

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

223 youth have been enrolled since 2009

76% are male, 76% are nonwhite, & the average age is 15.8 years

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

67% of youth successfully completed treatment

Average length of stay in the program was 5.7 months



BHJJ led to nearly a 34% reduction in risk for out of home placement



Treatment led to significant improvements in functioning & problem severity



Nearly 88% 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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