

Findings from Hamilton County's Behavioral Health/Juvenile Justice (BHJJ) Initiative

225 youth have been enrolled since 2008

71% are male, 59% are nonwhite, & the average age is 15.2 years

At intake, common diagnoses include: ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, and Cannabis-related Disorders

Over 75% of youth successfully completed treatment

Average length of stay in the program was 7 months



BHJJ families report a high level of satisfaction with the services they received



Treatment led to significant improvements in functioning & problem severity



Over 98% of youth were NOT sent to an ODYS institution following services



Youth reported significant reductions in trauma symptoms and substance use

Problems with substance use decreased by nearly half!



Across Ohio, BHJJ costs about \$5,000 per youth compared to \$200,000 to commit a youth to ODYS



Grades improved & school suspensions/expulsions were greatly reduced



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