

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

35 youth have been enrolled since 2013

69% are male, 54% are nonwhite, & the average age is 16.6 years

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

 BHJJ led to a 24% reduction in risk for out of home placement

 Treatment led to significant improvements in functioning & problem severity

Youth reported reductions in trauma symptoms upon treatment completion

Youth reported decreased marijuana use during treatment 

 Grades improved & school suspensions/expulsions were greatly reduced 

BHJJ families report high levels of satisfaction with the services they received 

 None of the youth were sent to an ODYS institution following services

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



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