

Statewide Landscape Scan of ACEs/TIC Related Efforts

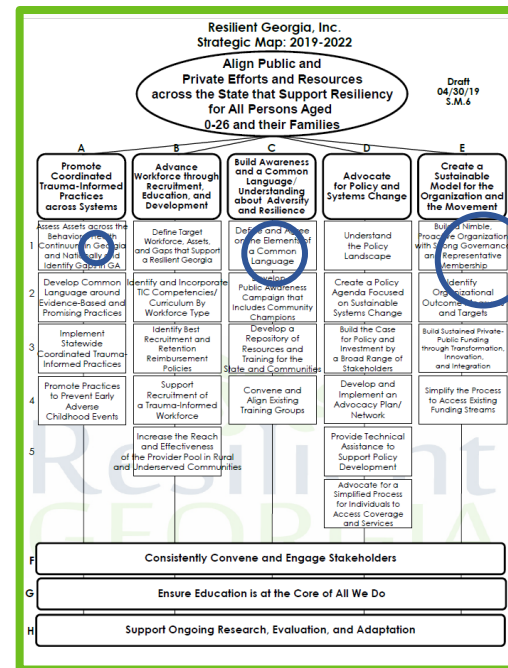
Part 2

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Project Objectives

Conduct a descriptive audit of all programs across Georgia that aim to prevent or reduce adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and deliver trauma informed care (TIC) to 0 to 26 year old's to help Resilient Georgia –

- Recognize leading examples and facilitate sharing of best practices across partners
- Identify gaps in services and enable building capacity in those areas with its partners
- Inform planning and development of new, integrated and innovative efforts with its partners

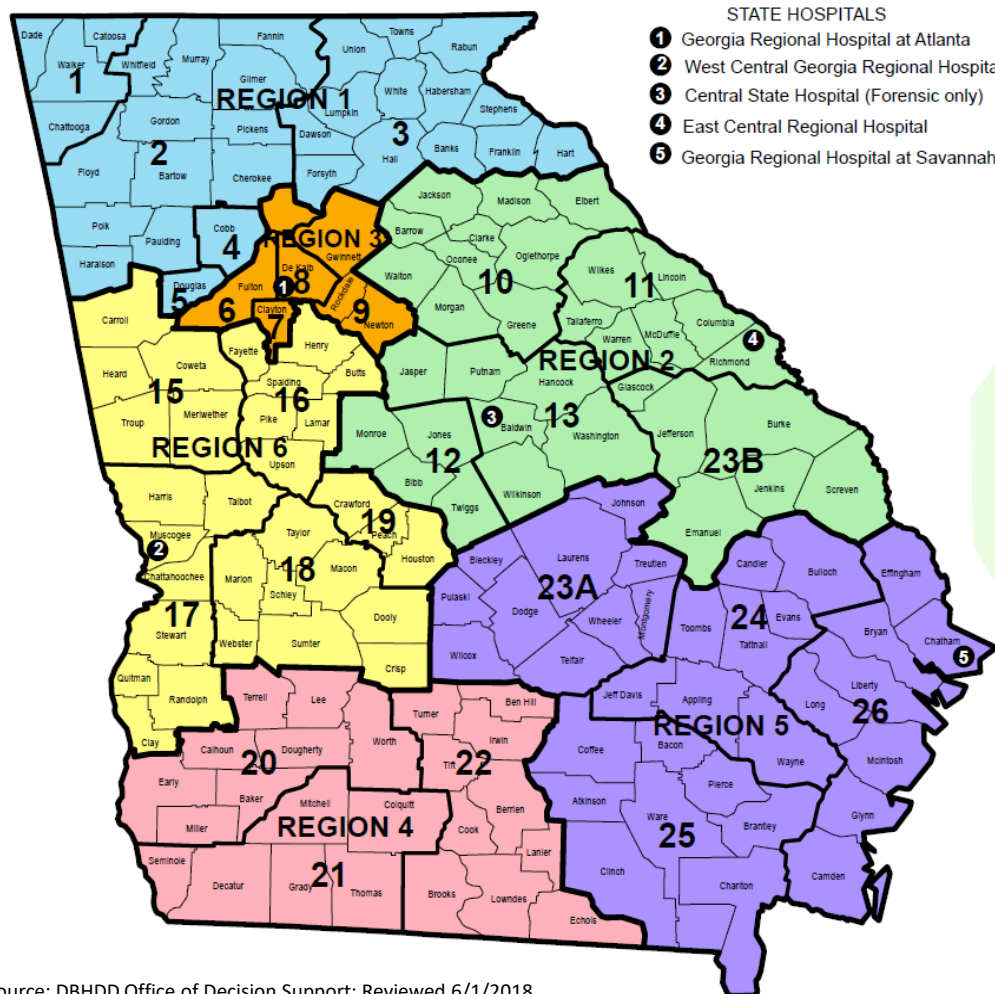


Strategy A1 “Assess Assets across the Behavioral Health Continuum in Georgia and Nationally and Identify Gaps in GA”

Overview of Behavioral Health Services & Workforce Distribution

Dept. of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)

Public Safety Net Across Georgia

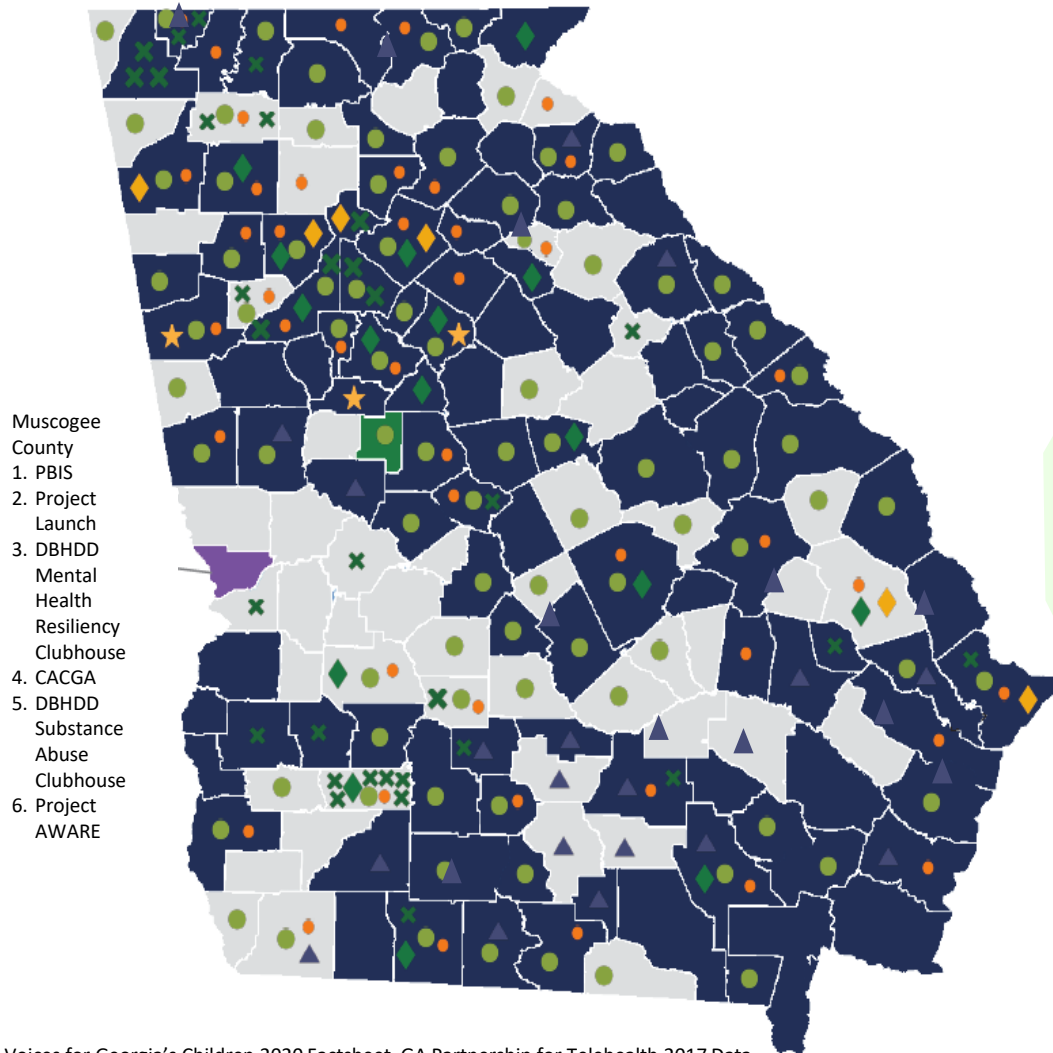


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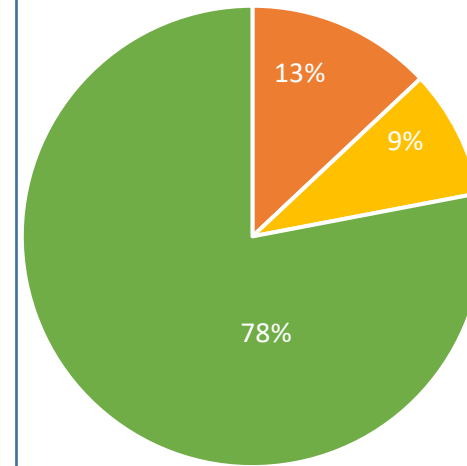
DBHDD provides a **behavioral health services safety net for all ages across the state of GA:**

- Administered via **6 regional field offices that serve all GA counties** (see map)
- Each field office oversees a network of 3 types of community-based behavioral health providers for its counties:
 - Tier 1: **Community Service Boards (CSBs)* – 26** state-designated agencies **servicing all counties** (see map)
 - Tier 2: Community Medicaid Providers
 - Tier 3: Specialty Providers
- DBHDD’s Georgia Crisis and Access Line (GCAL)* Service Providers Directory lists **189 behavioral health programs /agencies for children & adolescents, & 191 for adults across all regions** (including all CSB sites)

Georgia Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health Services Snapshot



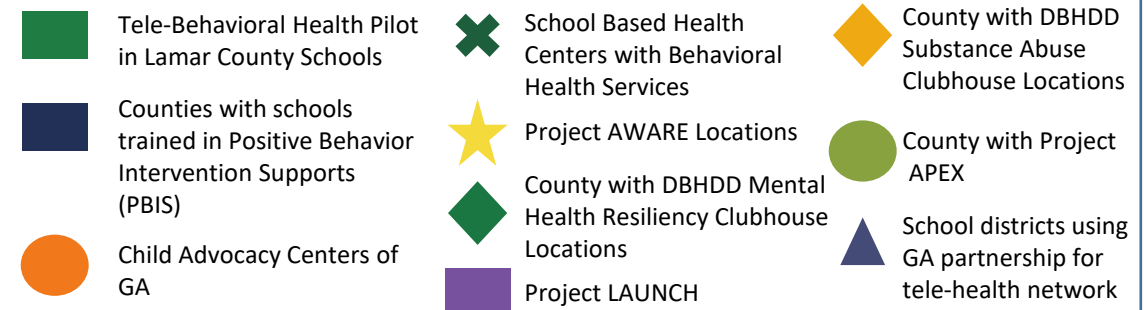
Key Takeaways From Map



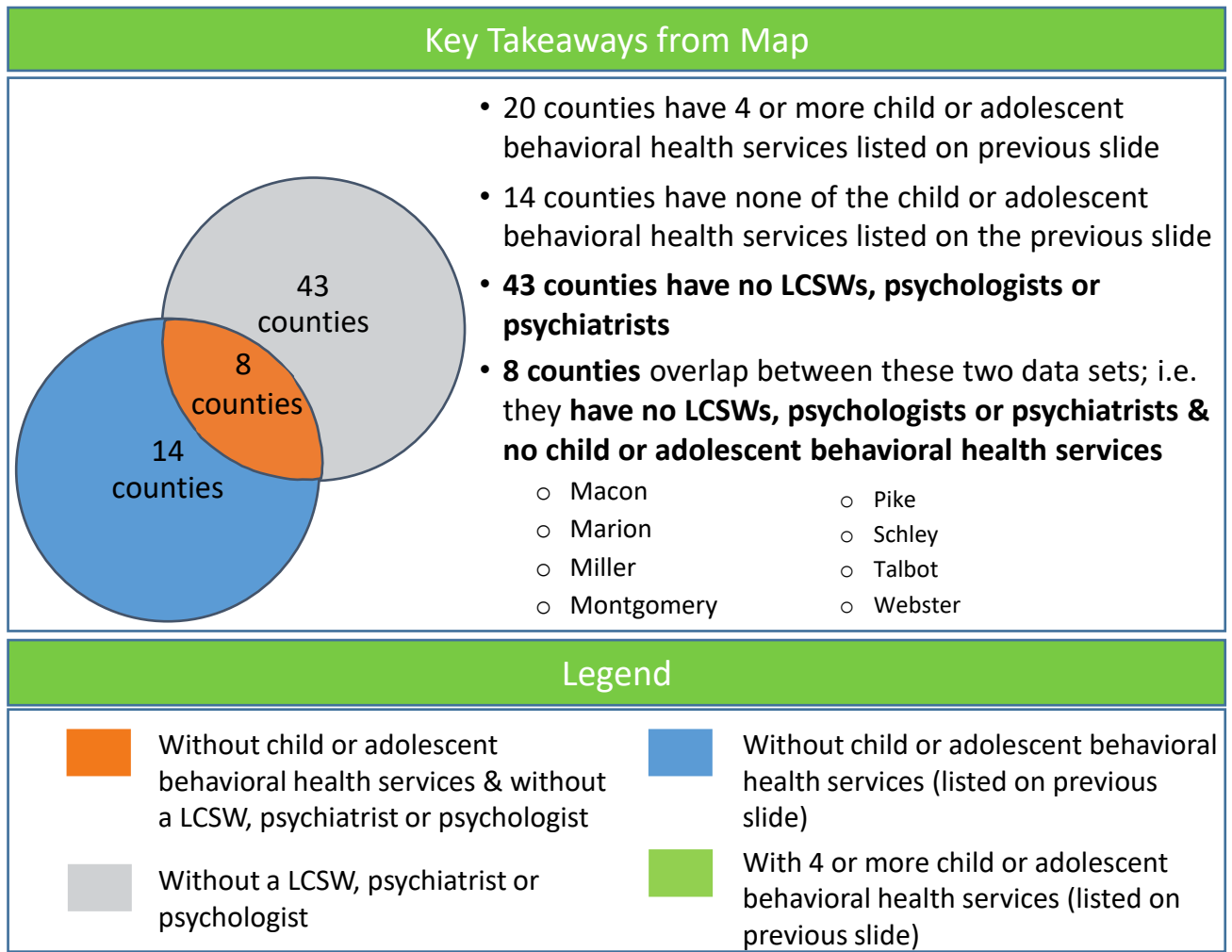
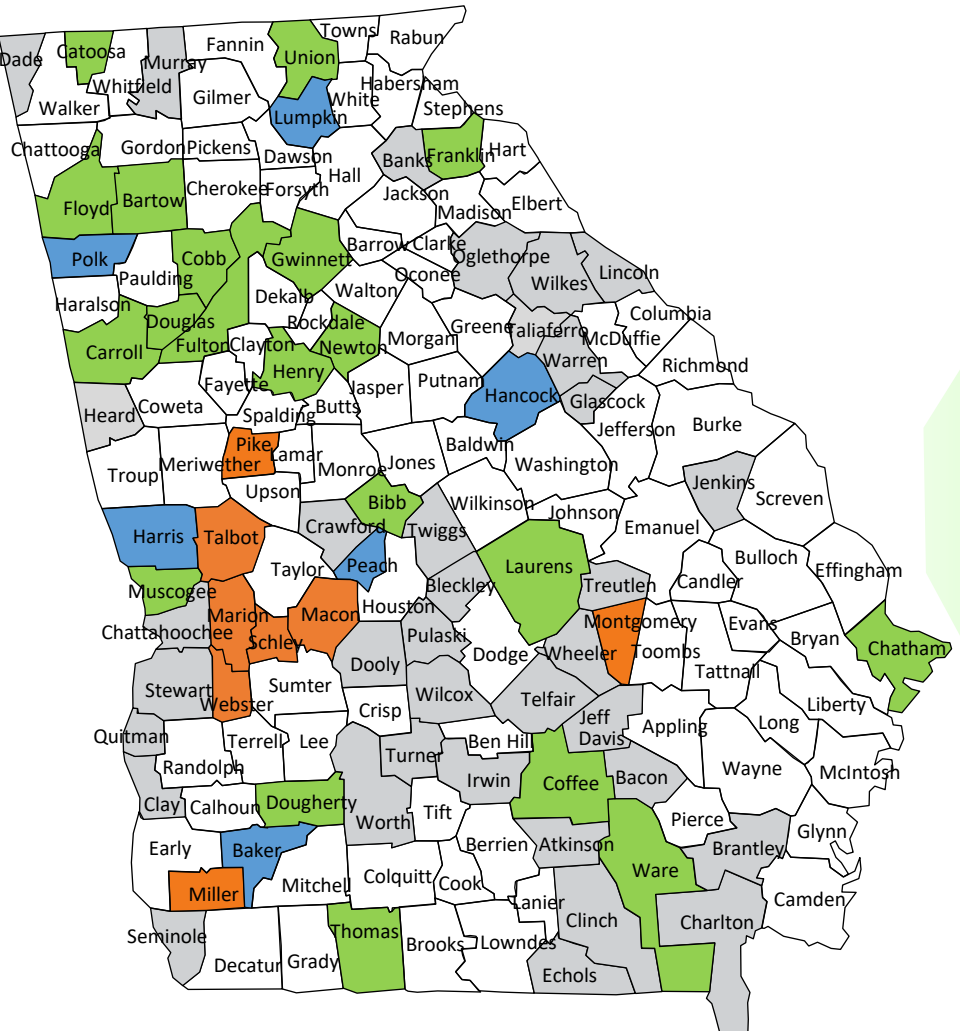
Of the **child & adolescent behavioral health services** included in the snapshot -

- **13% of Georgia's counties have 4 or more services** (# of counties = 20)
- **78% of Georgia's counties have 1-3 services** (# of counties = 125)
- **9% of Georgia's counties have no services** (# of counties = 14)

Legend: Child & Adolescent Behavioral Services



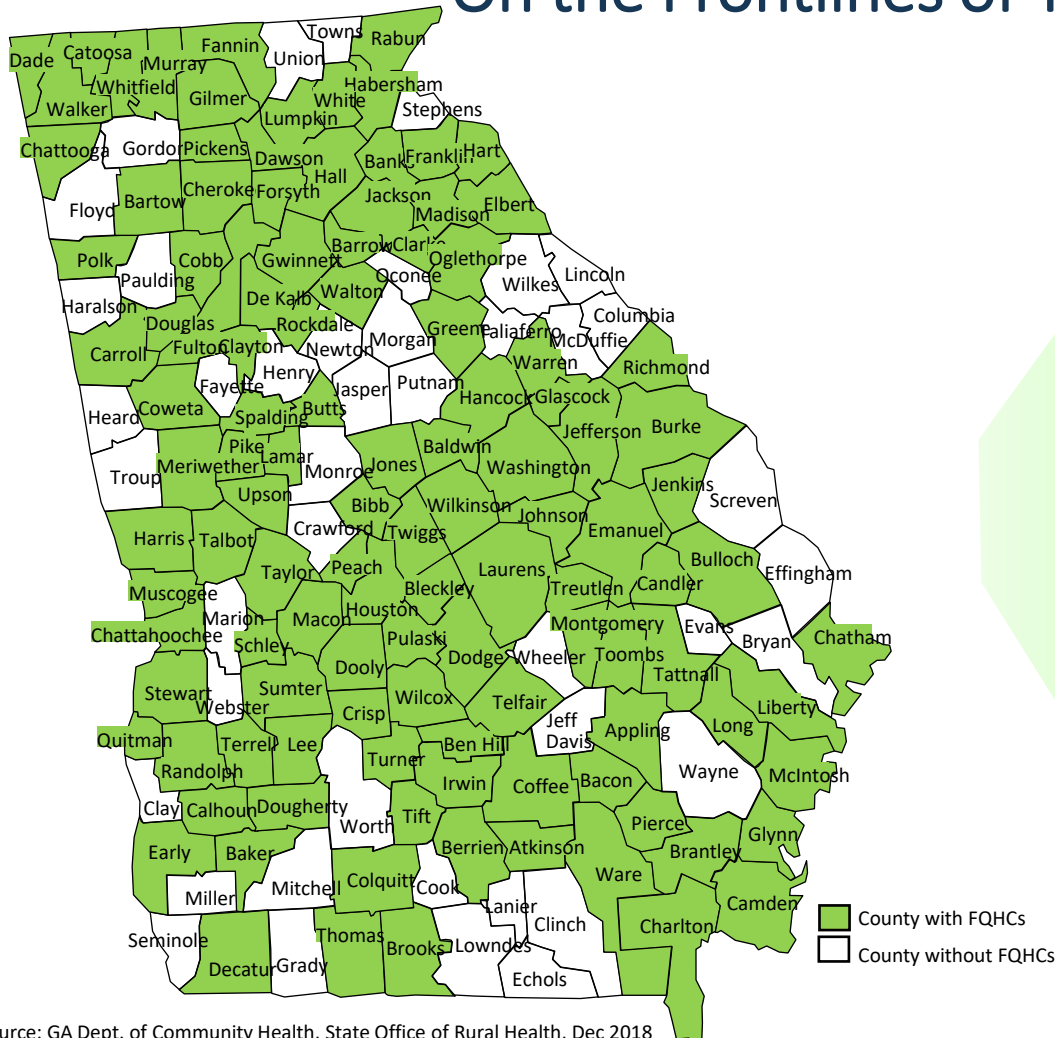
Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health Services: Leading & Lagging Counties



Sources: Created using Voices for Georgia's Children 2020 Factsheets, Georgia Partnership for Telehealth 2017 Data & CDC 2015 Data

Note - Additional details in companion excel document. Terms used in this presentation are further defined in the appendix glossary

A Closer Look at Georgia's Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs): On the Frontlines of Treating the Medically Underserved

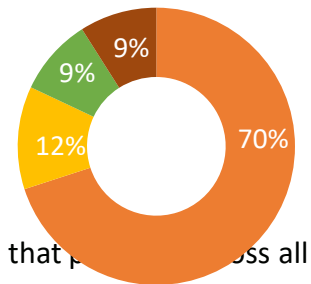


Key Results from 2020 Phone & Website Survey

Georgia currently has **34 FQHCs** with **229 delivery sites** across **129 GA counties**. An informal phone & website survey of all GA FQHCs was conducted in Apr 2020. Key results include –

- **91% of GA FQHCs currently provide behavioral health services on-site** at one or more of their locations
 - **70% treat children, adolescents & adults on-site**
 - 12% treat adolescents & adults only on-site
 - 9% treat adults only on-site
 - 9% have no on-site services

(if on-site services are not provided, all FQHCs confirmed that patients across all ages, are referred to external providers)
- The behavioral health workforce at GA FQHCs consists of **LCSWs (at a majority of locations)**, LPCs, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners, psychiatrists & others (listed in order of decreasing frequency)
- FQHCs make up the **majority of medical sponsors for GA's School Based Health Centers**
- As of Apr 2020, **50% of GA FQHCs were providing tele-behavioral health services**; many more were in the process of setting up these capabilities



Statewide Landscape Scan of ACEs/TIC Related Efforts By Sector

Statewide Landscape Scan: Evaluation Approach

We evaluated ACEs/TIC related efforts across various sectors -
Community & Faith-Based, Local & Regional Coalitions, School & College Based, Out of School, Public Agencies & State Departments

When evaluating an effort, we always began by asking – Does the effort explicitly refer to ACEs, TIC and/or Toxic Stress & has services directly related? If so, we proceeded to collect answers to the following questions from multiple sources -

Evaluation Questions	Evaluation Questions
1. Does the effort define ACEs, TIC and/or Toxic Stress? If so, how do they define these terms?	7. Does the effort have rural and/or metro components?
2. Which categories do the ACEs/TIC related services fit into - Advocacy & Policy, Research, Prevention & Intervention, Training or System of Care Coordination?	8. Is it a collective impact effort with public, private, non-profit, academia and/or community partners?
3. How long has the effort been in place?	9. Does the effort have communications aimed at public?
4. Does the effort claim any evidence base for the program? Do they refer to any TIC-relevant model(s)?	10. What population does the effort serve?
5. Does the effort have positive published results, including any peer reviewed publications?	11. What are the sources of funding for the effort?
6. Does the effort have state/county/city leadership buy in?	12. How has Covid-19 affected the effort?

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Community & Faith Based Efforts

Statewide Landscape Scan: Community & Faith-Based Efforts

We reviewed 31 community & faith-based ACEs/TIC efforts in Georgia, of which half were homeless shelters (15 programs) and about a third were counseling centers (11 programs)

Community and Faith-Based ACEs/TIC Related Efforts in Georgia

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| 1. Access Grace Counseling & Coaching | 11. Elizabeth Inn Emergency Shelter, Marietta | 21. My Brother's House |
| 2. Affiliated Psychological and Medical Consultants, LLC | 12. Family Counseling Associates of North Georgia | 22. My Sister's House |
| 3. Atlanta Day Shelter for Women and Children Inc. | 13. Family Promise of Gwinnett County | 23. Odyssey Villas - Intact Families |
| 4. Beyond Today Counseling Center | 14. Family Promise of North Fulton/DeKalb | 24. Open Hearts Youth Shelter |
| 5. Camden House | 15. Focus Forward Counseling and Consulting, Inc. | 25. Rainbow Village, Inc. |
| 6. Chattahoochee Child Psychology Services, LLC | 16. House of Hope | 26. Team Up Mentoring |
| 7. Children's Center for Hope & Healing | 17. Integrated Therapeutic Solutions | 27. The Atlanta Children's Shelter |
| 8. CHRIS180 | 18. Jars of Clay Outreach - Kingdom Worship Center | 28. The Potter's House |
| 9. City of Refuge - Eden Village Atlanta | 19. Live Life Counseling | 29. Wellroot Family Services |
| 10. Community Health Interfaith Partnership | 20. Lost-n-Found Youth | 30. Women With a Mission & House of Cherith, Atlanta |
| | | 31. Youth Connections - Kings Manor Shelter |

Statewide Landscape Scan: Community & Faith-Based Efforts

Innovative Community Effort Spotlight: Team Up Mentoring

Brief Description

- Established in 2006, Team Up Mentoring is a case management & mentoring nonprofit serving young people who have endured a significant amount of trauma in Monroe, GA
- Utilizes a holistic, trauma-informed approach with young people ages 3-21 offering services in the following areas: education, wellness, healthy relationships & transportation

Select Highlights

- Unique model of service – no other program like Team Up in the state and only 2 similar programs in the nation
- Children in the Team Up program have an ACE score of 7 or more, meaning they have survived more trauma than 99% of the U.S. population
- Team Up Mentoring makes up to an 18 year investment in each child –
 - Each child has a support team (including mentors, therapists, tutors, drivers, & the faith community) that stays in place the entire time
 - Each child receives between 8 and 15 of Team Up’s services
- Currently serving 129 children and their families in Monroe
- Since 2015, Team Up has celebrated a 100% graduation rate and 87% of their graduates are employed or pursuing higher education



Sources

- [Team Up Mentoring website](#)
- [Team Up Mentoring GuideStar Profile](#)

Statewide Landscape Scan: Community & Faith-Based Efforts

Innovative Faith-Based Spotlight: The Interfaith Children’s Movement

Brief Description

- Founded in 2001, The Interfaith Children's Movement (ICM) is a grassroots, interfaith advocacy movement that is dedicated to improving the well-being of all children across Georgia. Their primary methods include education, advocacy, networking, mobilization & information resourcing
- Focus on 8 ‘Faith In Action’ work areas: Child Advocacy, Child Poverty, Child Care and Protection, Education, Healthcare, Immigration, Juvenile Justice & Parental Nurturing

Select Highlights

- For over 20 years, ICM has been that rare organization that advocates for children broadly across religious & social boundaries & brings together numerous faith communities, child-serving agencies & community-based organizations across the state
- ICM’s collaborative leadership model has been instrumental in [achieving multiple landmark child-focused legislative accomplishments in Georgia](#) addressing juvenile justice, child sex trafficking, school suspension policies, strengthening families to end the need for foster care & more. For example, ICM played a very active role in passing the –
 - 2013 Juvenile Code Rewrite Includes “Children in Need of Services” (CHINS): After having not reformed its code in 43 years, GA passed one of most progressive Juvenile Justice Codes in the country. The CHINS section now provides therapeutic alternatives to juvenile prison
 - 2016 “Too Young to Suspend,” bill: Now students Pre-K though 3rd grade can’t be suspended without a school review
- Through its Interfaith Youth Alliance, youth ages 11-21 learn to probe, speak up powerfully and produce change on issues that affect their generation. The alliance meets annually with legislators during “ICM Youth Day at the Capitol”



Sources

- [The Interfaith Children’s Movement website](#) & Conversation with Tara Hall, Executive Director, Interfaith Children’s Movement, October 2020

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Local & Regional Public-Private Coalitions

Statewide Landscape Scan: Local & Regional Coalitions

Outside of Resilient Georgia’s Regional Grantee coalitions, we found 3 other ACEs/TIC related local & regional public-private coalitions – [Georgia Family Connection Partnership Collaboratives](#), [Children’s Advocacy Centers of GA](#) & [Trauma-Informed Library Transformation Project](#)

Innovative Spotlight: Trauma-Informed Library Transformation Project (TILT)

Brief Description

- Established in 2018, TILT is a partnership between Athens-Clarke County Library & the University of Georgia School of Social Work
- TILT’S 3-pronged approach involves embedding social work interns into the library, training library staff & ensuring the library environment & policies are also trauma-informed
 - People who have been affected by trauma are welcomed, respected, and helped to find the resources they need
 - Library staff are supported to understand the challenges of patrons who have experienced trauma & to respond in a positive & non-judgmental way
 - The space of the library itself conveys a message of safety and caring



Select Highlights

- First trauma-informed library in the state and one of only a few in the nation
- TILT project also funds an after-school peer mentoring outreach program for high school girls: the B.E.E. Club (Becoming Empowered through Education)
- Bibb County Family Connection has received \$7,500 from the Community Foundation of Central Georgia to establish a community resource project modeled after TILT

Sources

- Articles about TILT on/in [Georgia Public Library Service website](#), [The New Social Worker Magazine](#) & [American Libraries Magazine](#)
- Article about [B.E.E Club in the Red & Black \(UGA Student Newspaper\)](#)
- Resilient Middle Georgia Pittulloch Foundation Regional Grantee 6 Month Update Report, May 2020



Statewide Landscape Scan: Local & Regional Coalitions

Resilient Georgia's Regional Grantee Coalitions

- Resilient Georgia, in partnership with the Pittulloch Foundation, has been working with 8 cities across Georgia and the surrounding counties to provide a regional emphasis on trauma informed awareness and care, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and child sexual abuse prevention training as a basis to transform systems and procedures crossing both public and private sectors.
- Resilient Georgia serves as a supportive and guiding resource during each regions planning and implementation process.
- These regional action plans each address the behavioral health needs of individuals birth through 26 years old and their families in the community & surrounding counties using the Collective Impact framework (a diverse, robust & well-planned public-private partnership).
- Trauma Informed Care, ACEs and child sexual abuse prevention awareness can be the basis for systemic changes in a community. Each region has identified how one or more of these content areas are delivered to diverse community members through formal training, education, and marketing and communications.
- Round 1 grants were awarded in Nov 2019 to regional coalitions based out of Athens, Augusta, Macon and Savannah. Round 2 grants were awarded in July 2020 to regional coalitions based out of Albany, Columbus, Rome and Thomasville.

Statewide Landscape Scan: Local & Regional Coalitions

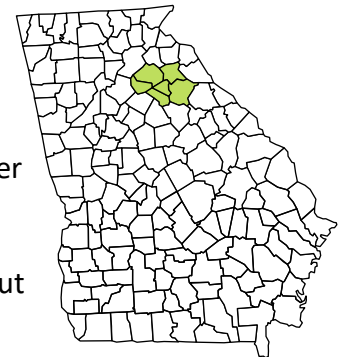
Nov 2019 Resilient Georgia Round 1 Regional Grantee: Athens

Brief Description

- Established in November 2019, the Athens coalition includes the Athens Area Community Foundation, Envision Athens, and the Athens Wellbeing Project. The target populations of the coalition are youth aging out of juvenile justice services, foster care families, people living in recovery, and homeless and transitional youth and their families. Key focus points of the coalition include providing trauma-informed care, secondary trauma, and SBIRT training opportunities for those who serve the target populations.

Select Highlights

- On May 28th 2020, the coalition hosted a virtual Trauma 101 training session attended by 460+ individuals and organizations and led by Dr. Brian Bride of Georgia State University. This session provided a ground-level introduction to trauma, some basics of self-care, and delved deeply into the topic of secondary trauma. This session was so popular that a follow-up Q&A session with Dr. Bride was attended by over 100.
- The Athens coalition recently partnered with Dr. Brian Bride and Goodwill of Northeast Georgia to offer two sets of virtual training opportunities to over 100 combined Goodwill staff. On August 3rd, Goodwill workforce development staff received a Trauma 101 training and on August 19th Goodwill case managers received a more in-depth trauma-informed care training session.
- In partnership with Dr. Amanda Abraham of UGA and Dr. Denise Crowe Clarke, on September 25th, a virtual SBIRT training session will be offered for over 65 area RCO, probation, and healthcare system representatives. SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment) is a motivational interviewing process used to identify risky substance use in patients and connect them to treatment.
- The coalition hopes to soon offer a virtual event for Clarke County School District teachers and staff as they cope not only with traumatized students, but with their own personal traumas caused by COVID-19.



Innovative Partnership Spotlight

- The coalition's partnership with Dr. Brian Bride of Georgia State University has been critical to many of its recent successes. As one of the foremost experts in secondary trauma, Dr. Bride has graciously and expertly partnered with the Athens coalition to provide multiple training opportunities including the wildly successful Trauma 101.

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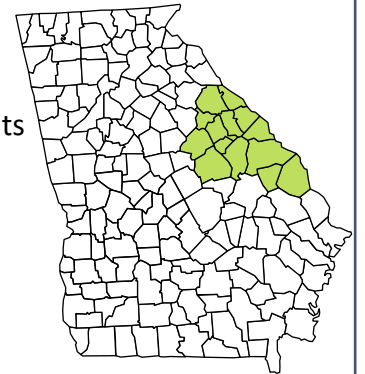
Nov 2019 Resilient Georgia Round 1 Regional Grantee: Augusta

Brief Description

- Resilient Teens is designed to prepare Augusta and surrounding communities to address Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), resilience, and trauma informed care in teens 13-19 in the 14-county area of the Central Savannah River area of Georgia. Resilient Teens is comprised of 8 community organizations and 9 Colleges/Departments of Augusta University. Resilient Teens will achieve its mission by building awareness, providing direct education and intervention with teens, and advocating for a trauma-informed human services and healthcare workforce.

Select Highlights

- Piloted Resilient Teens project during COVID-19. During the 6-week program, 26 medical students mentored and facilitated 30 teens in 13 counties.
- Created Resilient Teens logo and ordered branded materials
- Kicking off the Fall Resilient Teens, an 8-week program in mid-October. Four medical students are serving as coordinators, 22 additional medical students have been selected as facilitators, and applications from Teen Participants will be completed soon.
- Applying for a Handle with Care grant
- Co-hosted Resilience movie and participated in Q&A
- Planning Resilient Community summit for Spring 2021
- Bharat Sanders, MCG Medical Student, serving on STAR: Health Students Taking Action Together to address ACES and TIC.



Innovative Partnership Spotlight

- Family Connection has been our most engaged partner and sourced the teen participants in each of their 14-county catchment area. We are proud to also have partnerships with Safe Homes, Child Enrichment, 100 Black Men of Augusta, Boys & Girls Clubs of CSRA, Family Y of Greater Augusta, the Community Foundation of the CSRA, and The Medical College of Georgia Foundation.

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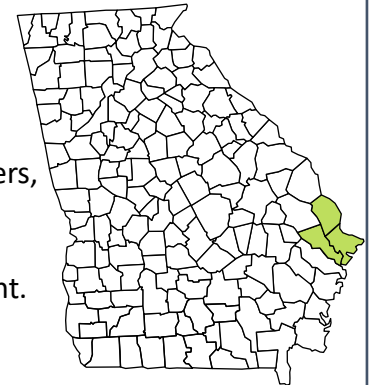
Nov 2019 Resilient Georgia Round 1 Regional Grantee: Coastal Georgia Indicators Coalition, Chatham County

Brief Description

- Coastal GA STRONG (Supportive.Training.Resilience.Optimism.Nuture.Grow) was founded in October 2019 and is a collaborative endeavor of the Coastal Georgia Indicators Coalition (CGIC) founded in 2014. The goal CGIC is to improve community well-being by engaging and leading the community to work collectively in its development of strategic priorities that guide policy, programs and resource allocation. Coastal GA STRONG serves our most vulnerable residents, the children and families in low-wealth communities in Chatham, Effingham and Bryan Counties. Lead Partners: CGIC, Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council (Planning Council), Gateway Behavioral Service Board (Gateway) and Loop It Up Savannah.

Select Highlights

- The Planning Council and Gateway established a strong on-going relationship with Parent University to reach over 100 Parents who participate weekly in virtual meetings to offer behavioral health classes including Suicide Prevention, Mindful Self Compassion and community Mental Health Resources and training.
- Loop It Up Savannah and Gateway developed and provided Stress Boxes and Mindfulness Zone Activity kits to youth and families through partner agencies and the Savannah Chatham Public School System.
- Gateway, The Planning Council and Chatham County partnered to plan and produce the Annual Mental Health Symposium held virtually with 4 topics, 5 sessions spanning 5 weeks. Topic included: From Empathy Fatigue to Empathy Resiliency, Wellness and Resiliency for Community and First Responders, Trauma Drama and Opportunities to Increase Access to Services.
- Gateway worked with Deep Center to engage Juniors in High School in the First Youth Mental Health Symposium and continued to engage students through the development of a podcast “TEENISH” which is entirely youth led and addresses mental health topics the youth have identified as important.
- The Planning Council established ongoing training for SCCPSS faculty and Staff in Suicide Prevention and Mindful Self Compassion training over 5,000 employees.



Innovative Partnership Spotlight

- Georgia Southern University, School of Education, SCCPSS (Public School) and CGIC planned and implemented the first Annual T.I.E.S. – Trauma Informed Education Symposium engaging over 100 Public School Teachers and Counselors in a half day workshop which included keynote speaker and breakout sessions.

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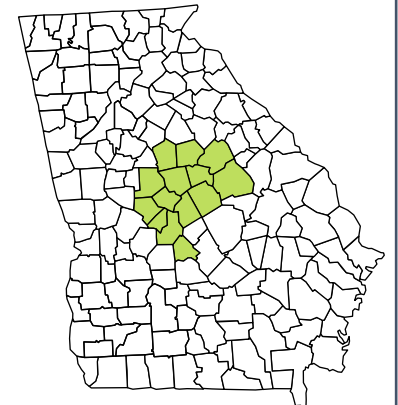
Nov 2019 Resilient Georgia Round 1 Regional Grantee: Resilient Middle Georgia

Brief Description

- Established in November 2019, Resilient Middle Georgia aims to build a common language and understanding about adversity, trauma, and ACEs (adverse childhood experiences & adverse community environments) while also identifying and empowering community champions in Macon-Bibb, Houston, Pulaski, Wilkinson, Putnam, Baldwin, Monroe, Jones, Crawford, Peach, Twiggs, Jasper, Washington, and Hancock counties to join the trauma informed care movement.

Select Highlights

- Keynote speaker at [International Women's Day 2020](#) event: Building Connections that Matter: Addressing Trauma and Adversity in Our Community
- Developed a community assessment to survey current inventory of resources and drive trauma informed change in 14 county footprint.
- Created [Neighbor Check-In Notes](#) for community distribution. In stressful times, it's important to make connections with people to help build resilience. This campaign was organized to encourage anyone to participate and leave a note with a friend or neighbor.
- Designed resilientmiddlegeorgia.org website as a first stop for local resources providing reading material, request an evidence-based training session or join the coalition.
- Distributed 5000 Resilience Bags to community partners in August during events like back to school drives, food drives, library activities and through organizations. The reusable bag included information about our new normal, coping skills and compassion along with crayons and foam putty.
- Hosted over 200 attendees for [Dr. Ross Greene's](#) virtual training session [Collaborative & Proactive Solutions: Understanding and Helping Children with Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Challenges](#) to help support educators, professionals and caregivers of children.



Innovative Partnership Spotlight

- Middle Georgia Regional Library System is one of the original coalition members of Resilient Middle Georgia. We worked closely together to develop a trauma informed bookmark for distribution to patrons. The library system also distribution 900 Resilience Bags with their children's summer reading activities and curb-side pickup offerings.



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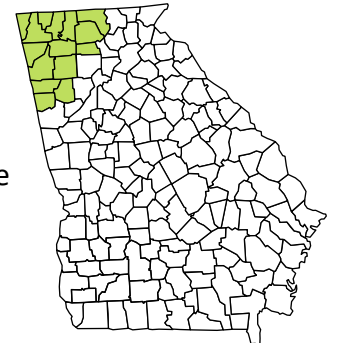
Jul 2020 Resilient Georgia Round 2 Regional Grantee: Building a Region of Resilience Project, Rome

Brief Description

- Our mission is to create a poverty- and trauma-informed and responsive region by building capacity, increasing community awareness and influencing systems change, with a focus on creating and implementing poverty/trauma-informed strategic plans. We will work primarily with the Family Connection Collaboratives in Northwest GA and their partners, with a focus on regional partners supporting multiple collaboratives. Our end goal is to improve the impact of programs/services on families, with a focus on families with children birth to young adult who are living in poverty or are at increased risk for child abuse and neglect

Select Highlights

- Currently working to develop a comprehensive work-plan for project implementation that focuses on building capacity with Collaborative Coordinators and key partners, creating community awareness through workshops, trainings and related discussions (including Nurturing Communities Civic Dinners and viewings of “Resilience,” and finally influencing systems change through regional stakeholder meetings and increased awareness and training on the Strengthening Families Framework
- Committees were organized to oversee the work in each component of the project.



Innovative Partnership Spotlight

- Negotiated with Global Impact, Inc. to serve as a key partner in the initiative, leveraging their experience implementing a trauma-informed strategy and design for Restoration Rome. We are currently working to schedule a presentation by Global Impact to our Collaborative Coordinators and key partners.

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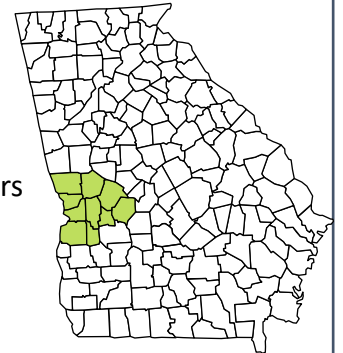
Jul 2020 Resilient Georgia Round 2 Regional Grantee: Chattahoochee Valley Child Equity Collaborative, Columbus

Brief Description

- The Chattahoochee Valley Child Equity Collaborative (CVCEC) was established in July of 2020 with United Way of the Chattahoochee (UWCV) as the implementation lead.
- The mission of the CVCEC is to advance child brain development, mental health and well-being through two equity-based strategies: Community Schools and The Basics. A cross sector of key stakeholders and partners will work collectively to focus resources on outcomes for families living at 200% or below of the federal poverty standards and seek to reduce Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the impact of ACEs on children, families and communities.

Select Highlights

- In August of 2020 UWCV hired a director of The Basics to lead the strategy regionally and work to reduce and overcome the effects of ACEs in our region
- In September of 2020 UWCV hired a director of Community Schools to implement the Community School Strategy regionally, focusing on the well being of students and families
- In September of 2020 UWCV contracted with a local technology company, Village Creed to deliver an online ACEs training curriculum to all CVCEC partners and provide robust reporting on training participation and outcomes
- We are currently working to develop the training curriculum, engage partners and develop a framework for the next 22 months of work across our nine county area of Chattahoochee, Harris, Marion, Muscogee, Schley, Stewart, Talbot, Taylor and Webster



Innovative Partnership Spotlight

- The partnership between UWCV and the Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley (the fiscal agent of the grant) is a transformational one focused on many aspects of building a stronger community. Our work together in the CVCEC will focus our community on ACEs and trauma, enabling us to reach a much wider audience than either organization could do alone

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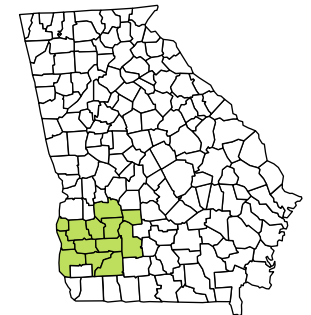
Jul 2020 Resilient Georgia Round 2 Regional Grantee: United Way of Southwest Georgia, Albany

Brief Description

- The Success For Life Community Initiative is partnership of 30+ organizations and agencies throughout southwest Georgia working together to raise awareness of the effects of trauma, and to reduce its incidence and impact, as well as to build resilience in individuals, families, and our communities. The goal of the initiative is to dramatically improve the health and well being of our community addressing by addressing ACEs as a root cause of regional health issues.

Select Highlights

- Collaborated with Dougherty County School System to work towards a goal of 100% of the school system to be trained in Stewards of Children
- Partnered with key stakeholders in the community to solidify beneficial trauma-informed care trainings for members of their organizations
- Identified Mental Health Awareness week for tentative program rollout; will include social media campaign, press release, and training calendar for community partners.



Innovative Partnership Spotlight

- Partnered with Aspire, a leading CSB agency providing mental health, addictive disease, and developmental disability services, to provide trauma informed training throughout Southwest GA



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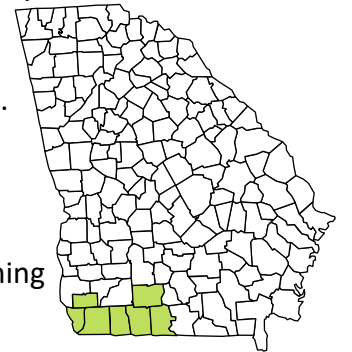
Jul 2020 Resilient Georgia Round 2 Regional Grantee: Vashti Center, Thomasville

Brief Description

- For over a century, The Vashti Center has worked with children and youth with a variety of challenges. Since 1903, Vashti Center has operated from a place of peace and compassion. Many of those in our care have come from trauma and upheaval. We are a port in the storm. Down to the butterfly in our logo, our mission is to help children experience rebirth and the joy of renewal by the promotion of empowerment and resiliency.

Select Highlights

- Collaborating with schools and organizations across eight counties in Southwest Georgia to provide professional development opportunities focused on youth mental health and trauma-informed care practices.
- Have provided several presentations to local civic clubs to raise awareness for children's mental health, ACEs, and resiliency while also reducing stigma.
- Increased the amount of school based mental health services provided in three SW Georgia counties (Mitchell, Colquitt, and Brooks) through strategic partnerships with local school systems and Georgia's DBHDD.
- Currently working with another local youth serving organization, Thomasville Community Resource Center, and the Covey Film Festival to plan a screening of the documentary *Resilience* in January 2021. The screening will include a panel discussion afterwards.



Innovative Partnership Spotlight

- Currently collaborating with a non-profit, Never Lost, who serve as the local CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) network and hosting and providing trainings for new volunteers on ACE's, trauma, and resilience.

Statewide Landscape Scan: Part Three – Coming Soon

- 1 TIC/ACEs related efforts in Schools & Colleges/Universities
- 2 TIC/ACEs related Out of School (Early Care & After School) efforts
- 3 TIC/ACEs related efforts across State Public Departments & Agencies

Appendix

Appendix: Glossary

- **Child Advocacy Centers of Georgia** - Safe, child-focused facilities where victims of child abuse can receive therapy, medical exams, courtroom preparation, victim advocacy, case management, and other services from a multi-disciplinary team including law enforcement, the medical and mental health communities, child protective services, prosecution and advocacy groups all working together to serve the needs of the child.
- **Community Service Boards (CSBs)** – Georgia’s public safety-net providers of mental health, substance use disorder, and intellectual and developmental disability treatment and services. CSBs are quasi-governmental agencies with oversight from the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.
- **Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)** – The state agency that provides treatment and support services to people with mental health challenges and substance use disorders, and assists individuals who live with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Its Office of Children, Young Adults, and Families offers children, young adults, and their families a range of treatment.
- **Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)** – A federally funded, non-profit community-based organization that provides comprehensive primary care and preventive care, including health, oral, and mental health/substance abuse services, to medically underserved populations and persons of all ages, regardless of their ability to pay or health insurance status. Federally Qualified Health Centers include community health centers, migrant health centers, healthcare for the homeless health centers, public housing primary care centers, school based health centers and health center programs.

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- **Georgia Crisis and Access Line (GCAL)** – A toll-free number, 1-800-715-4225, that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from anywhere in Georgia. Callers are connected to a trained professional who de-escalates, dispatches a mobile crisis unit if needed or who links them to the most appropriate services for a behavioral health crisis, a crisis related to an intellectual or developmental disability, or a substance use crisis, as close to their location as possible.
- **Georgia Partnership for Telehealth** – 100 schools have telehealth equipment to be used for behavioral health services through the GPTH network. Funding: GPTH grant; school budget for staff time; Medicaid
- **Mental Health Resiliency Clubhouses**: DBHDD clubhouses statewide designed to provide supportive services, e.g., educational, social, peer and employment support geared to engage youth and their families, and assist them in managing their mental health disorder behaviors and symptoms.
- **PBIS** - Positive Behavior Intervention Supports in schools: Facilitates positive school climate and timely identification of behavioral health needs for students. A network of 1100+ schools and programs representing 50% of Georgia local educational agencies continue implementation with fidelity. Funding: DOE state funds PBIS specialists in each Regional Educational Service Agency.
- **Project LAUNCH** - Increases access to mental health services for children ages 0-8 in childcare and early education settings, through parental supports, early behavioral health screenings, and trainings for early identification of autism. Funding: Federal Grant; 5-years 2014-2019 to Muscogee County. To be relaunched by DBHDD in 2020 in partnership with GA Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics



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- **Project Apex** - Increases school-based behavioral health capacity through Community Service Boards (CSBs) and several private providers. They both develop partnerships with local schools to provide behavioral health services. This program currently operates in 562 schools (25% of 2,200 total public schools in Georgia; primarily operates in elementary schools). Funding: DBHDD State Funds.
- **Project AWARE** - Built capacity of state and local educational agencies to increase awareness of mental and substance abuse issues through student screenings and school staff trainings. Grant funding from the 1st grant ended Sep 2019, but to sustain project goals, several school districts have been trained in, and are implementing frameworks, tools and strategies (e.g., Youth Mental Health First Aid, Sources of Strength, Suicide Prevention) to improve mental health outcomes among Georgia's youth. Georgia was awarded a 2nd Project AWARE grant in Oct 2020.
- **SBHCs** - School-Based Health Centers: Improve children's access to health services. 30+ SBHCs provide mental and behavioral health services through on-site services in partnership with community providers. Funding: Foundation grants for start-up costs, insurance billing for sustainability.
- **Substance Abuse Clubhouses** - DBHDD clubhouses designed to provide support to youth as they strive to improve their life & wellness while decreasing or abstaining from alcohol and/or substance use. The youth participate in life skills groups, social outings, educational supports, career development/exploration, & other activities that teach them how to maintain a healthy & sober lifestyle.
- **Tele-Behavioral Health Pilot in Lamar County Schools** - Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) is leading an interagency pilot to augment on-site school-based health services with behavioral health via telehealth in Lamar County Schools. Funding: DPH state funds provided equipment.