

**Juvenile Court Mental Health Advocacy Project
(J-MHAP)**

*Key Interim Findings from the Boston University School of
Public Health's Program Evaluation*

WHO WE ARE SERVING:

The young people and parents served by J-MHAP have a
“significantly elevated risk profile.”

They scored “higher on almost every measure of risk
compared to the norms.”

70% of the young people needed emergency mental health
care in the past year.

48% of the young people were hospitalized for psychiatric care
within the past year.

37% of the young people were admitted for residential
mental health treatment in the past year.

Nearly 90% of the young people have one or more mental
health diagnosis(es) or condition.

71% diagnosed with *depression*.

64% diagnosed with *anxiety disorder*.

31% diagnosed with *bipolar or psychotic disorder*.

30% of the young people don't go to school at all or missed
almost every day.

60% of the young people miss school more than one day per week

**81.4% of youth served by J-MHAP previously
experienced a barrier** to mental health treatment.

THE IMPACT WE ARE HAVING:

Families participating in J-MHAP for six months experienced a
“clinically relevant”:

Reduction in the impact of the youth's difficulty on the
family and the youth;

Reduction in family conflict;

Improvement in the youth's quality of life.

J-MHAP's Mental Health Advocates **achieved 85% of participating
families' goals** by case closure.