

# MARYLAND YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION

## July 2024 Newsletter



Welcome to the July MYJC newsletter! Each month we will assemble all the latest need-to-know news about MYJC and what's happening for youth across Maryland. Please share your community events, local news, needs, and actions with us by emailing [gail@advancemaryland.org](mailto:gail@advancemaryland.org).

Share this newsletter with your network and encourage them to sign up to receive their own copy [here](#).

Did you miss our June newsletter? Find it and all of our newsletters [here](#).

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Legislative success in 2025 depends on MYJC's ability to organize this summer and fall.** MYJC will use the summer to attend community events across the state and host some events of our own. We are looking to connect with as many community groups as possible. We need MYJC members to help connect us to communities, volunteer at local events and join us at our events. Our priority areas include Baltimore City, Baltimore Co., Prince George's Co., Montgomery Co. and Anne Arundel Co.

Join the community engagement workgroup every other Thursday at 1pm. Email [alice@advancemaryland.org](mailto:alice@advancemaryland.org) to sign up.

If you can't join the workgroup, but can make introductions to organizations, please let Alice know.

## RECAP

## AHEAD

## June MYJC Retreat

On June 20th, we gathered in Baltimore for our annual MYJC retreat. We had great turnout and enjoyed seeing each other in person! We talked about community engagement, youth leadership, legislative plans for 2025, and more. Stay tuned!

*Photo of MYJC members at the June retreat.*



Join MYJC on Monday, July 8th for a presentation from the Governor's Office for Children about the Governor's ENOUGH Initiative (Engaging Neighborhoods, Organizations, Unions, Governments, and Households). This is a state-wide, community-led, place-based investment strategy to surge resources into neighborhoods that have been disproportionately impacted by systems and policies that limit wealth creation and economic mobility. They will tell us about open grant opportunities and how to apply for ENOUGH grants. Email [alice@advancemaryland.org](mailto:alice@advancemaryland.org) to join the call.

## IN THE NEWS

**Did you know that Baltimore City only has one social worker to support youth who become court involved?** Her job is to assess “the complex needs of children charged with low- to moderate-level crimes,” and connect them to services and support. Instead, “she estimates about 90% of her time is spent with teens charged as adults. That almost always leaves kids in juvenile court

without a social worker, and decisions left to judges, prosecutors and others without O'Neill's expertise." Read this great article from the [Baltimore Banner](#) for the full story (subscription required).

**Summer nights in Fells Point are back in the news.** When the weather warms up, crowds of people flock to Fells Point and police are called in to control the crowds. Year after year we read stories about concerning behavior by adults and young people alike, but the focus of the media, BPD and Ivan Bates always falls on youth. The Baltimore Sun draws attention to this annual issue in [this article](#).

**Sinclair Media and propaganda** – check out [this deep dive from Salon](#) on Baltimore-based Sinclair Broadcast Group and the role they play in spreading misinformation about national political issues.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### “AND, HOW ARE THE CHILDREN?”

#### Panel Discussion + Q&A

**A Review and Recap of HB 814 and YES Act**  
End the practice of automatically charging children as adults!

#### Upcoming Community Events

**July 23, 2024**

**6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Prince George's  
Community College**  
301 Largo Road, Largo,  
MD 20774 –  
Chesapeake Hall,  
Room 109

Scan to RSVP for  
July 23, 2024 >>>  
[bit.ly/3W7yYKB](https://bit.ly/3W7yYKB)



**July 30, 2024**

**6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**First Baptist Family  
Life & Cultural  
Center**  
528 Booth Street,  
Salisbury, MD 21801

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[bit.ly/3W0wE88](https://bit.ly/3W0wE88)



**Join the Office of the Public Defender**  
for two community panel discussions  
about legislative changes affecting  
youth from this past session.

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301 Largo Road, Largo, MD 20774  
Chesapeake Hall, Room 109

[RSVP here](#)

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Please contact  
[brianna.nave@maryland.gov](mailto:brianna.nave@maryland.gov) with  
questions about these events.



**Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland  
2024 Legislative Session Recap  
and Town Hall**

July 25, 6:30pm-9pm  
Rooted Bible Fellowship Church  
1605 Waltman Rd, Edgewood, MD  
21040  
[RSVP here](#)



Have an upcoming event you want us to highlight in the August newsletter?  
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