

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

**3,495 youth have been enrolled since 2006**

61% are male, 52% are nonwhite, and the average age is 15.6 years

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

**2 out of 3 youth successfully completed treatment**

Average length of stay in the program was 7 months



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

**Youth reported significant reductions in trauma symptoms and substance use**

Problems with substance use decreased by nearly half!



**Grades improved & school suspensions/expulsions were greatly reduced**



**BHJJ led to a 56% reduction in risk for out of home placement**



**Over 96% of youth were NOT sent to an ODYS institution following services**



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



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