



Increase Positive Outcomes for Youth, Families & Communities

Youth who come into contact with the juvenile court system often are some of Ohio's most at-risk youth with complex needs, including histories of violence, trauma, and other system involvement, such as child welfare or behavioral health. Investing in effective interventions for youth not only creates better and more cost-efficient short-term outcomes, like decreasing reoffending, but can save money in the long-term by reducing adult court involvement, increasing the likelihood of school completion and employment, and reducing reliance on social programs.

Statewide Data Collection

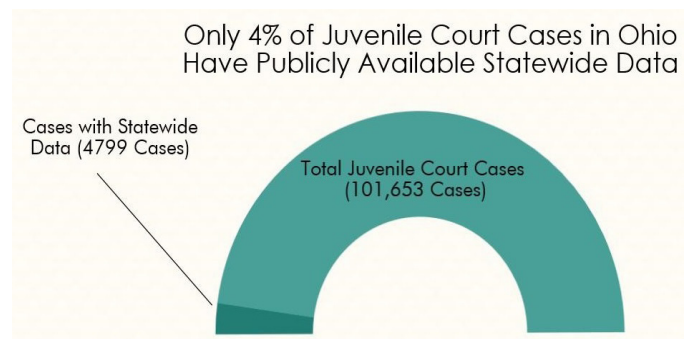


Data collection helps stakeholders in juvenile justice and other fields, including behavioral health, education, and local officials, by identifying trends, effectively directing resources where they are needed most, aiding collaboration and making Ohio competitive for grants. Effective juvenile justice programs like Ohio's Targeted and Competitive RECLAIM programs rely heavily on data to produce the best possible outcomes for children, their families, and communities. Ohio currently collects some data on youth in the juvenile court; however, the only uniform, statewide data available is for youth who are adjudicated delinquent of felonies, which is an extremely small portion of the juvenile court population.

Ohio is one of the few states in the country that does not have statewide, uniform data available on the youth who touch Ohio's juvenile court systems. To learn more, visit www.jjohio.org.

Reinvest in Ohio youth by implementing a statewide data collection system for Ohio's juvenile courts.

- Provide \$1 million in new or focused funding from the Supreme Court's Ohio Courts Technology Initiative to help survey the courts of their abilities and barriers to data collection, assist with overcoming barriers, including training and technical assistance, hardware, and software, and creating a uniform report across counties.



Keep Ohio Competitive Direct State Resources Effectively.

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