent or designee)

Required Visitor Identification

- **Over the age of 14:** Valid government-issued photo identification with name, address and date of birth.
- **Under the age of 14:** Valid identification (i.e., school ID) and must be accompanied by an adult with valid government-issued identification.
- **Attorneys/Legal Representatives:** DC or state bar card or Public Defender Service credentials, plus government-issued ID.

Permitted Items

All visitors to New Beginnings or the Youth Services Center are subject to searches, which may include physical pat downs, metal detector scans, examination of electronic hand devices, and searches of other property. **Note: Entry may be denied for failure to submit to a search.**

Both facilities have small lockers to store any of the following personal (or unauthorized items):

- Small purse or wallet
- Keys
- Feminine hygiene items
- Prescription medication needed for emergency use (i.e. epi-pen)
- Coats

Please note that a family member with an infant is allowed to bring one bottle of formula, one diaper, two wipes, and one clear plastic bag.

Dress Code

Visitors must wear appropriate clothing with sufficient coverage (i.e., no tank tops or halter tops, no open-toed shoes, nothing provocative, revealing, or too tight). Clothing must be free of images that reflect profanity, illegal substances, alcohol, tobacco, or sexually explicit material.

Maryland Juvenile Justice System

The MD Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) is an executive agency with the primary task of appropriately managing, supervising, and offering treatment for youth who are involved in Maryland's juvenile justice system. Each county, office, and facility has its own regulations for visitations, dress codes, etc. For details, social workers should contact the individual facility. Listings are provided online at http://djs.maryland.gov/Pages/facilities/index.aspx.