

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

**23 youth have been enrolled since 2013**

61% are male, 54% are nonwhite, & the average age is 16 years  
At intake, common diagnoses include: Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Cannabis-related Disorders, and Conduct Disorder

**80% of youth successfully completed treatment**

Average length of stay in the program was 5 months



**BHJJ led to a 70% reduction in risk for out of home placement**



**Treatment led to significant improvements in functioning & problem severity**



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



**During treatment, there was a 26% reduction in school suspensions and expulsions**



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



**Police contacts during treatment decreased for nearly 2 out of 3 youth**



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