

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
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COMMITTEE ON RECREATION, LIBRARIES, AND YOUTH
AFFAIRS
NOTICE OF OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004**

**COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTINA HENDERSON, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

AND

**COUNCILMEMBER BROOKE PINTO, CHAIRWOMAN
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

AND

**COUNCILMEMBER TRAYON WHITE, SR., CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON RECREATION, LIBRARIES, AND YOUTH AFFAIRS**

ANNOUNCE A JOINT OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE

ON

Public Safety & Behavioral Health Services and Support for Youth

ON

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 1:00 p.m.

Hybrid in Room 500 and Virtual via Zoom

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Councilmember Christina Henderson, Chair of the Committee on Health, Councilmember Brooke Pinto, Chair of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, and Councilmember Trayon White, Sr., Chair of the Committee on Recreation, Libraries, and Youth Affairs announce a joint oversight roundtable on Public Safety & Behavioral Health Services and Support for Youth. The oversight roundtable will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

This oversight roundtable will examine the relationship between public safety and youth behavioral health in the District of Columbia. The objective is to assess the current behavioral health services system in the District, with a specific focus on services tailored to youth up to age 26, including substance use disorder treatment. This includes youth under the supervision of DYRS, youth charged with delinquency or criminal conduct, youth receiving services or targeted for services by a District violence prevention or interrupter program, or youth identified by a District agency, school, community-based organization, or community members as likely to be a victim or perpetrator of crime, especially crimes of violence.

The oversight roundtable will explore the availability, accessibility, and effectiveness of behavioral health services for identified youth, as well as strategies for improving the coordination and delivery of these services. Discussion will extend to the pivotal roles played by agencies, schools, community-based organizations, and individual community members in identifying youth in need of specialized support. Emphasis will be placed on devising strategies to decrease the likelihood of youth involvement in violent crimes through increased access to coordinated services. Additionally, the oversight roundtable will delve into collaborative approaches to foster the well-being of District youth and explore avenues for increased collaboration among agencies, service providers, and the broader community.

The oversight roundtable will have a hybrid format, with the government witnesses appearing in-person, and public witnesses appearing both in-person and virtually using the Zoom platform. Public witnesses will have 5 minutes to speak if they are representing an organization, and 3 minutes if they are speaking for themselves. The public should sign up at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Hearings>. The deadline to sign up is Monday, December 11, 2023, at 5pm. Witnesses who require spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered. Requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled. If you have additional questions, please email Ashley Strange, Legislative Assistant at astrange@dccouncil.gov.

Testimony should be submitted through the Council's Hearing Management System <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> in advance of the hearing. Testimony will be publicly accessible upon Committee review. If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Statements for the record should be submitted through the Hearing Management System or left by voicemail by calling (202) 430-6046. The record will close at 5:00pm on Wednesday, December 27, 2023.