Denied Existence: The Untold Stories of 90,000 Cases in Ohio's Juvenile Courts

Every year, hundreds of thousands of Ohio's children and families go through Ohio's juvenile courts at a cost of over $230 million each year at the state level alone.

Only a Small Number of Cases Have Comprehensive Data

The Majority of Data is On a Minority of Cases

Less Than Half of Ohio Courts Have Publicly Available Annual Reports

But Some Courts Are Leading the Way on Data Collection.

The Little Data We Collect Show Disturbing Trends

Whole Populations of Youth Are Missing, Like Youth Who:
- Have a Disability
- Identify as LGBTQ+!
- Are in the Child Welfare System
- Have Mental Health or Drug Challenges
- Are Immigrants or Non-English Speaking

Black youth are disproportionately represented in the deep end of the system.

How Do We Get Youth Out of Ohio's Data Maze?

#1 Decide Who's in Charge

#2 Choose Consistent Data to Collect

#3 Give Courts Tools to Collect Data

#4 Make Data Available to Communities