

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

**1,410 youth have been enrolled since 2006**

52% are male, 51% are nonwhite, & the average age is 15 years

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

**61% of youth successfully completed treatment**

Average length of stay in the program was 5 months



**BHJJ led to nearly a 45% reduction in risk for out of home placement**



**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 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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