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## Responsible Public Policy



The Department of Youth Services (DYS) touches the lives of thousands of youth in Ohio. Beyond youth in DHS facilities and those on parole, DHS funds and supports over 610 direct service programs throughout the state offering nearly 110,000 youth (based on annual program admissions) opportunities and services to effect positive change.

## Targeted RECLAIM: Positioning Youth to Succeed

Targeted RECLAIM is an integral part of Ohio's community continuum for serving youth. The initiative positions youth to succeed by matching the intensity of treatment and community supervision with a youth's risk to reoffend. Targeted RECLAIM is provided to courts that historically have committed the most youth to the department and that commit to reduce and then maintain DHS admissions. Initially, this included Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lucas, Montgomery and Summit Counties. The initiative expanded to eight additional counties (Allen, Ashtabula, Licking, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Stark and Trumbull) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012.

Evidence-based interventions focus on youths' risks and needs. This is important because providing an appropriate level of community supervision and high-fidelity treatment services prevents a youth from falling deeper into the juvenile justice system. Programming used in Targeted RECLAIM includes Cognitive Behavioral Therapies, Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS), Family EPICS, Multi-Systemic Therapy and High Fidelity Wraparound.

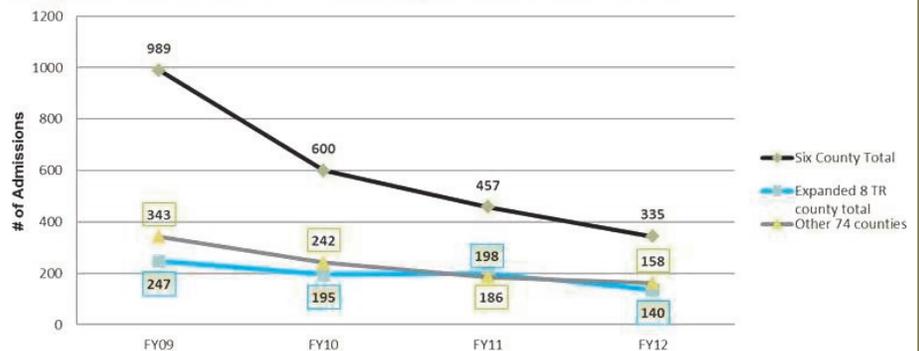
Targeted RECLAIM has contributed to a reduction in the DHS facility population while investing in community alternatives to intervene with youth and preserve public safety. The results are notable:

- The DHS average daily facility population has decreased from an average of 1,430 youth in FY 2009 to 649 in FY 2012.
- Admissions to DHS have declined from 1,579 in FY 2009 to 633 in FY 2012.
- Through FY 2012, participating Targeted RECLAIM counties have reduced their admissions in the aggregate by 712 compared to the year prior to entering the initiative.
- An outcome study recently conducted by the University of Cincinnati found that youth served in Targeted RECLAIM programming were significantly less likely to be incarcerated in the future than those not diverted through the initiative.

The graph to the right includes DHS admissions by year from the original Targeted RECLAIM counties, those that were part of the expansion, and the remaining counties in Ohio. Noted below the graph is the decline in total admissions that has resulted from the strategic reduction in DHS population. As depicted in black, the six original Targeted RECLAIM counties outpaced the reductions in other counties, and now represent 53%, rather than 63%, of total admissions.

## Targeted RECLAIM Sites: DHS Admissions

Targeted RECLAIM Admissions Compared to Other Counties



Fiscal Year	1579	1037	841	633	Total DHS Admissions
6 county %	62.6%	57.8%	54.3%	52.9%	6 county %
8 county %	15.6%	18.8%	22.1%	22.1%	8 county %

For more information or to read the University of Cincinnati outcome study, please visit our website at [www.dys.ohio.gov](http://www.dys.ohio.gov), select the "Community" tab, and then select "Targeted RECLAIM."

