

A YEAR AT JJC



POLICY

\$2,000,000

in additional funding to support diversion efforts

17 Meetings with the Department of Youth Services

4 Board of Education Meetings



Executive Director Takasha Smith testifies on the Ohio House Finance Subcommittee on Public Safety

Budget Advocacy for the appropriate use of state funds was a primary goal for 2023. This included direct meetings with the Department of Youth Services, legislators, and other stakeholders, as well as written and in person testimony at the Ohio House of Representatives. An additional 2 million dollars was allocated to local courts to support diversion of youth from juvenile prisons. We will continue to fight for community based solutions for our youth!

ORGANIZING

25 New organization relationships

24 Professional Development and Training Events

68 Network Meetings and Community Events



Community Outreach Coordinator Alleana Moss talking with students at the Beechcroft Career Fair

Community-building is key to facilitating change for our youth. This year, we formed several new relationships with organizations like Columbus Education Justice Coalition, Transition Network, Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center, Lakewood Black Caucus, and OSU Counselors for Social Justice. Additionally, we formed connections through community events, career fairs, and network meetings. All told, we have 98 excited volunteers!

EDUCATION

277 Petition signatures to end Mandatory Bindover

4 Bindover 101 Events



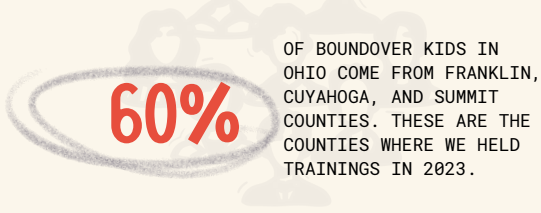
Board member Tara Clark speaks about the bindover of her son at a Bindover 101 event in Columbus.

Our primary education goals in 2023 were mandatory bindover and developmentally appropriate policing. Through hosting Bindover 101 events, extensive law enforcement agency outreach, and the creation of several educational materials to facilitate community education and outreach; we reached countless community members across the state.

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BINDOVER 101:

WE CONNECTED WITH LEGISLATORS, FAMILIES, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND LOCAL LEADERS AROUND THE STATE TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS ON MANDATORY BINDOVER.

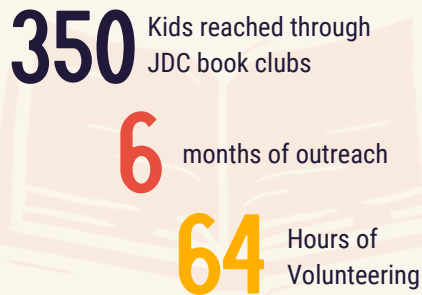


We gathered community members from diverse backgrounds to bring our shared goal of a better future for Ohio youth to life. Each member brings a unique skill set to each meeting.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE SKILLS THEY BRING TO THE TABLE:

PUBLIC HEALTH PERSPECTIVE RESEARCH
ART SUPPORT CONNECTIONS LIFTING VOICES
EXPERIENCE PLANNING
OPEN MINDEDNESS

We engaged and empowered youth in the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center through our book club and restorative justice circles. Through these programs, we fostered community and lasting relationships with the youth most in need.



POLICING:

109 AGENCIES CONTACTED IN 5 COUNTIES

WE OBTAINED OVER 100 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES' POLICIES, COMPARING THEM WITH THE OHIO COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY POLICING BOARD'S DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE POLICING STANDARDS. WE THEN BEGAN OUTREACH TO THE DEPARTMENTS TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO ADOPT THE COLLABORATIVE'S POLICIES.

WE FOUND THAT....

79% Of agencies were not fully compliant with these standards

TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ABOUT WHERE THEIR AGENCIES FALL, WE CREATED EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS, ONE-PAGERS, PACKETS, AND AN INTERACTIVE MAP WHERE THE COMMUNITY CAN TRACK THEIR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY'S COMPLIANCE WITH THESE STANDARDS.

