

# **MICHIGAN JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (MJJAS) FISCAL YEAR 2022 STATISTICS AND FISCAL YEAR 2023 TRAINING PLAN**

## **Overview**

Since 2013, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Children's Services Agency (CSA) Division of Juvenile Justice (JJ) has been providing certification training for administering the Michigan Juvenile Justice Assessment System (MJJAS) to private, contracted juvenile justice residential treatment facility workers, MDHHS case workers and supervisors, and to juvenile court personnel. More than 700 juvenile justice staff have been trained. This report reviews MJJAS training activities that occurred in fiscal year 2022 and details the plan for MJJAS training in fiscal year 2023.

## **Background**

The MJJAS is a research-based, validated assessment instrument developed by the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute (UCCI) and is known as the Ohio Youth Assessment System © (OYAS). The MDHHS contracts with UCCI to utilize the OYAS and refer to the risk assessment as the MJJAS. The OYAS (aka: MJJAS in Michigan) is a structured decision-making assessment tool which identifies the likelihood a youth will participate in future delinquent behavior and helps inform placement and treatment decisions. When used over time, scores show changes in risk level based upon changes in a youth's behavioral profile and life situation.

The MJJAS (aka: OYAS ©) assessment system is based on research involving 2,457 youth in Ohio across all counties, courts, and rehabilitative programs of the juvenile justice system. The MJJAS was incorporated into Michigan's public juvenile justice residential treatment facilities through a contract with UCCI as part of the treatment planning process by MDHHS in 2010. Since 2013, MJJAS is the risk assessment tool used by MDHHS public and private, contracted juvenile justice residential treatment facilities. MDHHS is currently exploring a validation study of the tools in Michigan.

Several county juvenile courts use the MJJAS and/or have staff certified to administer the MJJAS instruments. To date, staff from 40 county juvenile courts have been trained in the counties of: Alcona, Alpena, Bay, Berrien, Benzie, Calhoun, Charlevoix, Crawford, Dickinson, Gratiot, Grand Traverse, Houghton, Ionia, Iosco, Iron, Isabella, Kalkaska, Lapeer, Lake, Livingston, Manistee, Marquette, Mecosta, Menominee, Missaukee, Midland, Monroe, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oakland, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Ottawa, Otsego, Petoskey, Roscommon, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Wexford, and Washtenaw ISD.

MJJAS training must be provided by UCCI-certified trainers. Currently, MDHHS trainers are certified to present MJJAS training.

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## Summary of Fiscal Year 2022 Training Activities

Seven MJJAS virtual trainings were held as listed below. Since 2020 all trainings were moved to a virtual platform due to state in-person meeting restrictions related to COVID-19. In FY 2022 virtual training was continued as it received excellent participation and cut back on travel costs and lost work time due to travel. Either initially or upon re-testing, 65 of 65 were certified to administer the MJJAS risk assessment instruments.

### *End User Training Location and Attendance:*

<b>Training Date</b>	<b>Training Venue</b>	<b>Number of Trainees</b>
October 2021	Virtual	14
December, 2022	Virtual	7
February 2022	Virtual	8
March, 2022	Virtual	8
May, 2022	Virtual	11
July, 2022	Virtual	7
August 2022	Virtual	10
<b>Total Trainees</b>		<b>65</b>

### *Trainee demographics:*

- MDHHS local offices and state operated residential treatment facilities: 40
- Private, contracted residential treatment facilities: 6
- County courts: 17
- Interns or other: 2

### *Training Evaluations:*

Trainees participated in an optional brief survey to assess training value. There were 49 respondents. Of the 49 respondents, 43 were “very satisfied” with overall quality of the training, and 6 were “satisfied” with the training. All respondents stated that the training provided the essential information and instruction needed to administer the risk assessment instruments and enabled them to conduct the MJJAS risk assessment independently, without further assistance.

## Fiscal Year 2023 Training Plan

MJJAS training sessions for fiscal year 2023 are listed below. Maximum enrollment is generally limited to 20 participants per session. Training attendees complete two full, consecutive days or four consecutive half days of training to be eligible for certification testing. It is highly recommended that MDHHS staff and supervisors complete the Juvenile Justice Program System

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Training (JJPST) through the Office of Workforce Development and Training (OWDT) prior to scheduling MJJAS training. Certification is required to administer the MJJAS risk assessments.

- November 30-December 1, 2022 – Virtual
- January 31 – February 3, 2023 – Virtual (half day trainings)
- March 16-17, 2023 – Virtual
- May 10-11, 2023 – Virtual
- July 12-13, 2023 – Virtual
- August 2-3, 2023 – Virtual
- October 18-19, 2023 – Virtual
- December 13-14, 2023 - Virtual

Training can be scheduled via the MDHHS Learning Management System (MDHHS LMS) for MDHHS staff or state of Michigan juvenile court staff may schedule by contacting MDHHS at [MDHHS-MJJAS@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-MJJAS@michigan.gov) .