



# Georgia Interagency Directors Team Update

Presentation to the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council from  
the Interagency Directors Team

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# Updates and Ongoing Work

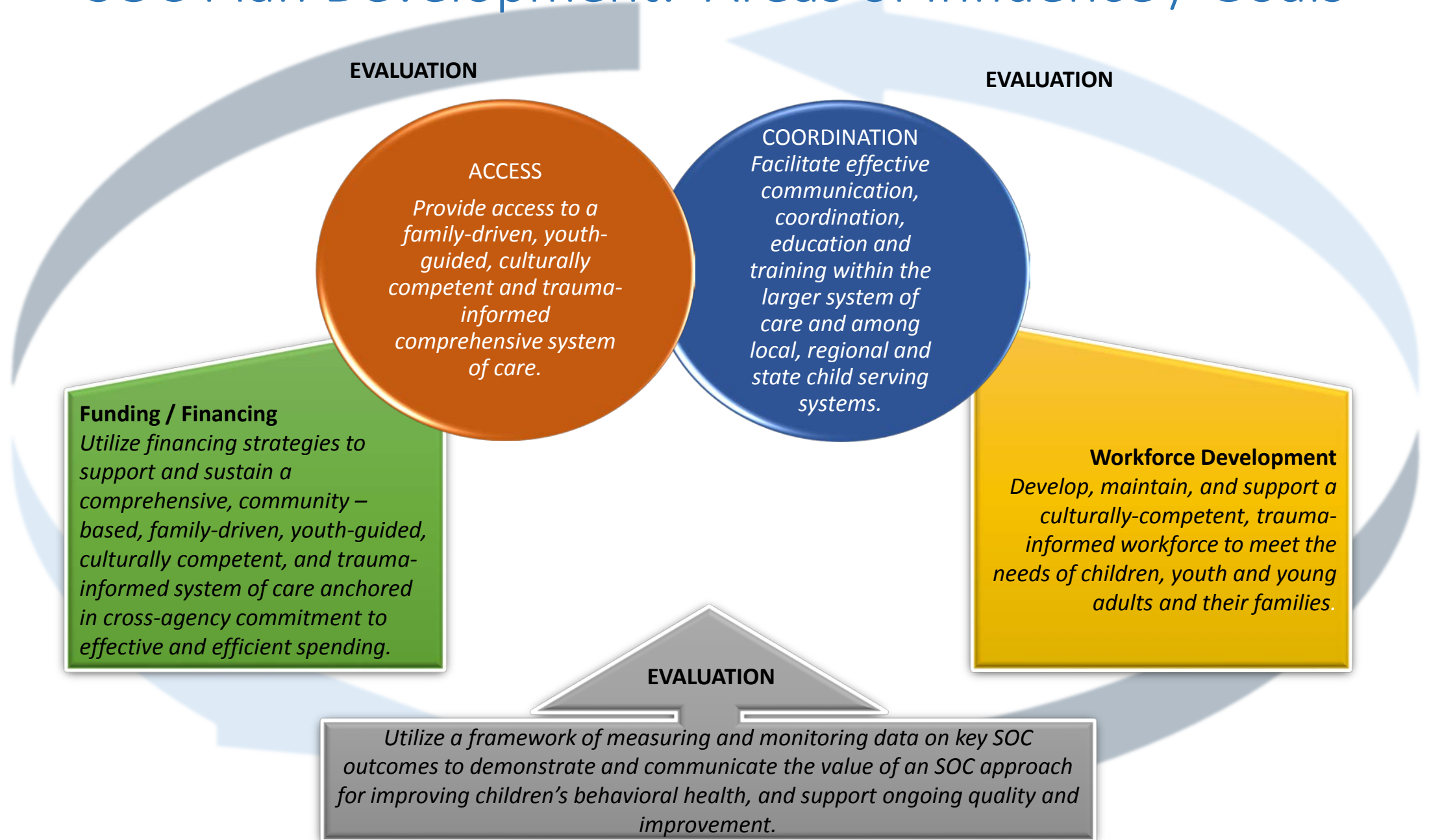
- SOC Academy presentation and participation
- SAMHSA Block Grant site visit
- IDT member trainings / presentations
  - Project AWARE
  - SOC infrastructure: Local Interagency Planning Teams (LIPTs) & Regional Interagency Action Teams (RIATs)
  - SOC marketing & communication
- Commission on Children's Mental Health



# Updates and Ongoing Work (cont'd)

- ADHD work – The IDT continues to work with the CDC to improve behavioral health services and training to providers.
- Continued System of Care (SOC) State Plan Work
  - Workgroups for the following *focus areas*: Access, Coordination, Workforce Development, Funding & Financing, and Evaluation
  - For each *focus area*, groups created:
    - Short and long-term strategies
    - Action Items for each strategy
  - Created a rough cost estimate
  - Creating an implementation timeline

# SOC Plan Development: Areas of Influence / Goals



# Focus Area 1: Access

**Goal:** Provide access to a family-driven, youth-guided, culturally competent and trauma-informed comprehensive SOC to meet the needs of children, youth, and young adults with severe emotional disturbance (SED), substance use disorders, and co-occurring disorders.

## Short-Term Strategies

- 1.1 Service mapping for behavioral health service utilization
- 1.2 Increase behavioral health services available in schools
- 1.3 Improve families' abilities to navigate the current system
- 1.4 Increase utilization of Intensive Care Coordination (IC-3) services

## Long-Term Strategies

- 1.5 Utilize data to inform a strategic approach to access
- 1.6 Recruit practitioners in shortage areas
- 1.7 Support continuity of care by addressing continuity of eligibility for Medicaid (address children and youth going on and off the Medicaid roll)
- 1.8 Strategically increase the use of telemedicine/telehealth services within child-serving agencies

# Focus Area 2: Coordination

**Goal:** Facilitate effective communication, coordination, education, and training within the larger SOC and among local, regional, and state child-serving systems.

## Short-term Strategies

- 2.1 Build and maintain feedback loops between local, regional, and state agencies and systems
- 2.2 Increase training on SOC for all stakeholders

## Long-term Strategies

- 2.3 Create and utilize a common language (as it relates to discussing SOC principles and making the business case to internal and external stakeholders)
- 2.4 Address gaps in the crisis continuum by adding additional levels of care that will address capacity and acuity concerns: Crisis Respite; IC3; therapeutic foster homes

# Focus Area 3: Workforce Development

**Goal:** Develop, maintain, and support a culturally competent, trauma-informed workforce to meet the needs of children, youth, and young adults and their families.

## Short-term Strategies

- 3.1 Targeted expansion of education/financial incentives to address behavioral health workforce shortages
- 3.2 Develop a clearinghouse of evidence based/evidence-informed educational materials related to children's behavioral health
- 3.3 Explore issues related to scope of practice and workforce shortages

## Long-term Strategies

- 3.4 Develop a state mental health workforce plan across IDT agencies with a managed and budgeted scale-up plan

# Focus Area 4: Funding and Financing

**Goal:** Utilize financing strategies to support and sustain a comprehensive, community-based, family-driven, youth-guided, culturally competent, and trauma-informed SOC anchored in cross-agency commitment to effective and efficient spending.

## Short-term Strategies

- 4.1 Interagency funding of the IDT as the oversight body for SOC in Georgia
- 4.2 Interagency funding of the COE to support training, education, and evaluation related to SOC
- 4.3 SOC philosophies and outcomes are incorporated in current and future procurement/contracting throughout all child-serving agencies represented on the BHCC

## Long-term Strategies

- 4.4 Review financial mapping reports and implement recommendations from these (look for opportunities to braid or blend funding)
- 4.5 IDT agencies will collaboratively plan, apply for, and release funding opportunities and procurements when behavioral health is a key component



# Focus Area 5: Evaluation

**Goal:** Utilize a framework of measuring and monitoring data on key SOC outcomes to demonstrate and communicate the value of a SOC approach for improving children's behavioral health, and support ongoing quality and improvement.

## Short-term Strategies

- 5.1 The IDT will review SOC Evaluation tools to identify key metrics applicable to Georgia
- 5.2 Provide tools to Local Interagency Planning Teams (LIPTs), Regional Interagency Action Teams (RIATs), and other child-serving systems to self-evaluate System of Care outcomes

## Long-term Strategies

- 5.3 The IDT will institute and maintain a continuous quality-improvement process utilizing identified metrics that will be reviewed annually and will regularly be reported to the BHCC

# Next Steps

- BHCC's approval of the plan to move forward
- Finalize implementation timeline to prioritize and commence Action Item work
- Create more detailed cost estimates for implementation
- Solicit stakeholder input and feedback

Questions?