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.

326 youth enrolled in BHJJ
2008—present
61% were non-white
73% were male
15.1 years old—average age

Mental health assessments revealed:

- 49% of females talked about suicide and 27% attempted suicide at least once.
- The majority of youth had a history of mental health issues in their families.
- Common DSM diagnoses included: ADHD, cannabis disorders, ODD, and depressive disorders.

Treatment outcomes indicated:

- Nearly 74% of youth completed treatment successfully.
- Treatment led to significant improvements in problem severity and functioning.
- Youth reported significant reductions in trauma symptoms and substance abuse.
- Grades improved and school suspensions/expulsions were greatly reduced.
- 94% of youth were NOT sent to an ODYS institution following services.
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