

# ASHTABULA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH JUVENILE JUSTICE INITIATIVE [ BHJJ ]

BHJJ is a diversion program for juvenile justice-involved youth ages 10-18 with mental health or substance abuse issues. In lieu of detention, youth are diverted into local, evidence-based behavioral health treatment.

2016  
—present

**75** youth enrolled in BHJJ

**87%** were white

**15.4** years old—average age

**60%** were male

## INTAKE ASSESSMENTS REVEALED:



The most common DSM diagnosis was Oppositional Defiant Disorder.

Caregivers reported that 52% of females talked about suicide and 20% of females had attempted suicide.

29% of youth reported being physically hurt by an adult in their lives in the past year.

## 2016-2019 OUTCOMES INDICATED:



91% of youth successfully completed treatment

Youth reported decreases in trauma symptoms and substance use



Significant improvements in problem severity and functioning



65% reduction in suspensions/expulsions



95% reduction in risk for out of home placement

53% reduction in misdemeanor charges



Since 2016, no youth were sent to an ODYS institution following BHJJ



# MAHONING COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH JUVENILE JUSTICE INITIATIVE [ BHJJ ]

BHJJ is a diversion program for juvenile justice-involved youth ages 10-18 with mental health or substance abuse issues. In lieu of detention, youth are diverted into local, evidence-based behavioral health treatment.

2013  
—present

**48** youth enrolled in BHJJ

**54%** were white

**15.2** years old—average age

**69%** were male

## INTAKE ASSESSMENTS REVEALED:



The most common DSM diagnosis was Oppositional Defiant Disorder.

50% of BHJJ females and 64% of BHJJ males had biological family members with alcohol or drug problems.

31% of youth reported someone close to them was murdered in the past year.

## 2015-2019 OUTCOMES INDICATED:



86% of youth successfully completed treatment

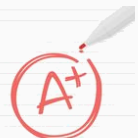
Youth reported decreases in trauma symptoms after treatment



Significant improvements in problem severity and functioning



83% of youth were attending school more or about the same amount as they were before BHJJ



One year after termination, 14% of youth had a new misdemeanor charge and 0% had a new felony charge



Since 2015, no youth were sent to an ODYS institution following BHJJ





# TRUMBULL COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH JUVENILE JUSTICE INITIATIVE [ BHJJ ]

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2013  
—present

**84** youth enrolled in BHJJ

**65%** were white

**15.0** years old—average age

**55%** were male

## INTAKE ASSESSMENTS REVEALED:



The most common DSM diagnosis was Oppositional Defiant Disorder.

Caregivers reported that 35% of the females had a history of sexual abuse and 25% had attempted suicide.

32% of youth reported seeing a parent hit/slapped by the other parent/partner in the past year.

## 2015-2019 OUTCOMES INDICATED:



91% of youth successfully completed treatment

Youth reported decreases in trauma symptoms and substance use



Significant improvements in problem severity and functioning



43% of youth were attending school more than they were before BHJJ



78% reduction in risk for out of home placement

55% reduction in misdemeanor charges



Since 2015, 98% of youth were NOT sent to an ODYS institution following BHJJ

