

Mahoning County

Judge Theresa Dellick

Program Name

JDAI Diversion

Program Intervention

SBIRT & Case Management

Primary Service Location

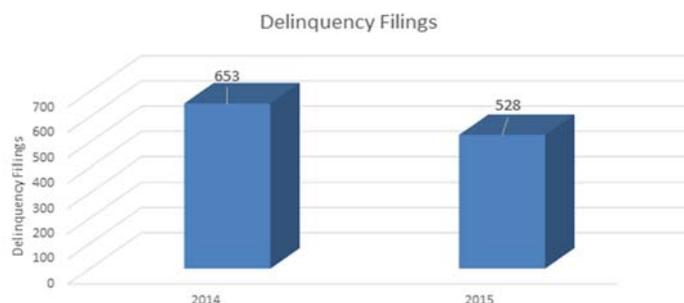
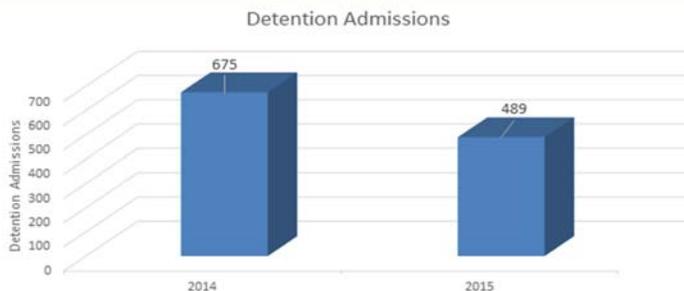
In-Home, School, Courts, and Detention

Program Description

The purpose of this program is to provide early intervention and diversion for youth and families. Eligible youth will be placed in court programming or community services and monitored for 30-90 days to ensure compliance and change in behaviors. The youth served will be those who come to the attention of the court via police reports and detention. These youths will be first time status, minor misdemeanors or misdemeanors offenders. Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) is an evidence-based practice used to identify, reduce, and prevent problematic use, abuse, and dependence on alcohol and illicit drugs. This program was selected because we had recently become a JDAI (Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative) Court and felt we lacked a coordinated effort in diverting youth while ensuring families received the necessary programming to implement change. Families and youth are learning parenting skills/empowerment, community resources and expected and acceptable teen behaviors.

Outcomes

To decrease detention admissions and reduce delinquency filings. In 2014, (baseline year), there were 675 detention admissions. After implementing the program in 2015, detention admissions dropped to 489. In addition, delinquency filings dropped from 653 to 528.



Program Snapshot

(As of June 30, 2016)

Gender:

Male 76.1%, Female 23.9%

Race/Ethnicity:

African American 50.5%

White 29.8%, Other 19.5%

Age Range:

11-17

Offense Level:

Misdemeanor, Status, and At-Risk youth

Youth Re-offense Risk Level:

Low-Moderate

Screens and Assessments:

OYAS Diversion Tool, SBIRT & RAI

Program Start Date:

January 23, 2015

Received Services:

268 Youth and 214 Families

Program Completion Successes:

214 Youth & Families

Average # of Service Units:

0.57 Direct Service Hours Per Successful Youth

Program Partners:

- Daybreak-Compass Family & Community Service
- Belmont Pines Hospital
- Mahoning County Children Services
- Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Services
- Youngstown, Boardman and Austintown Police Departments; all law enforcement jurisdictions
- Mahoning County Educational Service Center
- Case Western Reserve University

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Lessons Learned

Capturing the amount of work and number of youth being serviced by the JDAI Intake Receiving Officer has proven to be challenging. Since youth come to the attention of the court in a variety of ways for varied lengths of time, quantifying a number has been complicated.

Managing expectations of families can be challenging. While the role of the Intake Receiving Officer is to work with the youth and family it is not to disempower a power or immerse the youth further into the system. Parents often want the Officer to be punitive and the Officer must redirect the parent with what is typical teen behavior and delinquent acts.

Mahoning County Early Successes – JDAI Diversion

“It is important to provide a safe and caring environment for youth and serve them in the elaset restricitve manner while also providing a safe community. The JDAI practices provide the setting to activley engage families and protect public safety.”



Judge Theresa Dellick, Mahoning County Juvenile Court

“Through the participation in JDAI, I have come to realize that local law enforcement plays an important role in one of the core strategies, collaboration.”

**Detective/Sergeant Chuck Hillman
Boardman Police Department**

“As an emergency shelter, we see families in crisis. JDAI allows familes in conflict to take time to cool off while being in a theraputic setting rather than detention.”

**Jan Baharis
Daybreak Director**

Youth Success Story – Sparing just one child a day in detention means success but sparing a multitude of youth is immeasurable and that is our story in Mahoning County. As the JDAI Intake Receiving Officer I work with many youth and their families every week. Some encounters are brief others may be longer but each time a case is diverted from the official docket or detention stays are avoided work has successful. Our youth and families come to us in crisis and with many deficits but when we look for their strengths and work to overcome the barriers and obstacles they are triumphant. By seeing families in their homes where they are comfortable they have opened up to me about issues they hadn’t discussed before. Building rapport and showing respect lends way to mutual trust which allows for the best decision making. Allowing the family to be empowered, managing expectations and being family and strength centered are essential parts of my role. Additionally, because of high contact with the youth, I am able to get to know what they like; their hopes and dreams so I am able to direct them to the proper challenge to foster those. I have been able to have youth join high school football teams, apply to college, get a job, graduate high school and learn how to ride public transportation. Success comes in many forms, by being available to meet the family where they are comfortable and share resources for future needs the family is able to address their issues without further interventions from the Court.



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