

Welcome to...
Ohio Communities
4
Kids



Examples of Zero Tolerance in Ohio

*1st grader
suspended for
putting plastic
knife in backpack*

*17-yr. old arrested and expelled for
shooting a paper clip with a rubber
band*

*8-yr. old girl
suspended 11 days
for bringing nail
clippers to school*

*13-yr. old suspended for 10
days after accepting 2 Midol
tablets*

More Examples in Ohio

3rd grader suspended 3 days for saying "Yeah" instead of "Yes, Ma'am"

14- yr. old girl arrested for violating school dress code

11-yr. old arrested for refusing to place her books on the floor

Middle school student expelled 80 days for leaving his Swiss Army knife in backpack after camping trip

“It is easier to build
strong children than
to repair broken men.”

-Frederick Douglass



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**Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio
Summit County Juvenile Court**



Side by Side Comparison

NATIONAL STATISTICS

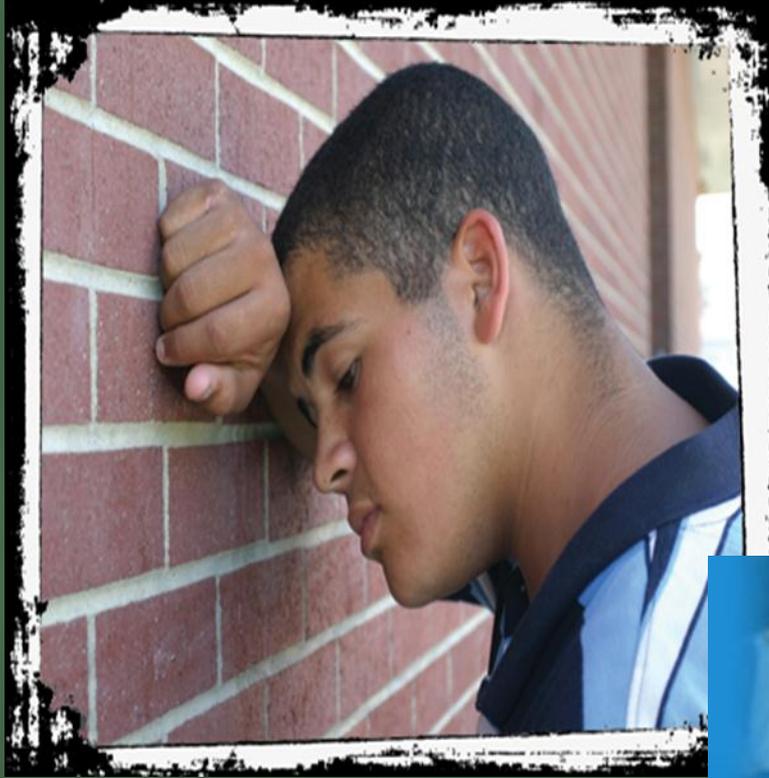
- Over 2 million youth in the U.S. under the age of 18 are arrested each year
- Over 600,000 are placed in detention centers annually
- Approximately 95,000 youth reside in secure juvenile correction settings on any given day

-Source: Puzzanchera,C. (2008), Juvenile Arrests 2008.
Washington DC: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, OJJDP

OHIO STATISTICS

- In 2012, nearly 93,000 Delinquency Cases were filed in Ohio's Juvenile Courts
- In 2012, over 16,000 Unruly Cases were filed in Ohio's Juvenile Courts
- The average daily population in Ohio's detention centers in 2012 was 1,194 youth
- In December 2013, the average daily population for ODYS facilities was 499

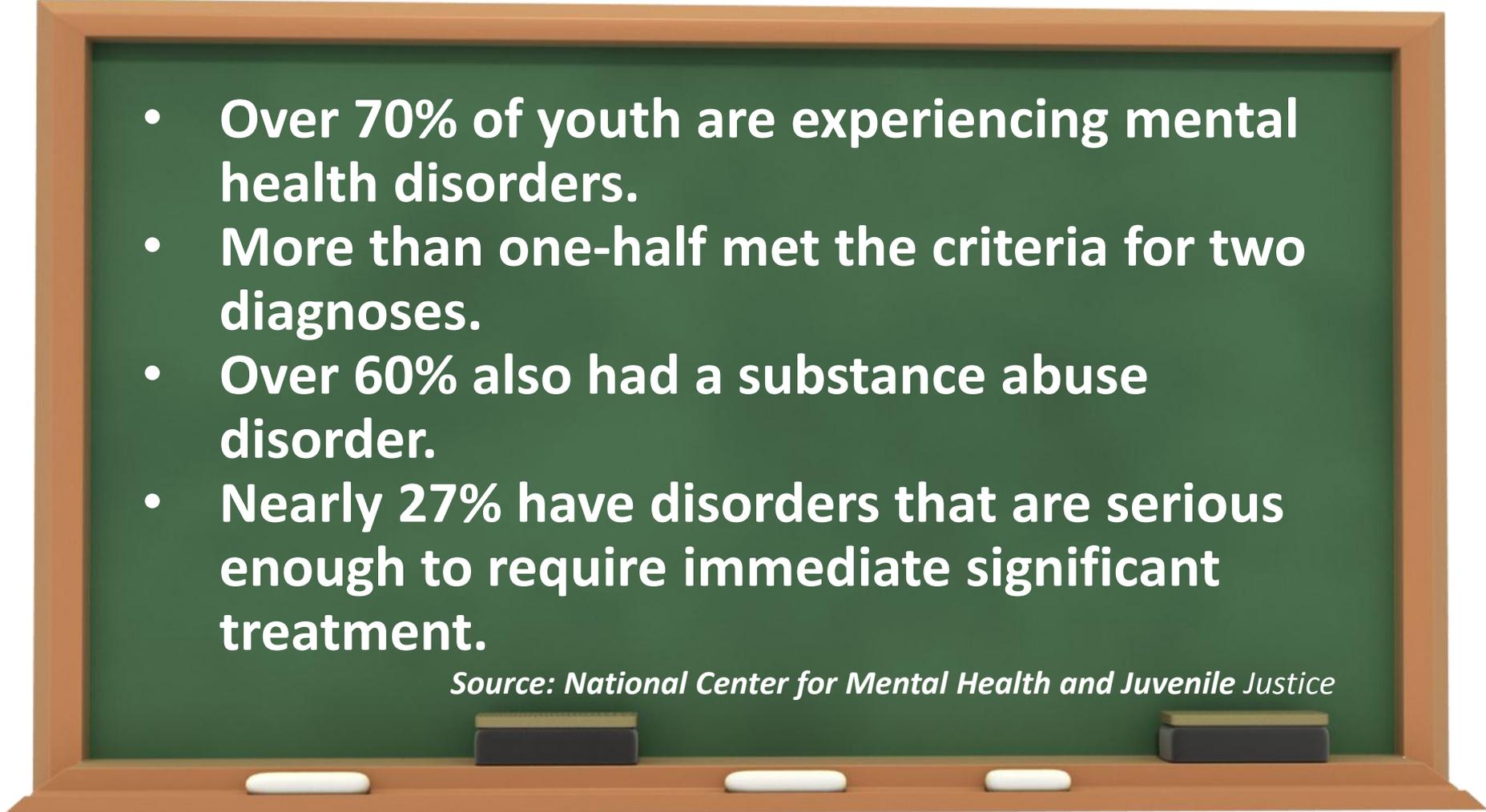
Who are the Kids?



Facts:

- Brain development is not complete until the mid-20's
- As a result, adolescents are more likely to engage in risky behavior
- Only a minority of arrested youth will ever be arrested for a second delinquent act or become repeat offenders during childhood
- Formal processing increases youth's probability of further delinquencies



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- Over 70% of youth are experiencing mental health disorders.
 - More than one-half met the criteria for two diagnoses.
 - Over 60% also had a substance abuse disorder.
 - Nearly 27% have disorders that are serious enough to require immediate significant treatment.

Source: National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice

Behavioral Health for Youth in Juvenile Justice System

What is Diversion?

- Effective treatment of misbehavior/delinquency without a formal referral to Court or creation of a Juvenile Record for the youth.
- Guiding youth and their families to services that address the behavior
- Addressing family needs that might be affecting the child's behavior
- Empowering the family and/or community to effectively deal with misbehavior/delinquency without formal court intervention
- Prevention

What Diversion Is Not:

- A lack of consequences for youth who misbehave or commit a delinquent/criminal act
- Using the needs of the child or family as an excuse for the misbehavior or delinquent/criminal act
- A failure to provide direction to a child or family to prevent future Court or system involvement
- An “easy” way out

Why Diversion?

- Reduce recidivism, increases public safety
- Provide services
- Avoid labeling effects
- Reduce system costs
- Reduce unnecessary social control



What is needed for Effective Diversion?

- Community collaboration
- Family Involvement
- Committed leadership
- Assessment tools
- Evidence-based community resources
- Educated workforce



Some Diversion Models

- School Responder**
- Mediation**
- Family Resource Center**
- Youth Courts**
- Restorative Justice Models**
- Juvenile Rule 29: Dismissal at Disposition or upon successful completion of Probation**
- Safe Harbor Act for Victims of Human Trafficking, R.C. 2152.021**
- Crisis Intervention Team**

Prevention:

- School Responder

- A tool for schools to refer students to needed mental health services instead of the courtroom
- A cross system team working together with the child and family
- Utilizes the natural strengths of the family
- Addresses needs
- Continued follow-up



Probation

• Crossroads

- Specialized docket for youth with co-occurring substance dependence and/or mental illness
- Probation Officer acts as a case manager
- Individualized case plan depending on the child's individual needs
- Integrated Co-occurring Treatment (ICT)
- Treatment team
- Dismissal upon successful completion

