

# Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Transition Re-Entry workgroup



**TERRI TIMBERLAKE, PH.D.  
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ADULT MENTAL HEALTH**

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

# Targets

**ANTI-STIGMA TRAINING  
FAMILY REUNIFICATION PROJECT  
FORENSIC PEER MENTOR PROGRAM  
RESPECT IN RECOVERY 5K RACE/WALK**

# Forensic Peer Mentor Program

Returning citizens who paroled back into the community with classification Mental Health Level's 2, 3 and 4.

January 2017	February 2017	March 2017	April 2017	May 2017
Level 2 -142	Level 2 – 152	Level 2 – 172	Level 2 – 144	Level 2 – 135
Level 3 – 13	Level 3 – 9	Level 3 – 17	Level 3 – 14	Level 3 – 13;
Level 4 – 2	Level 4 – 3	Level 4 – 3	Level 4 – 2	Leve 4 – 1
Total 157	Total 164.	Total 192	Total 160.	Total 149.

# Anti-Stigma training

DBHDD and DCS collaborated to develop a curriculum for use in the required in-service training for all community supervision officers. This curriculum addresses stigma and enhances officer's knowledge about mental illness.

Forensic Peer Mentors are included in the presentations to share their stories of recovery and interaction with the criminal justice system and answer questions from the officers.

Implementation of the training curriculum was facilitated June through August and will be repeated next year

# Returning Citizens Family Reunification Project

- Lee Arrendale and Phillips S.P. survey
- Expanding our GDC, DCS and DBHDD collaboration to improve reunification;
  - (1) assist Returning Citizens and their family/support network members in identifying and addressing communication and relationship issues, as well as any other familial/relational stressors that may hinder successful transition into the community;
  - (2) to expand collaboration among comprehensive community providers to develop a continuum of service delivery from prison to the community; and
  - (3) to evaluate the impact of designed intervention on recidivism rates and recovery outcomes for Returning Citizens

# Forensic Peer Mentor Program

## **Current facilities/centers:**

Lee Arrendale State Prison

Baldwin State Prison

Pulaski State Prison

Phillips State Prison Transition Center

Atlanta Day Reporting Center

Griffin Day Reporting Center

Morrow Day Reporting Center

Gainesville Day Reporting Center

Columbus Day Reporting Center

Rome Day Reporting Center

GA Regional Hospital forensic unit

# Forensic Peer Mentor Program highlights FY 2017

Total # of returning citizens served by site:

<b>Day Reporting Centers</b>	<b>State Prisons</b>	<b>Forensic Hospital</b>
210	198	7

# Forensic Peer Mentor Program highlights FY 2017

<b>Community Based Referral &amp; Linkages made: (subset)</b>	<b>Total number of referrals made</b>	<b>Total number of persons attained referral (verified by follow-up)</b>
Community Behavioral Health (MH/SA)	327	258
Educational Services	135	130
Employment	409	355
Housing	165	123
Benefits Assistance	87	81
Primary Health	174	158



# Forensic Peer Mentor Program

## **FY 2017 re-admission/recidivism**

# of re-arrests :2

# of re-convictions:0

# of probation/parole revocations:1

# of psychiatric hospital readmissions:3

# Respect in Recovery 5K Race/Walk

**9 AM Friday, October 13, 2017**

**Grant Park, 840 Cherokee Ave SE,  
Atlanta, GA 30312**

# More Information



DBHDD

[dbhdd.ga.gov](http://dbhdd.ga.gov)