

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 25-18**

**Special Order for Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services to Release Juvenile Justice
Information to the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Loyola
University (Maryland)**

WHEREAS, the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (BSPH) and the Loyola University (Loyola) are conducting a study to assess the sleep-wake environment and daily schedules of a sample of detained youth, co-create strategies to optimize sleep health of detained youth, and disseminate these strategies to decision and policy makers; and

WHEREAS, BSPH and Loyola previous work has shown the collateral benefits of healthy sleep for youths' mental and behavioral health, including reductions in violence, delinquency, and other acts of misconduct; and

WHEREAS, BSPH and Loyola will partner with the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services for the District of Columbia (DYRS) to conduct a sleep study of youth detained at DYRS facilities and need access to the youth's personally identifiable information to obtain consent from their caregivers to participate in the study; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with D.C. Code § 16-2332(c)(5), the Court may permit, by special order, the inspection of juvenile social records by persons having a professional interest in the protection, welfare, treatment, and rehabilitation of a respondent or respondent's family member, or in the work of the Family Court;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby

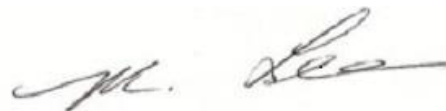
ORDERED, that DYRS may share record-level, identifiable contact information for youth, and their parents or legal guardian, who were or are currently under the care and custody of DYRS to BSPH and Loyola to conduct the sleep study; and it is further

ORDERED, that anyone with access to records covered by this order must safeguard, keep confidential, and store such records in a secure manner in accordance with D.C. Code Section § 2-1515.06 to prevent unauthorized access; and it is further

ORDERED, that BSPH and Loyola shall not disclose record-level data to any other person or for any other purpose without prior approval of the Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SO ORDERED.

Date: September 12, 2025



Milton C. Lee, Jr.
Chief Judge

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