

OhioRISE Launch Report

Week of November 21, 2022

OhioRISE Accomplishments

Ohio CANS Assessors Registered in the CANS IT System*

2,062



↑ 1.4% since November 3, 2022

CANS Assessments Submitted in the CANS IT System*

14,024



↑ 5.9% since November 17, 2022

Children and Youth Enrolled in OhioRISE*

13,472



↑ 2.3% since November 17, 2022

**Data collected as of 1 p.m. ET on November 29, 2022*

Impact Spotlight

“OhioRISE Changed My Life.”

The OhioRISE program helps children and youth reach their full potential at home, in school, in their community, and throughout their lives. Joey Stanford and his adoptive mother, Saun Rose, recently shared their experiences in trying to navigate the behavioral health system on their own to seek behavioral health treatment before finding out about OhioRISE. Now that they have OhioRISE, they feel empowered and supported. Joey and Saun are actively engaged in community outreach and are excited to continue sharing their story with families that may currently feel alone. **Read about Joey and Saun’s experiences below and on the next page!**



“It’s been a long journey through the behavioral health system to receive the services I need to be successful. Getting better this time started with a trip to Ohio State University Harding hospital, where I met a patient care assistant. What she described to me was life changing—she explained how she has anxiety herself and encouraged me to take my meds, even when I didn’t want to give it a try. When I was in the hospital, I learned self advocacy. I learned the importance of going to a group and the benefits. It kept me in good spirits knowing people shared their story with me and I could share mine.

It was hard coming out of the hospital without support. I had no one to talk to. I did not have a psychiatrist and didn’t have any help. I felt hopeless. My mom was my biggest advocate in getting me support with OhioRISE so that today I can live my best life. She even wrote Governor DeWine for me.

Today, because of OhioRISE, I’m linked up with lots of services through [I am Boundless](#). I am a new [Project Stir](#) graduate and am getting certified as a Youth Peer Support Specialist. I am also taking college prep classes so I can go to college. OhioRISE changed my life.

- Joey Sanford, youth enrolled in OhioRISE

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OhioRISE has saved my son's life and my family is healing. My 74-year-old father and my 72-year-old mother have their smiling healthy grandson back. Our family was devastated as we watched Joey's decline. As a mother, I was heartbroken and felt helpless as I navigated the system alone. Joey did not have a psychiatrist for over a year. For the past several years Joey has not had any treatment unless admitted to the hospital via the emergency department.

One night I was overwhelmed after my son returned from yet another in-patient hospital stay, I scoured the internet and watched Governor DeWine share OhioRISE's vision. I read everything I could and sought to enroll him while inpatient. OhioRISE assigned Tonika Robinson, a care coordinator from I Am Boundless, to Joey, and our lives have forever changed. Tonika's compassion, consistency, and trustworthiness opened the door to our family being hopeful again. As a mother of a child with severe behavioral health needs that means everything!

Joey is smiling again. There is laughter in our home. Joey is preparing for college. My son is healing because of you! Your work provides the invaluable resources for our children. Your Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment informs everything! Please, hear my heart—THANK YOU! WE NEED YOU! If we forget to thank you or we are overwhelmed and angry, it is because we have needed you for so long...So please, as Tonika did for me; keep calling, reschedule... Don't give up on us or our children. OhioRISE is the lifeline we need!

- Saun Rose, adoptive mother of Joey Stanford

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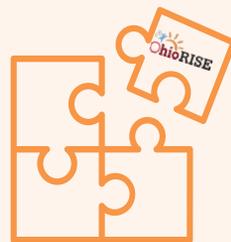
Solving the Puzzle Through OhioRISE Care Coordination

One of the ways care coordinators help OhioRISE enrollees and their families is to organize everyone on a child or youth's support team around the same table to develop one care plan. One OhioRISE care coordinator uses creative stories to capture the needs and strengths of OhioRISE enrollees and presents the story to their [Child and Family Team \(CFT\)](#) to emphasize the impact of their collaborative efforts. In each story, the youth's strengths paint a holistic picture of their character, interests, hobbies, and aspirations. The youth's identified needs include their behavioral health challenges and their support team's prior attempts to intervene.

In one youth's story, an identified strength is their interest in puzzles, demonstrating their analytical thinking, patience, and persistence. In this story, the care coordinator creatively used a puzzle as an analogy for how the CFT should collaborate to support the youth while ultimately letting them decide which interventions are working. The youth is at the center of the story and feels empowered to continue picking the next "puzzle pieces" that will help them meet their needs.

Snippet of a Child and Family Story

"The interventions, ideas, programs, and suggestions we have brought to the table all have great intention, but they don't always have the intended outcome or impact. Why is that? We are putting pieces to a puzzle that is not ours. It is impossible to mix multiple puzzles into one and expect for it to reveal a picture. The youth's mother has her own puzzle. So does their caseworker, and every other support in their life. We have been attempting to place our personal puzzle pieces into a puzzle that is not ours. The youth's life puzzle is not complete. It will be like this for a while – and that's okay! It is up to the youth to put together their puzzle, not us. As supports, we can model and suggest how to put the pieces together, but at the end of the day, it is up to the youth to pick the pieces that will complete their puzzle."



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about OhioRISE
care coordination.



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Do You Want To Make An Impact On Ohio’s Families? Become a Certified CANS Assessor!

Did you know that to enroll into the OhioRISE program, every child or youth will need a [CANS assessment](#)? Today, we have 2,062 CANS assessors, but we need more. Please consider taking the one-day live virtual training followed by the certification exam. The cost is covered by the state, you can receive continuing education credits, eligible providers can bill Medicaid, and you don’t have to have a clinical background! During the full-day CANS training session, participants develop their knowledge in transformational collaborative outcomes management (TCOM) and the CANS assessment tool.

Those who become certified register in the CANS IT System, which is a system that determines OhioRISE eligibility. CANS training sessions are offered on various days each month from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Check out the [CANS Resources page](#) of the [OhioRISE webpage](#) for more information on how to get certified!

Upcoming CANS Training	
Date	Registration Link
December 2	Register now
December 7	Register now
December 12	Register now
December 19	Register now

Do you have questions about CANS training?
→ Check out the [CANS Training Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) document!](#)

Upcoming OhioRISE Advisory and Workgroup Meetings

OhioRISE Advisory Council and Workgroup meetings provide opportunities to obtain critical feedback and expert advice for OhioRISE’s services and operations. **Learn more about the OhioRISE Advisory Council on [our webpage](#).**

Meeting Name	Date	Time	Meeting Link
Advisory Council	December 13	9-11 a.m.	Click here to join

Questions?

? Contact the OhioRISE mailbox at OhioRISE@medicaid.ohio.gov or join OhioRISE office hours!

OhioRISE Implementation Office Hours
Tuesdays from 2-2:30 p.m. through 2022.
[Click here to join the weekly meeting.](#)

Family and Children First Council (FCFC) Office Hours
Biweekly on Wednesdays from 4-5 p.m. through 2022.
[Click here to join the December 7 meeting.](#)

Public Children Services Association (PCSA) Office Hours
Fridays from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. through 2022.
[Click here to join the weekly meeting.](#)

Developmental Disability System Office Hours
Biweekly on Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. through 2022
[Click here to join the December 8 meeting.](#)

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