

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- [Get Free or Low Cost Internet](#)
- [Child Care Scholarship](#)
- [Housing Navigators/ 11am-4pm](#)
- [Rental Assistance](#)
- [BCC Free for Summer 2023](#)
- [Low Income Water Assistance](#)
- July 5th- August 10th- [CEYS Free Summer Enrichment](#)
- July 5th- [Cooking with Ms.Karen](#)
- July 7th- [Franciscan Canter- Help with documents and SNAP benefits, dental & vision](#)
- July 21st, 24th-25th, 27th, 31st- [Free Eye Exam and Free Glasses for Kids](#)
- July 27th- [Free Dental Extractions/ 8am-5pm](#)
- July 29th- [Mt. Pleasant AME Church Shred Day/10am Baby Essentials.](#)
- [Pregnancy and Postpartum Coverage](#)
- July 26th- [Free Food and Diapers/1pm-2pm](#)
- July 26th- [Summer Diaper Giveaway/1pm-2pm](#)
- [Clothing Resources](#)
- Every Tuesday- [Clothing boutique at Joy Baltimore](#)
- Every Tuesday & Thursday- [Free Food Clothing and Furniture](#)
- July 11th- [Clothing Closet/1-3pm](#)
- July 25th - [Clothing Closet/1-3pm](#)
- [Food Resources](#)
- [Baltimore City Public School Meal Sites](#)
- Every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday- [Food Pantry/ 9:30am-12pm](#)
- Every Tuesday- [Love Thy Neighbor Food Pantry/ Noon- 3pm](#)
- Every Tuesday & Thursday- [Food Giveaway/ 12pm-2pm](#)
- Every Thursday- [Free Fresh Food Boxes/ 12pm-4pm](#)
- Every Friday- [Free Toiletries & Food/ 11am-12pm](#)
- July 11th & 25th- [The community Health & Home](#)
- July 19th- [Mt. Pleasant AME Church Community Fresh Produce Distribution/10am](#)
- July 20th- [Food Pantry](#)
- July 22nd- [Food Distribution/7am](#)
- July 28th- [Drive-thru Food Distribution/ Noon-2pm](#)
- [Hiring Events](#)
- [Healthcare Training Program](#)
- [Free Summer Meal](#)
- [Level up Training](#)
- [Free Training in Solar Services](#)
- July 12th & 19th- [Chase Remote Customer Service Information Sessions](#)
- July 12th & 26th- [Westside Youth opportunity Center Hiring Event/ 8:30am-4:30pm](#)
- July 13th- [Habitat for Humanity Workforce Development Program Information Session](#)



July 2023 Newsletter

Maryland Ranks Fourth for Rate of Prisoners Convicted as Children



During the previous legislative session, Maryland State senators brought forward a piece of legislation known as the Youth Equity and Safety Act (YES Act). The purpose of this bill was to end the automatic charging of juveniles as adults in the state of Maryland for some offenses. Unfortunately, the bill failed Maryland Senate. As if to illustrate the point that the bill made, a recent report indicated that Maryland has one of the highest rates of adult prisoners who were sentenced as children in the country. This report entitled "Crimes Against Humanity: The Mass Incarceration of Children in the United States" indicated that 1,132 prisoners in Maryland were incarcerated as children. This is 6% of the states prison population, twice the national average. Maryland is one of only nine states in the country with more than 1,000 prisoners sentenced as children.

This report argues that these numbers from Maryland represent the state's "tough-on-crime" sentencing policy that is in opposition to the current rehabilitation-focused juvenile justice system. But even with this updated perspective in the Maryland juvenile justice system, it is impossible to ignore the racial element of the reality that is charging children as adults. 90% of people who were sentenced as children were people of color (81.3% Black and 5.3% Hispanic). The average length of these sentences for these children was over 25 years.

Summer Fun



- [Baltimore City Summer Hub](#)
- [High School Summer Pass 2023 at Planet Fitness](#)
- [Join the Creative Nomads for Free Drumming with Dad this Summer](#)
- [Natural Born Champions Summer Camp](#)
- [City Schools Free Summer Programs](#)
- [Pool openings - Baltimore City](#)
- [Free Desert Summer Program](#)
- [Summer Field Trips](#)
- July 10th - August 11th- [Restoring Inner City Hope Summer Program](#)
- July 10th - August 11th- [Druid Heights Summer Camp](#)
- July 14th - August 26th- [B-more Midnight Basketball/ 6pm-12am](#)
- July 8th& 22nd - [Saturday Night Live Teens only/ 6pm-10pm](#)

July Awareness

- Disability Pride Month
- National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month
- French-American Heritage Month
- National Bison Month
- Plastic Free July
- UV Safety Awareness Month



Featured Articles:

- <https://tinyurl.com/4fd6aw2t>
- <https://tinyurl.com/43s26v95>

Maryland Cannabis Possession & Use: What You Need to Know



- Adults are legally permitted to possess up to 1.5oz. of cannabis.
- Cannabis use in a motor vehicle is illegal under Maryland law. Officers may make DUI arrest if they observe impairment
- Adults may grow up to 2 cannabis plants in their homes for personal use.
- It is still a crime to drive under the influence of a controlled substance.
- Possession with intent to distribute is STILL a felony.
- Interstate transport is STILL illegal under federal law.