

Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Meeting

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Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

November 13, 2019



Agenda

Call to Order

Recovery Speaker

Action Items

BHCC Initiatives

Commissioner's Report

Next Meeting Date

Call to Order

Judy Fitzgerald
Commissioner

Recovery Speaker

Alex Berthelot

RESPECT Institute of Georgia

Action Items

- Minutes: August 14, 2019
- 2020 BHCC Proposed Meeting Dates

BHCC Initiatives

Interagency Directors Team

Danté McKay, JD, MPA

Director

Office of Children, Young Adults, and Families



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Overview

Current System of Care State Plan

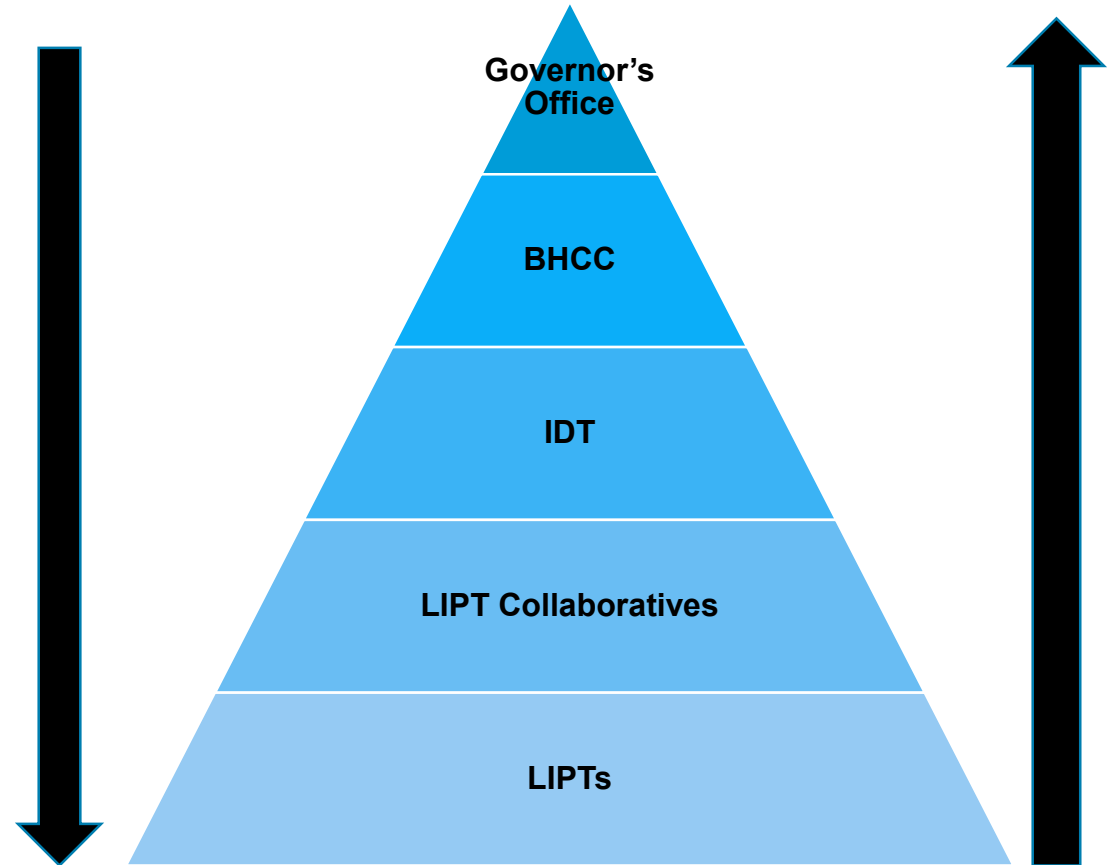
New System of Care State Plan



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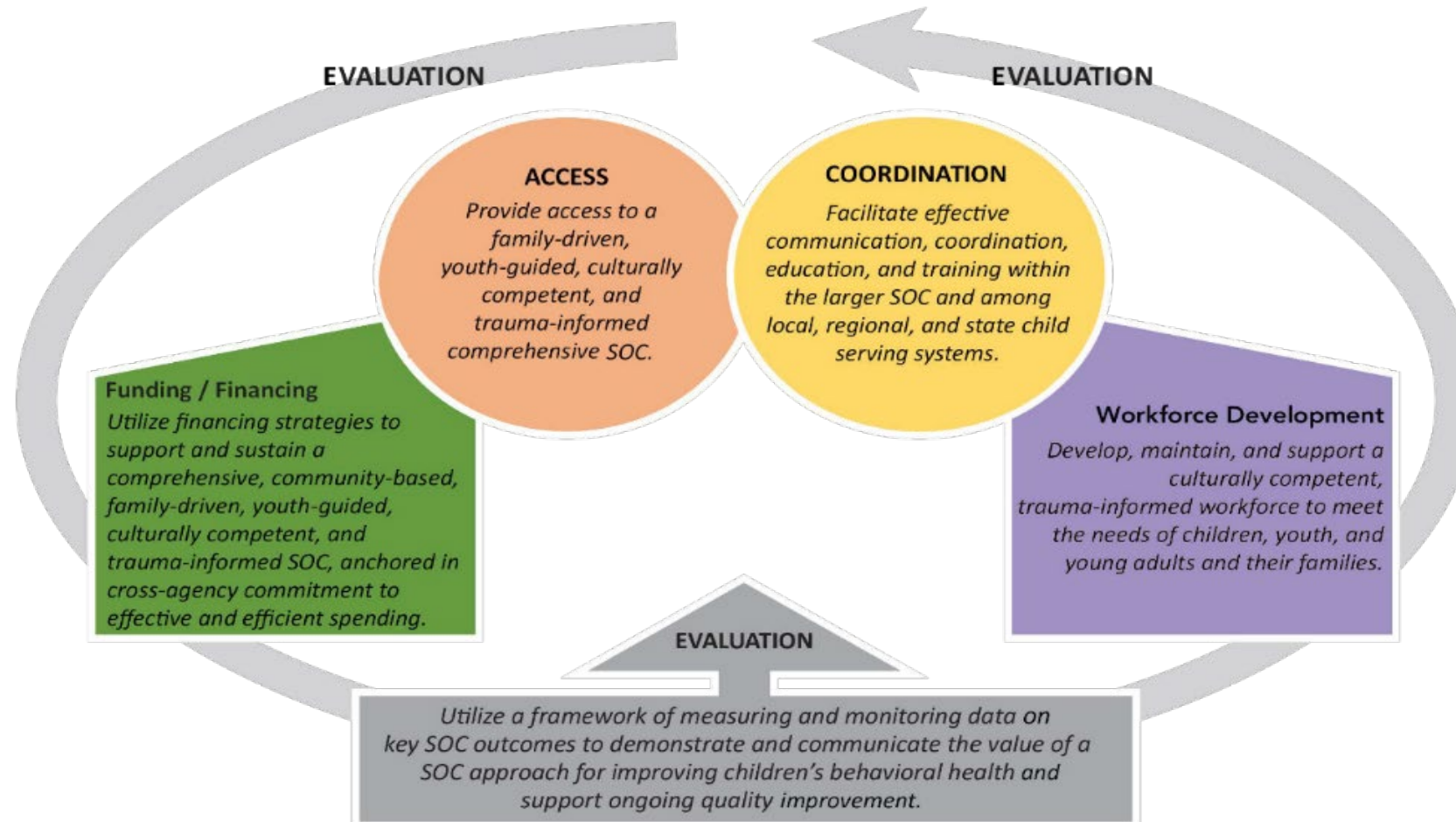
Feedback Loops

- Behavioral Health Coordinating Council (BHCC) (§ 37-2-4)
- Interagency Directors Team (IDT)
- Local Interagency Planning Teams (LIPTs) (§ 49-5-225)



Current Georgia System of Care State Plan

SOC Plan Development: Areas of Influence / Goals



Local Interagency Planning Teams (LIPTs) - § 49-5-225

Permanent Membership:

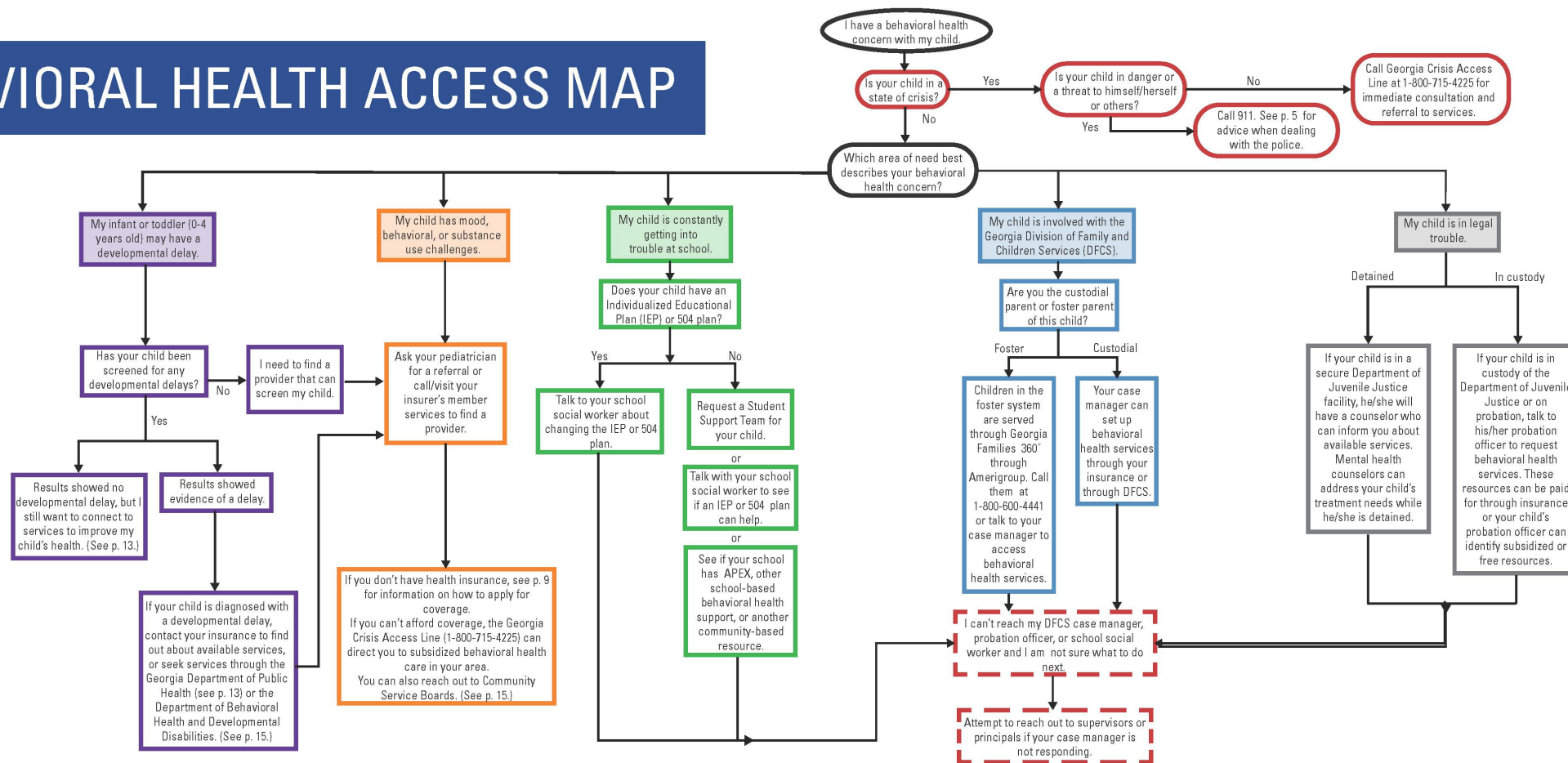
- The community mental health agency responsible for coordinating children's services
- The Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services
- The Department of Juvenile Justice
- The Department of Public Health
- A member of the special education staff of the local education agency
- The Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

LIPT Data Collection Form

- Child/Youth-Level Information
- Demographic Information
- Clinical Information
- Previously identified and newly identified services
- Program Information

Behavioral Health Access Map

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACCESS MAP



Parent and family support organizations: No matter what challenge you or your child may be facing, it is very important to connect with people who have been through what you are going through or who are currently dealing with the system themselves. After connecting to the appropriate agency for your need, reach out to an organization that specializes in peer-to-peer, or informal advocacy for people dealing with the system. (For a list of these organizations, see p. 11.)

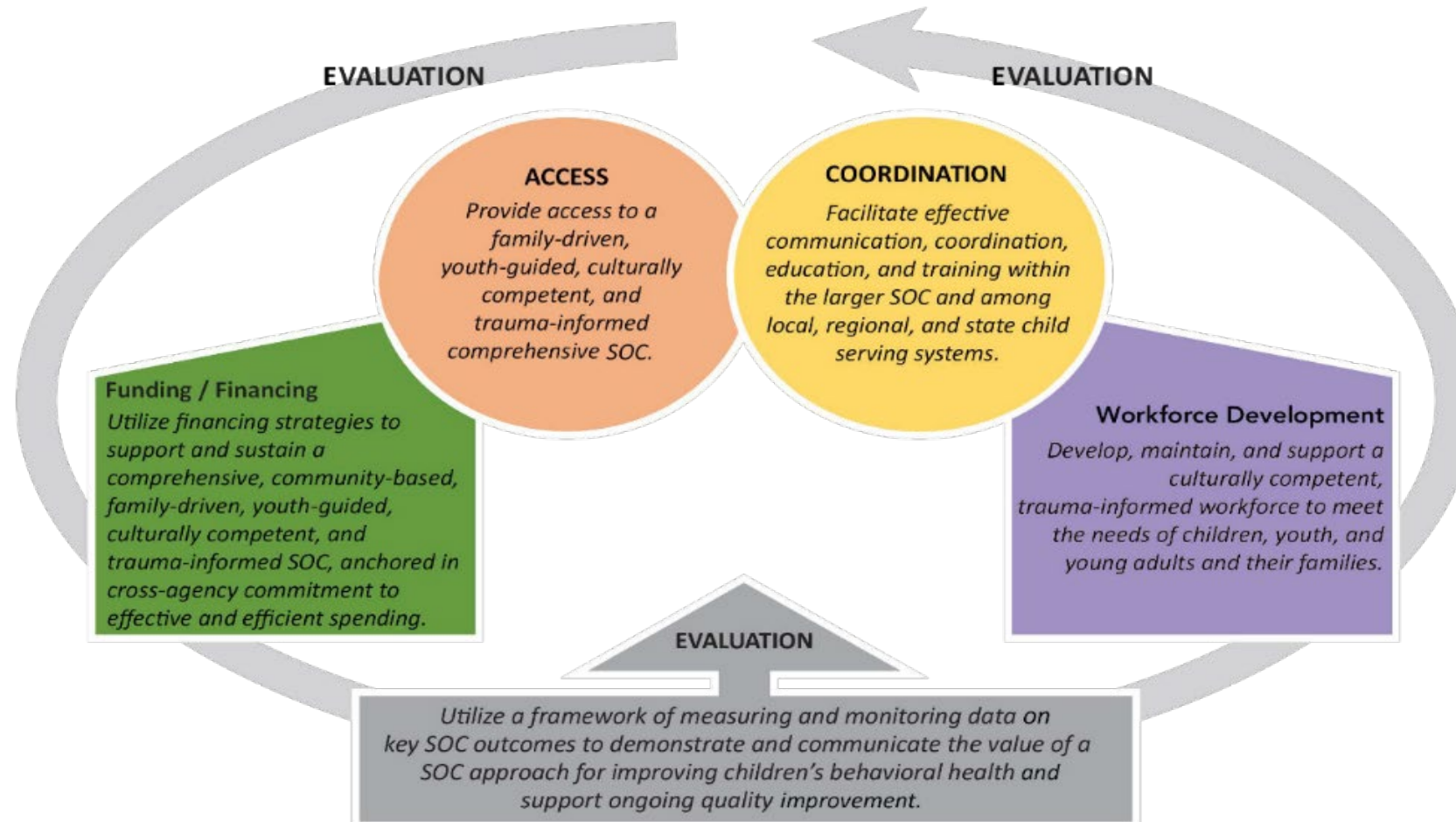
Trauma-Informed Universities

Goal - Trauma awareness for MSW students preparing to enter the workforce

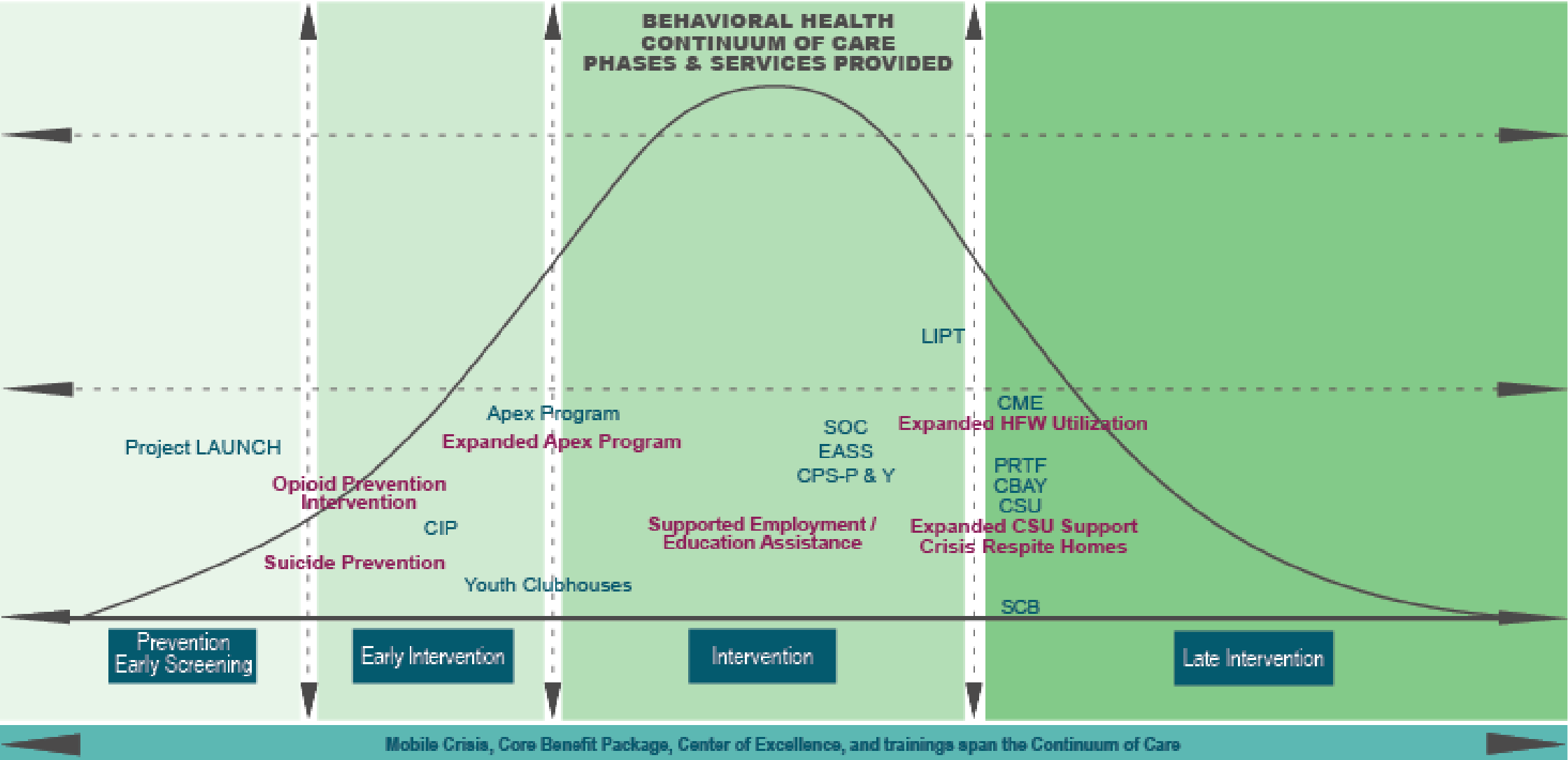
- Developed draft curriculum for three-hour seminar
- Confirmed pilot sites - Albany State University, Clark Atlanta University, Georgia State University, Kennesaw State University, University of Georgia
- Received feedback from pilot sites
- Finalized curriculum, made open source
- Delivered curriculum to students beginning August 2019
- Ongoing data collection and evaluation

Current Georgia System of Care State Plan

SOC Plan Development: Areas of Influence / Goals



DBHDD Behavioral Health Service Array for Children, Young Adults, and Families



New System of Care State Plan Development

Stakeholder Interviews:

- Infant and toddler social emotional health
- Child Welfare
- Education
- Juvenile Justice
- Behavioral Health
- Public Health
- Rural Health
- Family/Youth Voice

New System of Care State Plan Development

Timeline:

- Now to Spring 2020 – Stakeholder interviews and draft plan
- Spring 2020
 - Facilitated discussion to review plan
 - Finalize plan
- May 2020 – Submit plan to BHCC for review/approval



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BE PREPARED

BE RESPECTFUL

BE PROFESSIONAL

BE CARING

BE EXCEPTIONAL

BE INSPIRED

BE ENGAGED

BE ACCOUNTABLE

BE INFORMED

BE FLEXIBLE

BE HOPEFUL

BE CONNECTED

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Transition –Reentry Committee

Co-Chairperson Terri Timberlake, Ph.D.

Director,

Office of Adult Mental Health

Division of Behavioral Health

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Co-Chairperson Michelle Stanley

Deputy Director,

Office of Reentry Services

Field Operations Division

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BHCC Transition Re-entry Committee



BHCC Transition Reentry Committee Focus Areas

- 1 Access to RESPECT Institute speakers for partnering agencies
- 2 Forensic Peer Mentor Program
- 3 Employment for returning citizens
- 4 Family Reunification Project

Georgia Department of Corrections

Returning Citizens with Behavioral Health Classification

**Returning citizens who paroled from GDC back into the community
with classification Mental Health Levels 2, 3, and 4**

Month	Mental Health Level	# of Release
August 2019	Level 2 - Outpatient Treatment	158
August 2019	Level 3 - Inpatient Moderate	10
August 2019	Level 4 - Inpatient Intensive	1

Forensic Peer Mentor Program Enrollment FYTD

Department of Corrections Facilities Day Reporting Centers

7 State Prisons

- Lee Arrendale
- Pulaski
- Baldwin
- Phillips
- Rutledge
- Metro Atlanta
- Phillips
Transitional
Center

**60 returning
citizens enrolled**

8 Day Reporting Centers

- Atlanta
- Athens
- Griffin
- Morrow
- Gainesville
- Gwinnett
- Columbus
- Rome

**114 returning
citizens enrolled**

State Hospitals Mental Health Treatment Courts

2 State Hospitals

- Georgia Regional
(Atlanta)
- Central State
(Milledgeville)

14 enrolled

5 Mental Health Treatment Courts

- Avita (Hall/Dawson
Co.)
- Cobb CSB (Cobb
Co.)
- Highland Rivers
(Fannin/Gilmer/
Pickens Co.)
- River Edge CSB
(Bibb Co.)
- McIntosh Trail
(Spalding Co.)

161 enrolled

Forensic Peer Mentor Program Outcomes FYTD

Recidivism/Re-arrest Readmissions (DRC/GRH/GDC)	
Psychiatric hospital readmission post release FYTD	Re-arrest/ Conviction post release FYTD
0	1 re-arrest 0 re-convictions 0 parole/probation revocation

Program Outcome Highlights (DRC/GRH/GDC)	
Community-Based Referral and Linkages YTD (fiscal)	
Transitional sessions provided	5,012
Behavioral health services	69
Substance use treatment	236
Employment assistance	42
Housing	43
Primary health	22

Forensic Peer Mentors in Treatment Courts FYTD

Program Outcome Highlights

Number of Participant Graduates	12
Permanently Housed	86%
In Residential Treatment	14%
Employed	76%
Episodes of Homelessness	1
Re-arrests (new charges)	1
Readmission to CSU/Psych Hospital	1

(3/5 courts reporting)



Ramona (right) with The Honorable Judge Mary Staley, Cobb County Superior Court

“Having been in the system as a convicted felon in that revolving door of substance use, illness, and trouble with law enforcement, as well as my experience with homelessness, despair, estrangement from family and profound loneliness [gives] me a perspective that comes with that lived experience. I know that if I can recover, anyone can. I try to offer unconditional positive regard and carry hope for others until people find it for themselves, because Recovery is Real and Possible and available to All.”

--Ramona Burkett, Forensic Peer Mentor
Cobb County Mental Health Court/Cobb Douglas CSB

BHCC – Transition Reentry Committee

Employment for Returning Citizens

Engage

- Individuals with criminal justice involvement and an SPMI with opportunities for gainful employment
- Employers in dialogue that leads to employing talent from this pool

Educate

- Individuals on strategies for maintaining employment (including soft skills)
- Employers about the benefits of recruiting and hiring from this rehabilitated talent pool

Connect

- Individuals with opportunities
- Employers to benefits and recruitment resources
- Agencies doing similar work (**DCS, GVRA, DOL, DOJ, Georgia Justice Project**)

Family Reunification Initiative

FREE

Family Reunification, Education, & Empowerment Project
Psychoeducation, Counseling, and Peer Support to Facilitate Successful Re-Entry for Georgia's Returning Citizens

Family-focused, peer-facilitated, multi-session project

- Forensic peer mentors and *certified* peer specialists-parent
- Returning citizens and their family/support network
- Improving communication
- Strengthen family support
- Supporting successful transition into the community



Pilot site: Metro State Prison

Proposed 20 returning citizens in first Cohort

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Commissioner's Report

Judy Fitzgerald
Commissioner

Hospital System Overview

Emile Risby, MD

Medical Director

Director, Division of Hospital Services

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Hospital System Overview

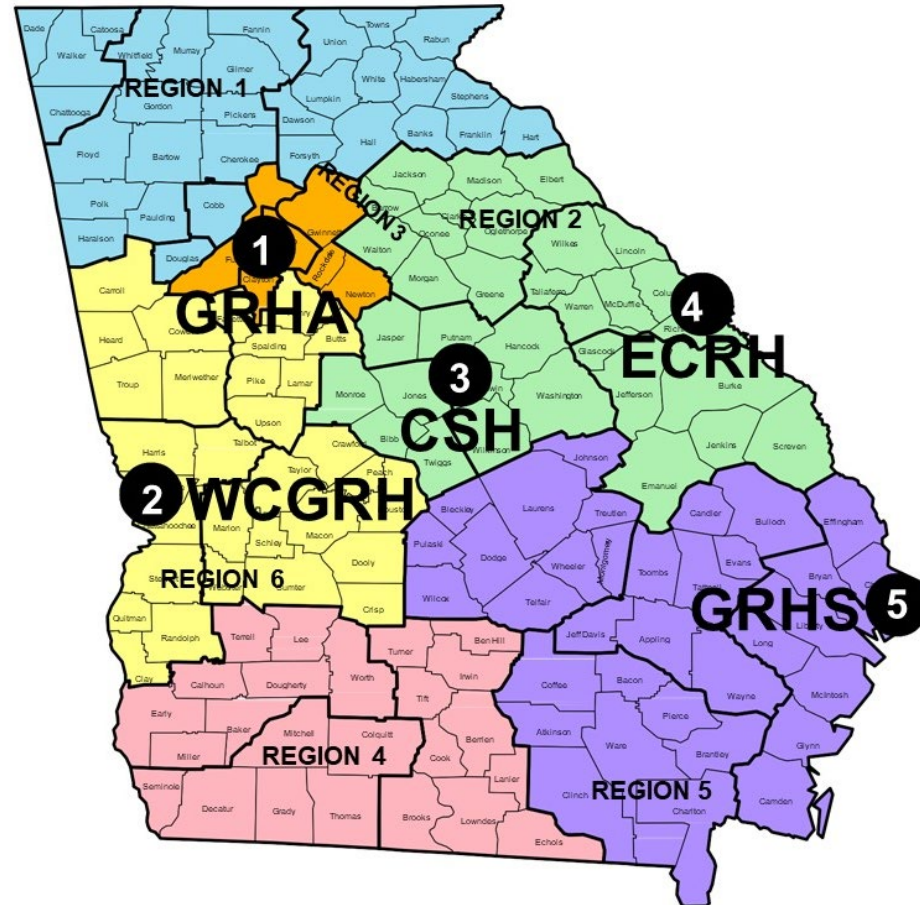
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Emile Risby, MD
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DBHDD Hospitals



Services Offered in DBHDD Hospitals

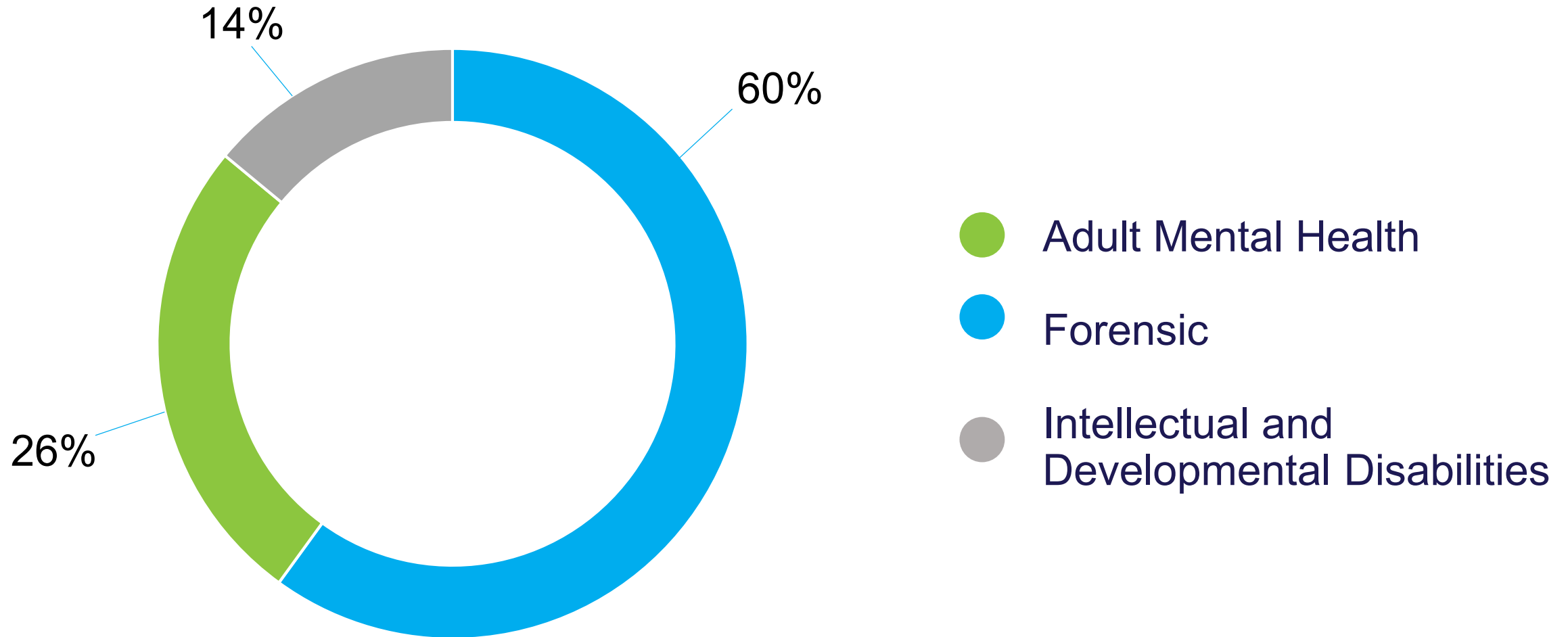
- **PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT**

- **Full array of therapeutic modalities**
- Nursing Care
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Activity Therapy
- Music Therapy

- **MEDICAL TREATMENT**

- Primary Care Provider
- Coordination of medical specialty care (surgical, endocrine, infectious disease, ophthalmology, GYN, etc.)
- Respiratory Therapy
- Wound Care
- Pharmacy Services
- Laboratory Services
- Dental

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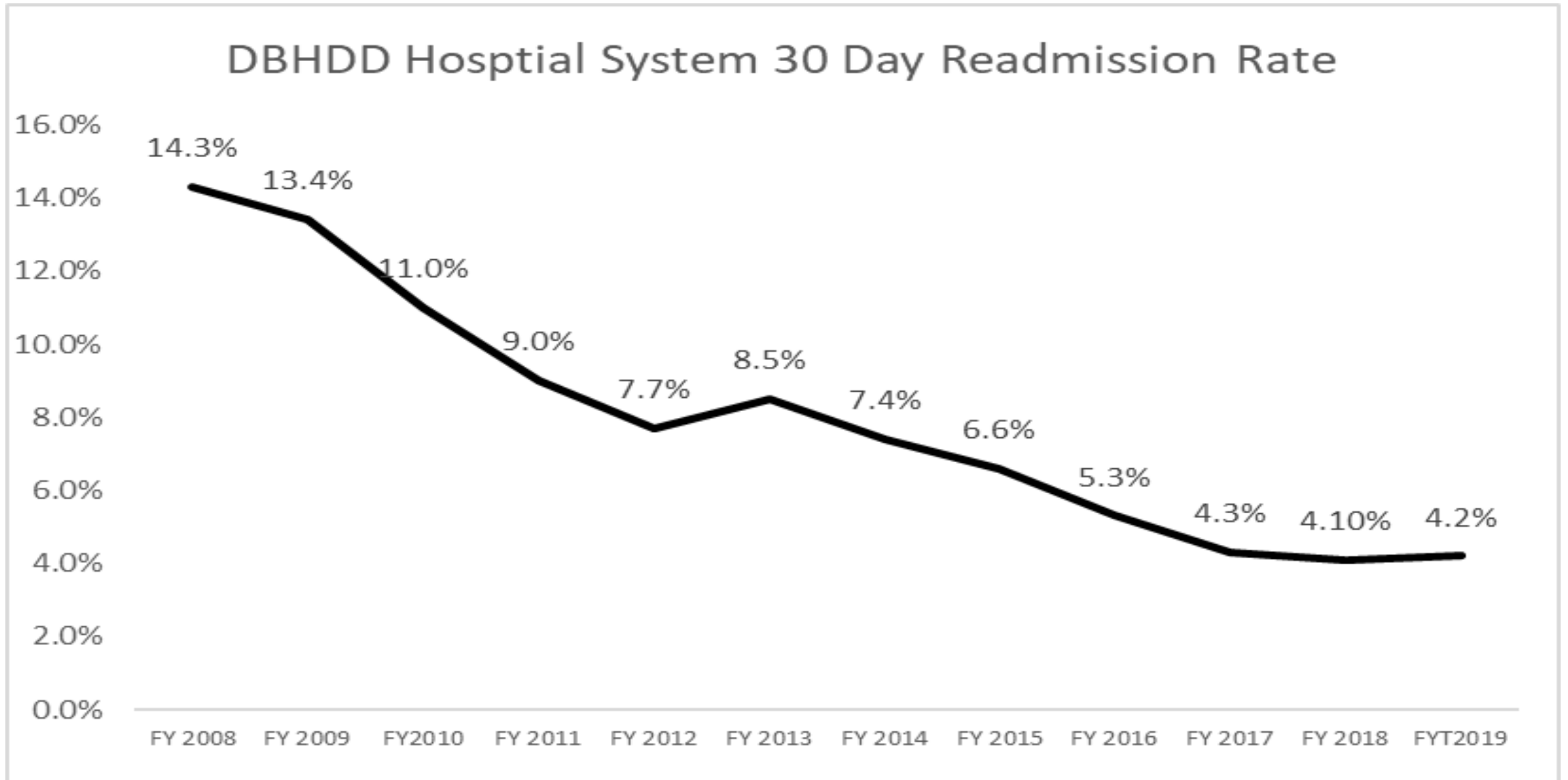
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ADULT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

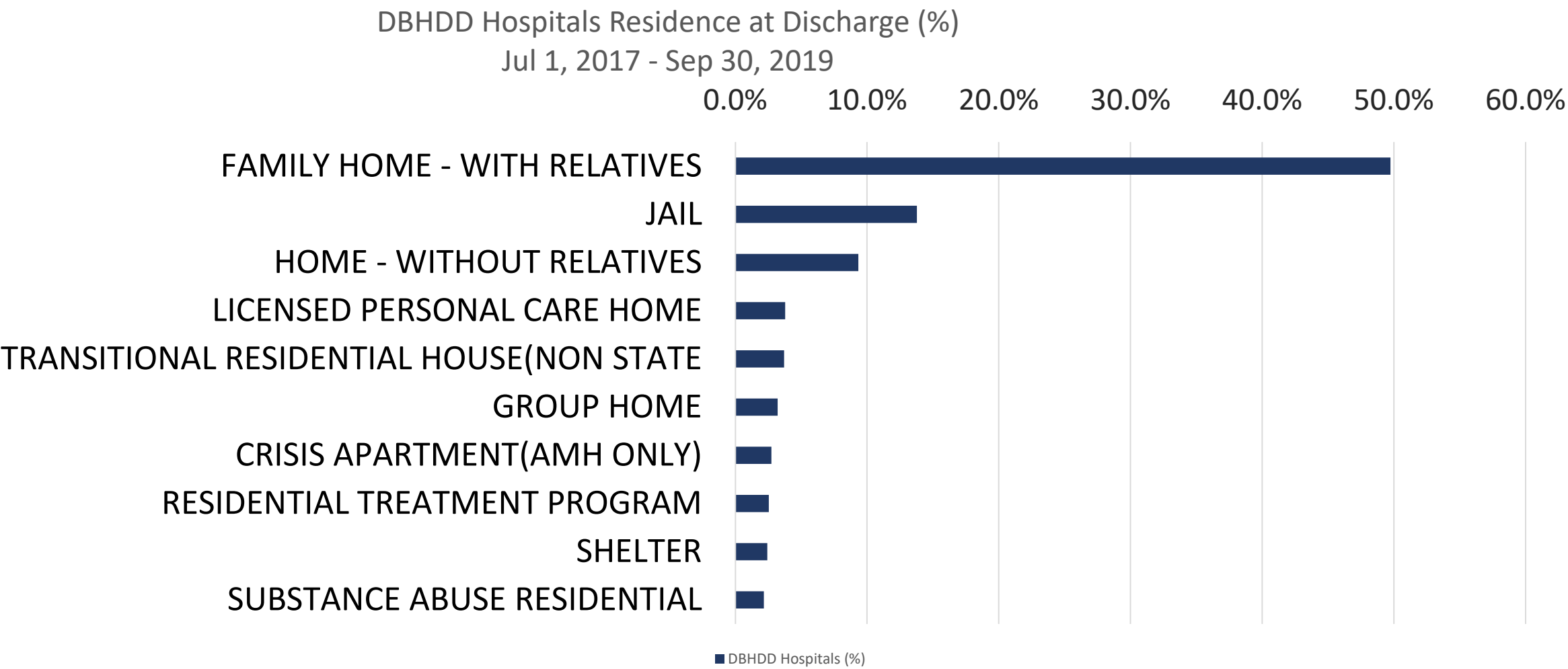
07/01/2018 THRU 06/30/2019

HOSPITAL	DISCHARGES	MEDIAN LOS
GRH-ATL	811	21
WEST CENTRAL	55	112
EAST CENTRAL	664	14
GRH-SAV	655	10

30-Day Readmit Rate (AMH Not Court Controlled)



Top Ten Residence at Discharge



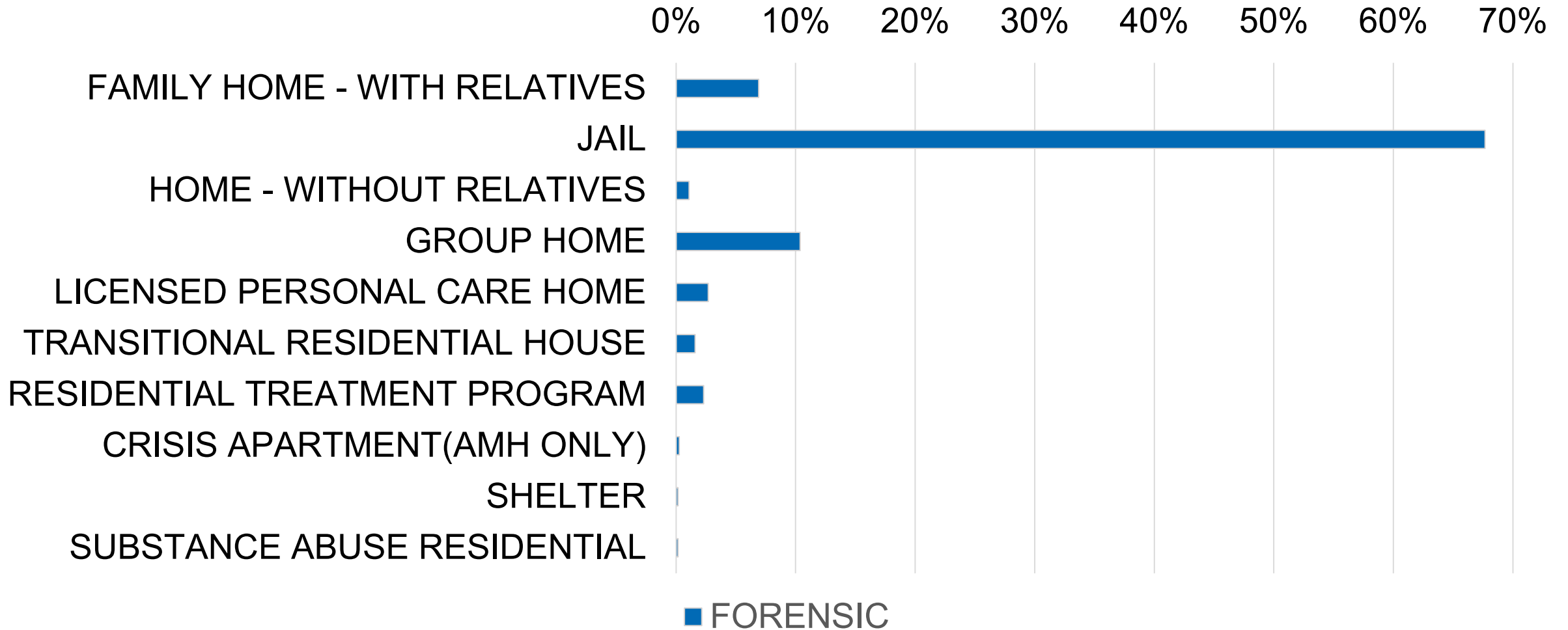
FORENSIC SERVICES

07/01/2018 THRU 06/30/2019

HOSPITAL	DISCHARGES	MEDIAN LOS
GRH-ATL	136	150
WEST CENTRAL	154	102
CENTRAL STATE	181	108
EAST CENTRAL	65	107
GRH-SAV	129	91

Top Ten Residence at Discharge

DBHDD Hospitals Residence at Discharge (%) - Jul 1, 2017 - Sep 30, 2019



Clinical Training Collaborations

- Emory Department of Psychiatry
- Morehouse School of Medicine
- Mercer University
- Augusta University
- Nursing Schools (multiple schools/universities)
- Psychology Intern (various Universities)
- Dental Hygiene Students

Forensic Services Overview

Calendar Year 2018

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Director, Office of Forensic Services
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Forensic Services Overview

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Director, Office of Forensic Services

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Forensic Services

- Forensic Evaluation and Expert Testimony
- Competency Restoration
- Inpatient Evaluation and Treatment
- Community Forensic Services
- Juvenile Forensic Services

Forensic Evaluations - Pretrial (Adult)

Evaluations:

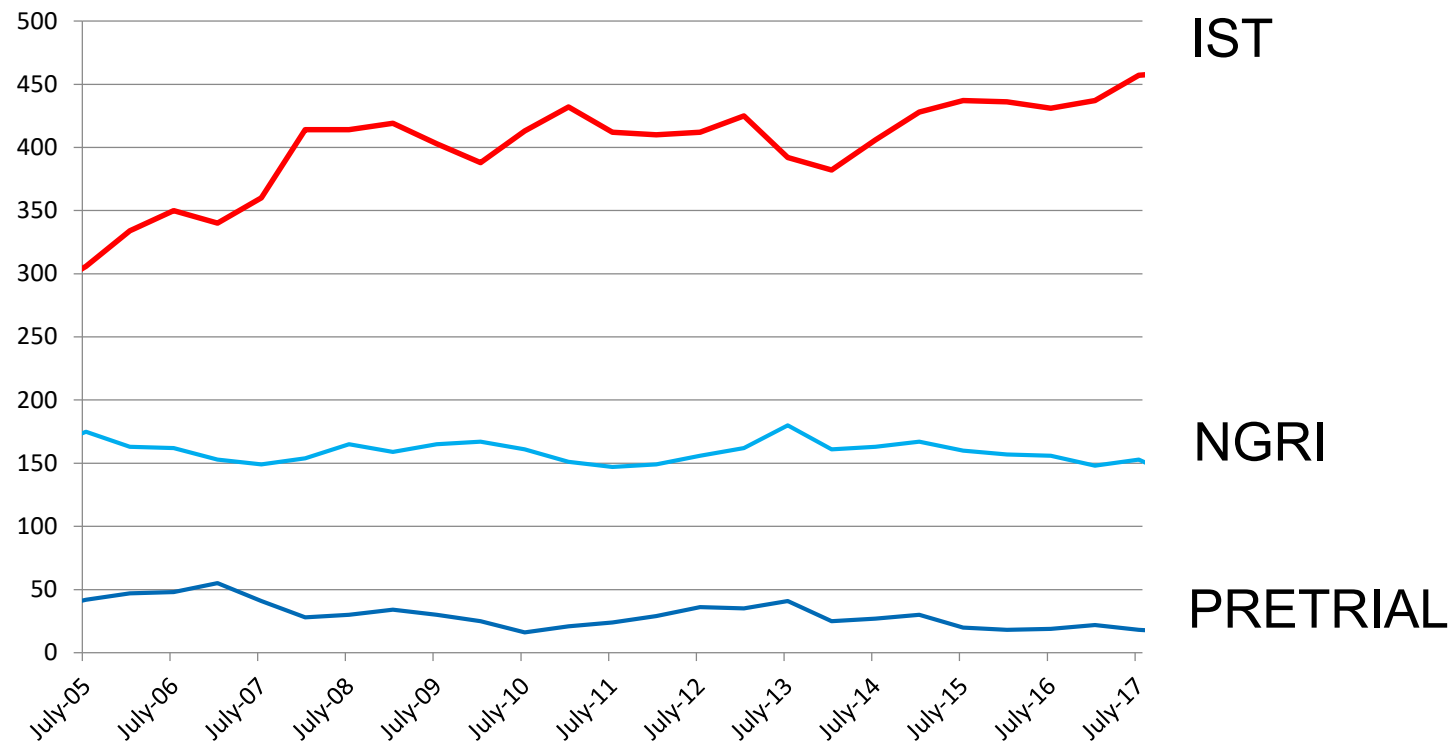
Competency to Stand Trial: present ability

Criminal Responsibility: mental state at time of alleged offense

Customer: Court

- 98% **Outpatient** (mostly at the Jail)
- FY'19: 3001 Referrals (2407 Completed) (2643)
- Opine: ~70% competent; ~95% criminally responsible
- ☺ Front door to our system – state evaluators
- ☺ Certification Program
- Demand for testimony increasing
- ☹ Timeliness
 - 32% completed within 45 days

641 Beds on Dedicated Units across 5 State Hospitals (70%)



Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST)

Court
Adjudicates IST

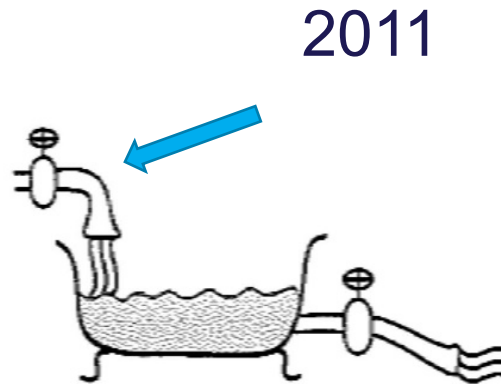


Orders Inpatient
Restoration



Wait List Hospital
Admission

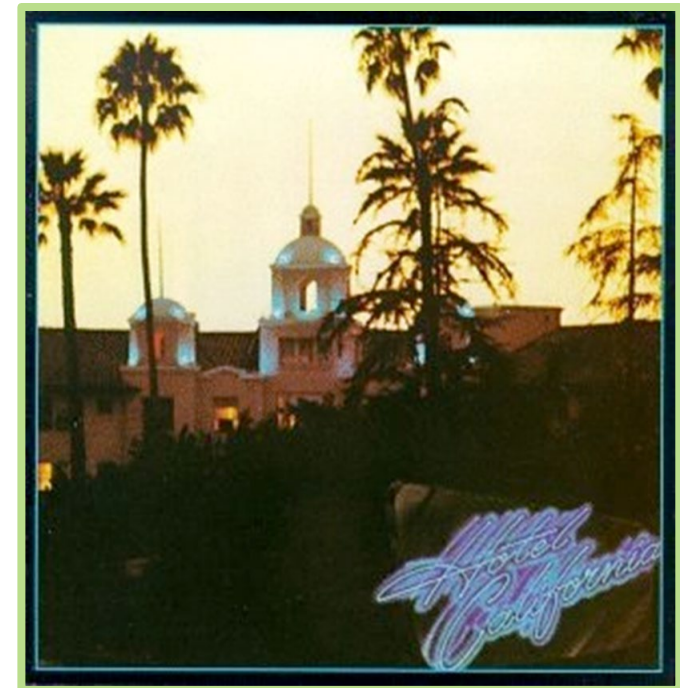
- 35% of Forensic Beds
- Restoration Rate: 80 to 70%
- Average LOS: 120 days



- Restore Outpatient (if non-violent felony)
- Jail (Fulton county)
- Modified Jail Restoration

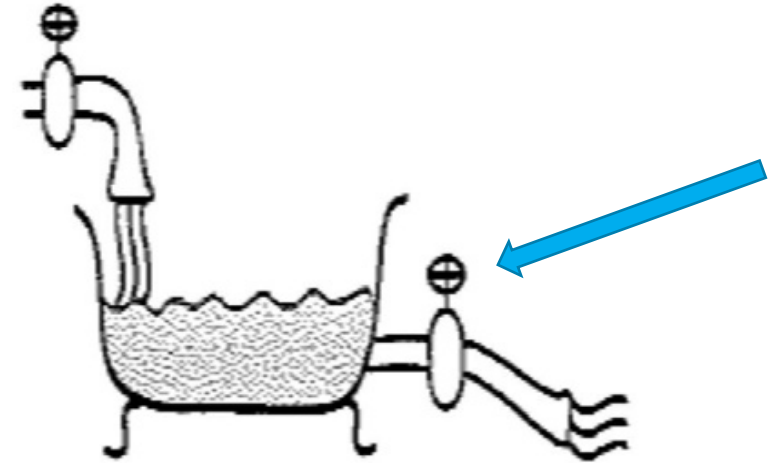
60%: Civilly Committed Forensic Patients

- ISTs (not restored >1 year) & NGRIs (insanity acquittees)
 - Release determined by Court
 - ISTs – uniquely Georgia
 - Average LOS: 7 years (impact on wait list)
- Treatment focus: recovery oriented & risk reduction
 - Goal: Community Re-integration
 - Recovery-Based Programs
 - Trauma Informed, Sexual Behavior, Technology
 - Annual Comprehensive **Risk Assessment**
 - Another 1,000 Evaluations



Forensic Community Services

- Community Integration Homes
 - 9 locations across the state; 61 beds
 - 2 additional homes in process
- Forensic Apartments
 - 4 locations, 60 beds
- Forensic Community Coordinators
 - 25 (areas consistent with judicial boundaries)

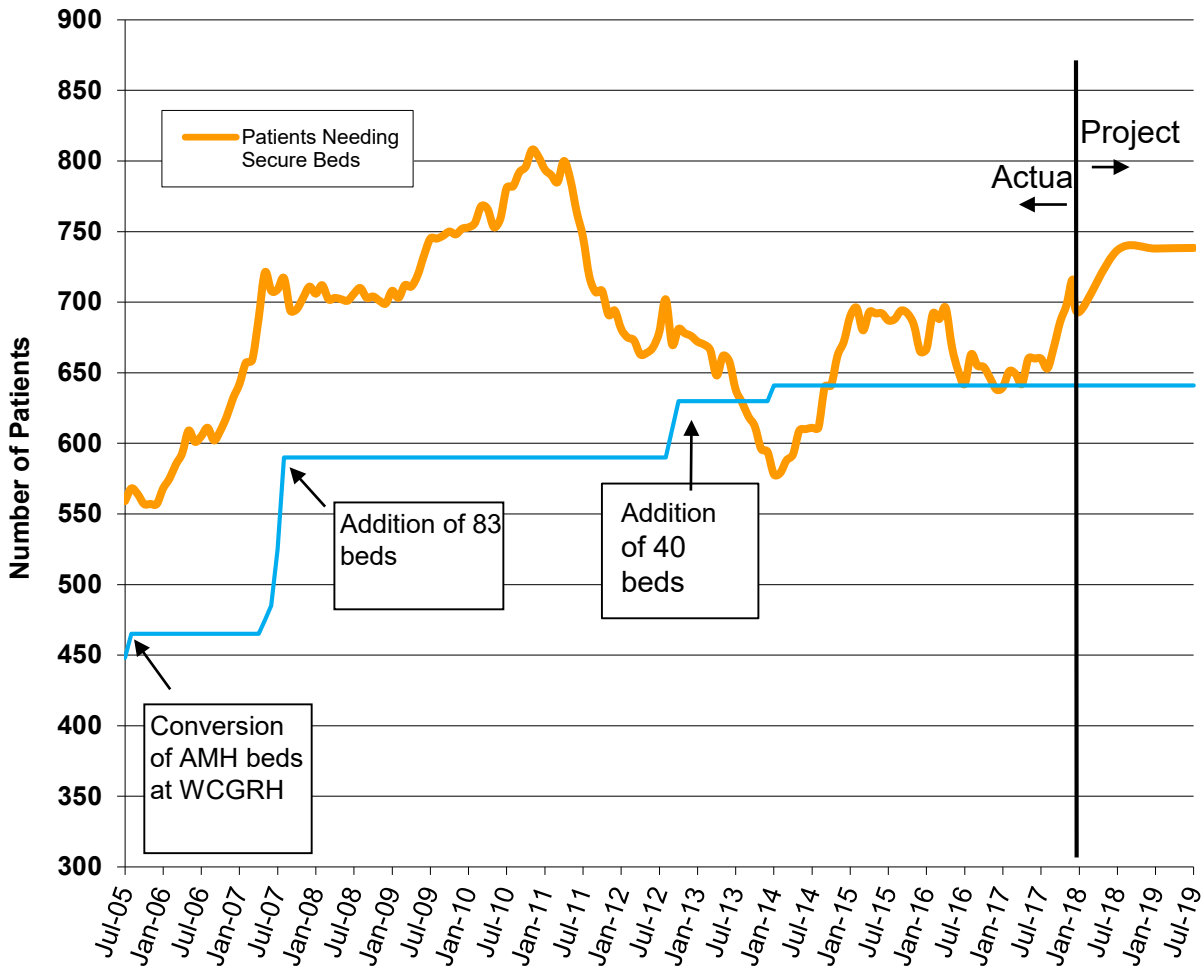


Juvenile Forensics

- 1,688 Referrals (1589 Completed) (1797)
 - Behavioral Health Evaluations
 - Competency to Stand Trial
 - Other – transfer; designated felonies
- Outpatient Restoration
 - Kids in Need of Residential Services – Devereux (joint with DJJ)
- 14-bed Turner Center (440 kids /Under Superior Court Jurisdiction)

Something Wicked This Way Comes: Washington, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Louisiana, Colorado.....

Forensic Census, Beds v. Need (including Waiting List)



Behavioral Health Administration – Mental Health 030 - PL - CS - TRUEBLOOD LAWSUIT FINES

Agency Submittal: 21-2018 Suppl Agency Req

Budget Period: 2017-19

REQUEST

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) requests \$75,034,000 GF-State for contempt fines, court monitor costs, and plaintiff attorney fees related to the *Trueblood et. al. v. DSHS* lawsuit.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

In late 2014, Disability Rights Washington and others, on behalf of a class, filed a lawsuit against DSHS claiming that the state was taking too long to get criminal defendants evaluated and into restoration treatment. On April 2, 2015 a federal court ruled in the case, finding in favor of the plaintiffs and requiring that the state provide competency evaluations and restorations within seven days. The court also ordered that a court monitor oversee the Department's efforts to comply with the court's orders. In June 2016, DSHS was found in contempt of court and ordered to pay fines for those not admitted for inpatient competency evaluations or restoration services within seven days.

Inpatient fines paid by DSHS through July 2017 total more than \$26 million. In Fiscal Year 2018, total inpatient fines are estimated at \$36.1 million based on a three-month average from May 2017 through July 2017. Plaintiff attorney fees are potentially as high as \$1.2 million per year, and an additional \$183,000 is needed for court monitor costs. Future years are assumed at the same level.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

Provide DSHS the funding to pay for fines, plaintiff attorney fees, and court monitoring costs.

transitioning
Lives

Challenges

- Wait Lists and Continued Growth: (*Eliminate Misdemeanants*)
- Obtaining reports from Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) for adequate evaluations and risk assessments
- Testifying at geographically distant locations: (*Telecourt*)
- Balancing Security and Recovery (*On community side: Pair FCC with Probation*)
- Staffing : (*Psychiatric fellowships at all state hospitals; formal Emory & Augusta University*)
- Aging and medically compromised population
- Undocumented persons
- Delays in Benefits
- Cost of Personal Care Homes

What Makes Us Most Proud

- Recovery-Oriented Programs
- Certification Program and Forensic Training
- Relationship with the Courts and Sheriffs
- Continuum of Forensic Services
- Success of the People We Serve
- Other States Modeling us 😊

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Next BHCC Meeting

February 12, 2020

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