

## The Youth Behavioral Health Services Assessment Project

Kent State University's Center for Public Policy and Health, in partnership with Prevention Action Alliance, RecoveryOhio and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS), is conducting a statewide assessment to better understand how children and families in Ohio experience behavioral health services—from prevention and early intervention to crisis care and intensive treatment.

### What is this project about?

We want to hear from families who have children under age 18 who have received behavioral health services in Ohio. We want to learn about your experiences as it relates to your child's involvement in Ohio's behavioral health care system. This includes **hearing about experiences families have accessing and receiving behavioral health services** and learning what supports families need to improve and maintain their child's/children's behavioral health.

### Who should participate?

Families who have had a child under the age of 18 receive mental health or other behavioral health services are being asked to participate in this project. **If you have a child (or children) that has been involved in any level of behavioral health care services** – from brief outpatient care to more intensive care like Head Start, Family and Children First Councils (FCFC), Public Children Services Agencies (PCSAO) we want to hear from you.

### Why should I participate?

Hearing about your experiences will help us better understand Ohio's current behavioral health system. We want to understand what could have been done to serve you sooner, better or differently. Learning about your experiences will **help inform changes that will make Ohio's behavioral health care system more effective and efficient for Ohio families**. This is your chance to speak about your family's experiences and influence real change in Ohio's behavioral health care system.

### What's the ask?

We are asking families to **participate in a virtual interview**. Each interview will be conducted using Zoom/Teams and will last about 60 minutes. For your time speaking with us, **you will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card**. Information you provide will be kept confidential and will not be linked to your name.

### Click/scan to sign up to participate

If you would like to participate in an interview, please use the QR codes to provide your contact information or **call Jennifer King (330-672-9392)**.

If you have questions about this study, please contact Deric Kenne, PhD, Kent State University ([dkenne@kent.edu](mailto:dkenne@kent.edu)).



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