

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

218 youth have been enrolled since 2009

75% are male, 74% are nonwhite, & the average age is 15.3 years

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

Nearly 75% of youth successfully completed treatment

Average length of stay in the program was 4.8 months



BHJJ families report high levels of satisfaction with services they received



Treatment led to significant improvements in functioning & problem severity



Nearly 95% 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 during treatment



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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