HPIO releases briefs addressing child mental health challenges in Ohio

HPIO has released two briefs over the past month exploring child mental health in Ohio.

In December, HPIO released a new brief titled "**Access to Mental Health Care for Ohio Children and Youth**."

The brief is the third of four planned publications in HPIO's **Ohio Child Mental Health Project**.

The brief focuses on access to mental healthcare services across levels of care. As part of the release, HPIO also released a **community voice spotlight** on parent and caregiver

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experiences with barriers to child and youth mental health care.

HPIO released a brief on **connections between youth mental health and the juvenile justice system** earlier this month.

The brief outlines the root causes of mental health challenges for youth at risk for justice involvement and gives an overview of the juvenile justice system, including at what points in the process youth mental health can be supported.

It also includes nine policy options that state policymakers can implement, and for which juvenile justice and child mental health partners can advocate, to improve mental health outcomes for at-risk youth and prevent justice involvement.

HPIO finalizing data analysis for 2026 Health Value Dashboard

HPIO staff are finalizing preliminary data analysis on more than 100 metrics that will be included in the 2026 Health Value Dashboard, which is expected to be released in the spring.

The Dashboard, published six times since 2014, puts data in context by ranking Ohio against all states and D.C.

Work on the latest edition began with a reexamination of the Dashboard's methodology. HPIO hosted a series of workgroups to engage Ohio-based experts in health care, business, public health, education, employment, environmental health and community and economic development to help tailor and revise Dashboard metrics.

HPIO has also engaged its Equity Advisory Group in examining ways to further enhance the inclusion of disaggregated data and spotlight equity in the Dashboard.

HPIO produces series of quick-read explainers on timely policy topics

With the rapid pace of policy change in 2025, especially at the federal level, HPIO has produced quick-read two- and four-page policy explainers to inform state and local policymakers.

Recent explainers include:
► **Changes to SNAP benefits in HR 1** (coming soon)
► **Rural Health Transformation Program funding in Ohio**
► **Changes to the federal health insurance marketplace**
► **Medicaid Work Requirements in Ohio**
► **Access to care for immigrants in Ohio**

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