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

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

Treatment led to significant improvements in functioning & problem severity

Over 96% 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 by nearly half!

Grades improved & school suspensions/expulsions were greatly reduced

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

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