

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
SUBCOMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES AND YOUTH AFFAIRS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004**

**COUNCILMEMBER ZACHARY PARKER, CHAIRPERSON
SUBCOMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES AND YOUTH AFFAIRS
ANNOUNCES A OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE**

ON

DYRS Performance, Processes, and Continuum of Services

ON

Friday, November 22, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Hybrid in Room 500 and Virtual via Zoom

To Watch Live:

<https://dccouncil.gov/council-videos/>

<https://zacharyparkerward5.com/subcommittee-on-libraries-and-youth-affairs/>

<https://www.youtube.com/@councilmemberzacharyparker>

Councilmember Zachary Parker, Chair of the Subcommittee on Libraries and Youth Affairs, announces a public oversight roundtable on the performance, processes, and continuum of services at the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS). The hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 22, 2024 at 10:00: a.m., hybrid in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, and Virtual via Zoom.

The subcommittee will be conducting an oversight roundtable on DYRS with government witnesses only on November 18 to establish a baseline understanding of the agency's performance and opportunities for improvement. This public hearing, held four days later on November 22, will provide an opportunity for public witnesses to digest and react to the testimony offered by DYRS, as well as to offer independent observations about the agency's performance.

Topics of interest to the subcommittee will include:

- Overall agency structure, staffing, budgeting, and policies;
- Case management, especially preparations for commitment and reentry;
- Quality assurance, especially fidelity to screening tools and/or needs assessments;
- Staff onboarding, training, and coaching;
- Services provided to youth in the care of DYRS at the Youth Services Center and New Beginnings;
- Oversight of community-based and out-of-state placements; and

- Challenges coordinating or interfacing with other agencies, including the Department of Behavioral Health, the D.C. Child and Family Services Agency, and the Family Court Social Services Division of the District of Columbia Courts.

Witnesses may appear either in-person or virtually using the Zoom platform. Unless otherwise stated in pre-hearing instructions, 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> by 5pm on Wednesday, November 20, 2024. **Witnesses who anticipate needing 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 Conor Shaw, Deputy Chief of Staff, at cshaw@dccouncil.gov.

Testimony should be submitted through the Council's Hearing Management System <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> in advance of the roundtable. Testimony will be publicly accessible upon Committee review. If you are unable to testify at the roundtable, 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. The record will close at 5:00pm on Friday, December 6, 2024.