



What Ohio's Deflection Teams Are Telling Us: Findings from the 2024 Ohio Deflection Inventory

This summary highlights key findings and recommendations from Ohio's 2024 Deflection Inventory, offering insights into the current landscape of deflection teams and opportunities to strengthen the field.

I Diversity in Implementation

Finding: Diverse practices reflect local strengths and responsiveness but complicate efforts to build a shared foundation.

Opportunity: Advance best practices through evaluation, innovations, and shared learning.

II Varied Data Collection and Evaluation

Finding: Teams collect data, but variations in methods and definitions limit opportunities to assess the impact of the field.

Opportunity: Standardize data collection practices to support consistent evaluation and shared learning.

III Sustainability

Finding: Most teams rely on short-term grants and lack internal infrastructure needed to maintain operations through leadership and staffing changes.

Opportunity: Pursue long-term, braided funding models that combine local, state, and federal resources.

IV Relationships are Central

Finding: Trust, collaboration, and community partnerships are foundational to deflection success.

Opportunity: Build cross-sector partnerships to address risk and recovery needs.

V Training Foundation

Finding: Teams are committed to ongoing education but lack standardized core training resources.

Opportunity: Establish a shared training foundation focused on key deflection competencies.

VI Innovation is at the Core

Finding: Teams continue to develop creative strategies tailored to emerging community needs.

Opportunity: Recognize, evaluate, and scale innovative practices emerging across teams.



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