

# Georgia

CHIPRA Quality Demonstration Grant  
Care Management Entities: A Model to  
Improve Child Behavioral Health  
Outcomes

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Georgia Partnerships  
for Peer Support  
“Connecting the Work”

A Multi-State Collaborative of  
Maryland, Georgia, and  
Wyoming

# Youth Certified Peer Support

- Building on the existing foundation
  - Child and Adolescent State Infrastructure Grant (CASIG)
  - Highlighting the “Youth Guided” philosophy in documents and incorporating the language in daily communication
  - State started thinking about including the youth to inform decision making
    - But how?
      - Engaging youth requires a different approach
      - Inviting them to the table to do what?
      - Began thinking about cultivating youth leaders
      - Investing in conferences which promote leadership and impact policy
      - Avoid the token mentality

Youth  
Empowerment

Georgia's  
Youth Move

AD/MH  
Clubhouses

CHIPRA

CBAY

HTI

CASIG

# Youth and Community Based Alternatives for Youth (CBAY)

## Original Waiver (9/08)

- Peer Service was based on the adult model
- Only available to those who chose self-direction
- Had to be 21 to provide the service
- Did not have to have experience to provide the service
- Linkage-based service

## Amended Waiver (4/11)

- Peer Service is revised based on the peer-to-peer model definition from the national level
- Available to all youth
- Have to be 19 years of age to provide the service
- Have to have experience in the system to provide the service
- Resiliency based service

# Youth and Healthy Transitions Initiative (HTI)

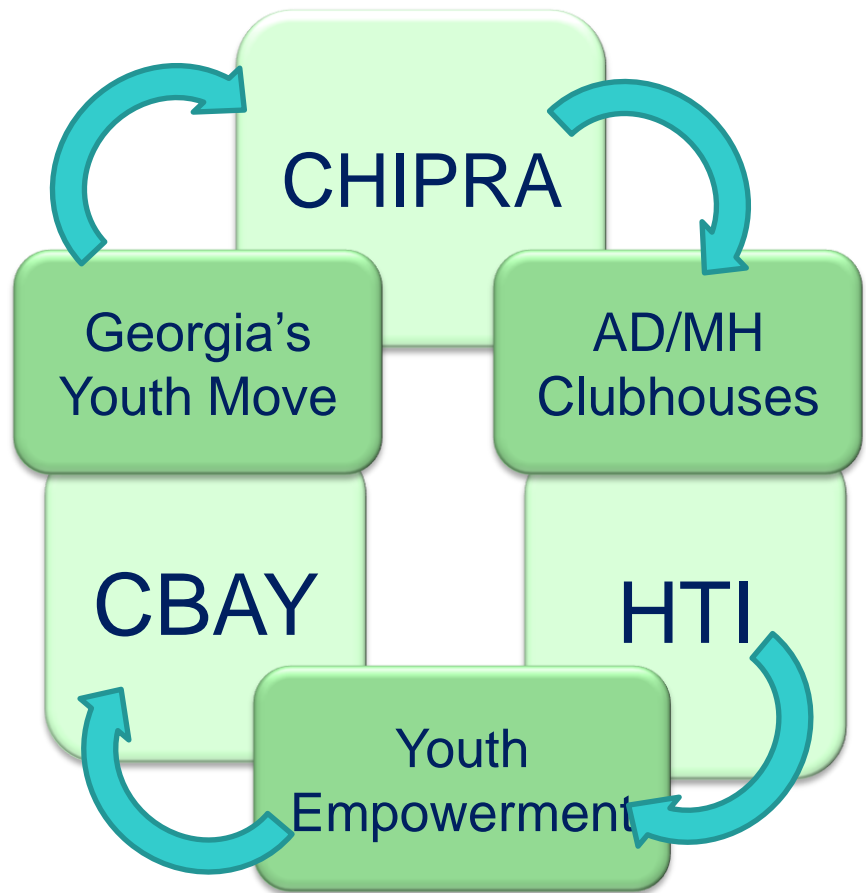
- In 2009, SAMHSA awarded 7 HTI grants and Georgia was a recipient.
- Target population: 16-25 year olds with behavioral health challenges
- State - local partnership
  - Local pilot site in Savannah: Implement service delivery program utilizing the TIP model.
  - State: Create policy/system change informed by learning from the pilot site.
- TIP- Transition to Independence Process model developed by Dr. Rusty Clark

# HTI (continued)

- Pilot site uses Transition Facilitation Coaches to assist young people in meeting their self identified goals.
  - Also have a Youth Coordinator and Family Liaison on staff in Savannah.
- Initial State Perspective
  - Create a peer support system; identify and grow program graduates to become Certified Peer Specialists.
  - Create a specialty certificate for working with youth and young adults.
  - Goals have somewhat changed
    - HTI is interested in pursuing and partnering to build the youth certified peer specialist certification and curriculum
    - CHIPRA has become a partner with HTI
      - Parent Peer
      - Youth Peer

# CHIPRA

- PPT Goal # 5: Develop network of credentialed Parent and Youth Peer Support Specialists
  - Identification of targeted workforce
  - Build certification and curriculum
  - Develop statewide payment mechanism
  - Modify standards and policies to support use of new workforce
  - Identify facilitator/consultant to help guide the work
  - “Tilling the soil” strategy



# CASIG



# Development of the Parent and Youth Peer Management Workgroup

- HTI
- AD Clubhouses
- MH Clubhouses
- CME Youth
- Youth Move
- Youth Empowerment (MAAC)
- Transition youth (CHRIS kids)
- Adult CPS

*This workgroup is designed to address governance, strategic planning, and the overall design of the parent and youth model*

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