

Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Meeting

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Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

May 11, 2023



Agenda

Roll Call

Call to Order

Recovery Speaker

Action Items

BHCC Updates

Interagency Directors Team (IDT)

MATCH

Forensic Peer Mentor Program

CCBHC Overview

Next Meeting Date

Roll Call

Chelsee Narbritt

Community Outreach Manager

Call to Order

Kevin Tanner
Commissioner

Recovery Speaker

Mike Keesling

Action Items

- March 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes

BHCC Updates

Interagency Director's Team

Renee Johnson, Executive Director, IDT
Center of Excellence for Children's Behavioral Health
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Overview

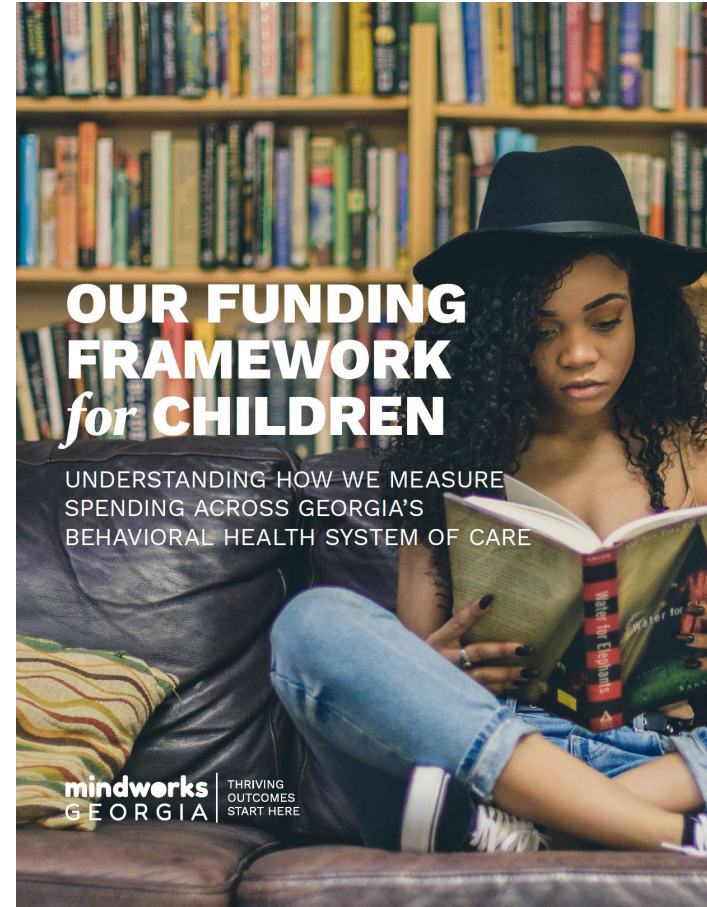
IDT Rebrand

SOC Highlights

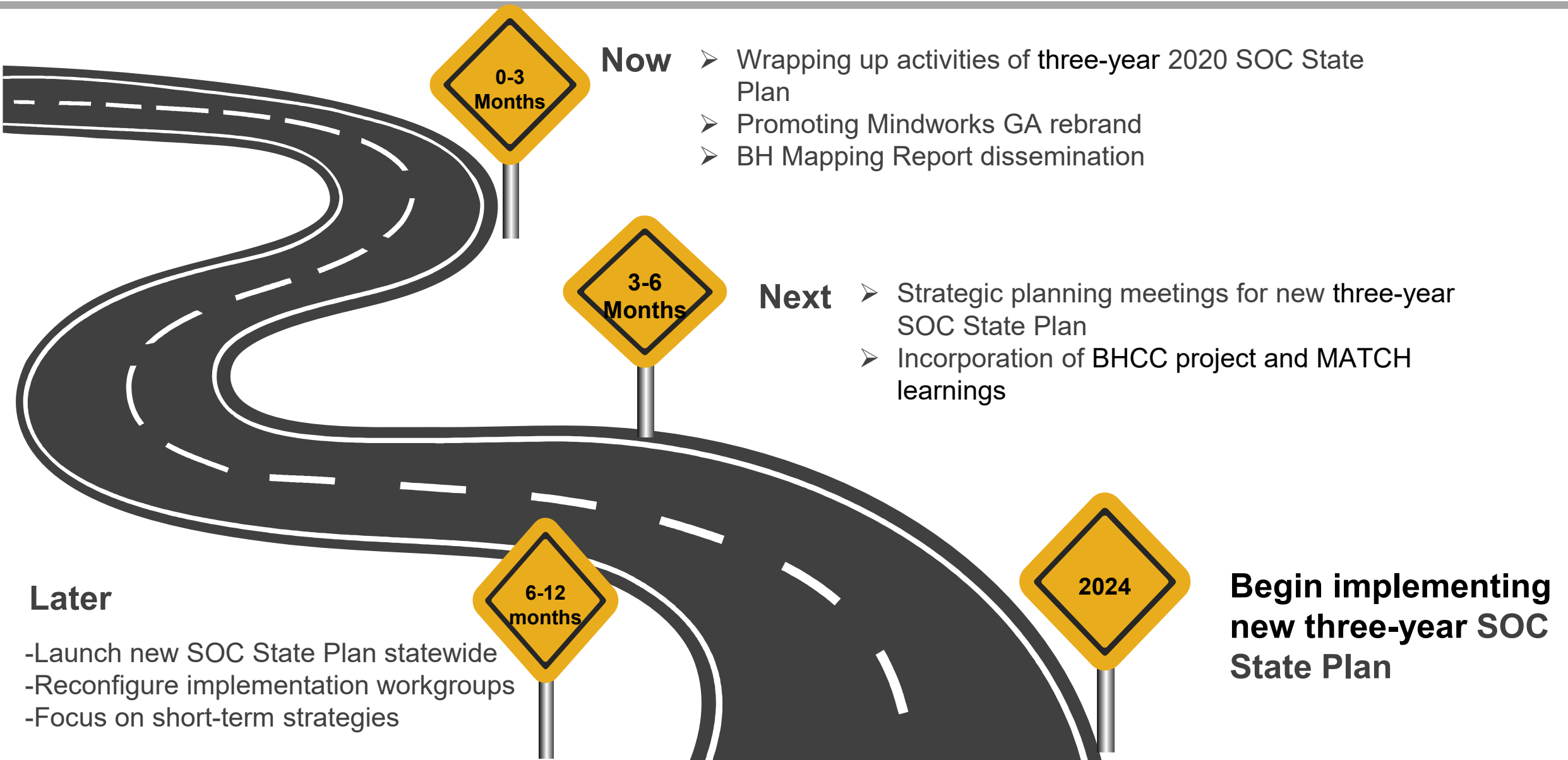
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Rebranding Update

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SOC Implementation Highlights



Now

- Wrapping up activities of three-year 2020 SOC State Plan
- Promoting Mindworks GA rebrand
- BH Mapping Report dissemination

Next

- Strategic planning meetings for new three-year SOC State Plan
- Incorporation of BHCC project and MATCH learnings

Later

- Launch new SOC State Plan statewide
- Reconfigure implementation workgroups
- Focus on short-term strategies

**Begin implementing
new three-year SOC
State Plan**

Infant Toddler Court Program (ITCP)

- Mindworks GA serves as Advisory Board
- Lead Partners
 - Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
 - DBHDD/OCYF
 - DECAL
 - DFCS
 - GEEARS
 - GSU – COE



**\$3 million across
5 years**

For statewide
and local site
planning and
implementation

**3 local sites
funded**

With 1/3 of the
grant's funds
supporting local
site
implementation
and trainings

**National
technical
assistance**

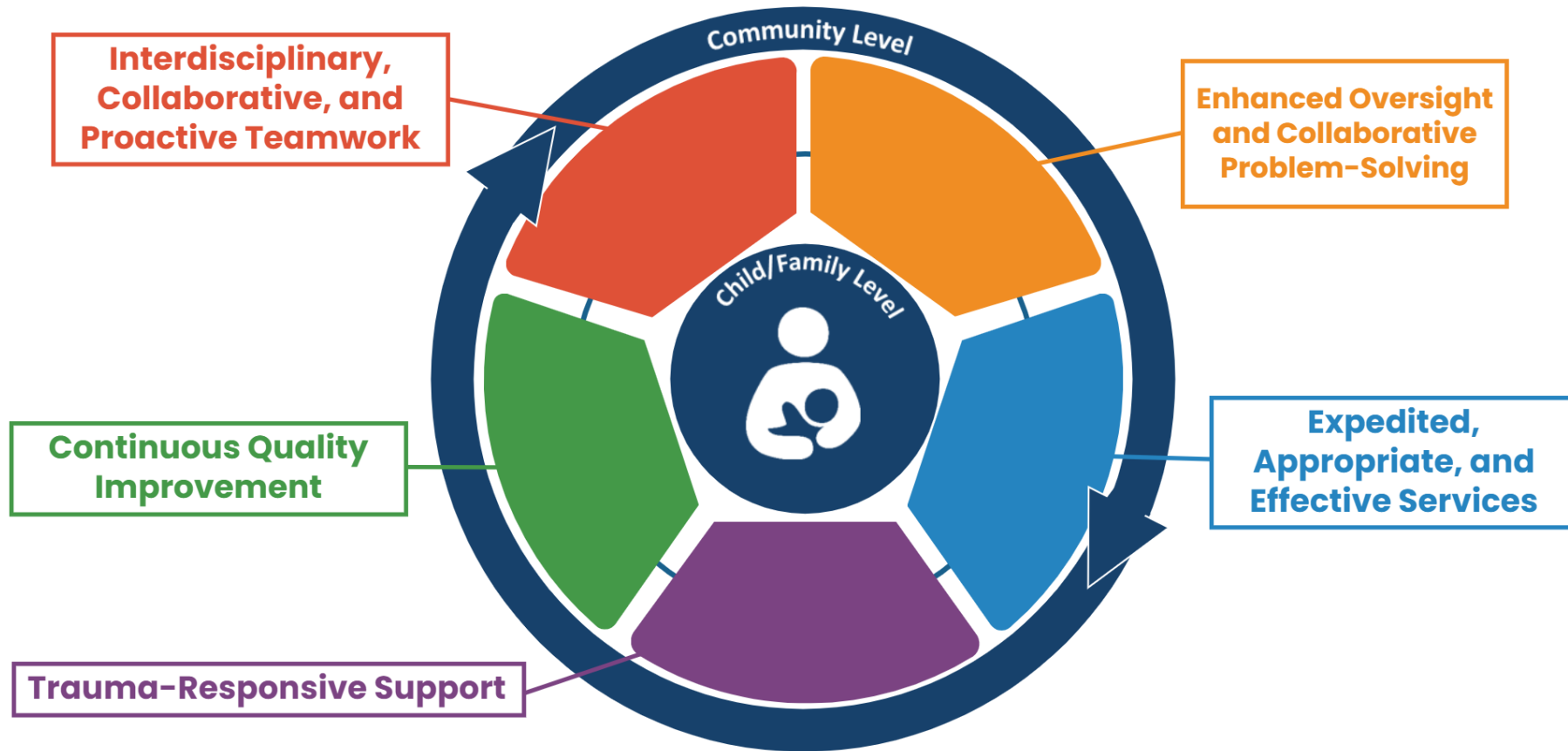
From Zero to
Three and HRSA to
help build state-
level leadership
and infrastructure

ITCP Safe Babies Approach

The Safe Babies approach is driven by a vision of prevention, where systems work together to strengthen the family, putting the need to protect and build safe, stable and nurturing early relationships at the center of child welfare decision-making.



ITCP: Areas of Focus



Local Interagency Planning Team (LIPT) Update

Georgia's local system of care

Purpose: to improve and facilitate the local coordination of services to youth with mental or behavioral health challenges.

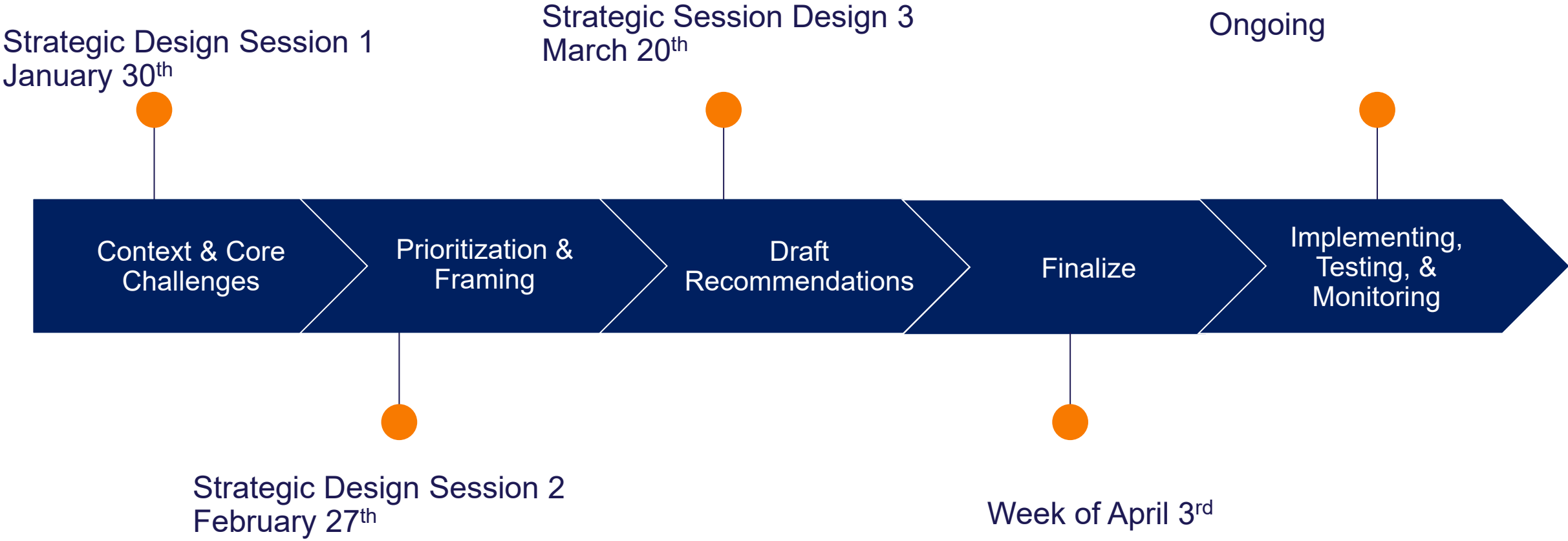
There are currently 109 active LIPTs, meaning a chairperson is in place.

- Teams are both single and multi-county and led by volunteer chairs.
- Team challenges are due to lack of LIPT referrals, chairperson retention, unfunded mandate, and lack of some mandated agency partner participation.

LIPT data collection pilot

- Purpose: to collect demographic data of children served through LIPT, identify local/state service and resource needs, and monitor meeting processes and other information.
- Currently administered with 3 chairs representing 7 counties.
- Pilot period is January-June 2023.

MATCH Updates



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Multi Agency Treatment for Children

Bobbi Cleveland, Chair, MATCH Committee
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Strategic Planning Committee Members

- ***Devereaux***

Gwen Skinner

- ***Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities***

Danté McKay, Director, Office of Children, Young Adults & Families

Olga Pittman

Daniel Jones

JoEllen Hancock

- ***Georgia Department of Community Health***

Brian Dowd, Deputy Executive Director, Policy, Compliance & Operations

Michael Smith, Director of Behavioral Health

- ***Georgia Department of Corrections***

Randy Sauls, Assistant Commissioner

- ***Georgia Department of Education***

Tabitha Baldy

- ***Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning***

Laura Lucas, Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Director

- ***Georgia Department of Human Services***

Audrey Brannen, Caregiver Recruitment & Retention Regional Administrator

Hadley White

- ***Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice***

Margaret Cawood, Deputy Commissioner

- ***Georgia Department of Public Health***

Megan Andrews

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Jerry Bruce, Director

- ***Office of Health Strategy & Coordination***

Elizabeth Holcomb

- ***Viewpoint Health***

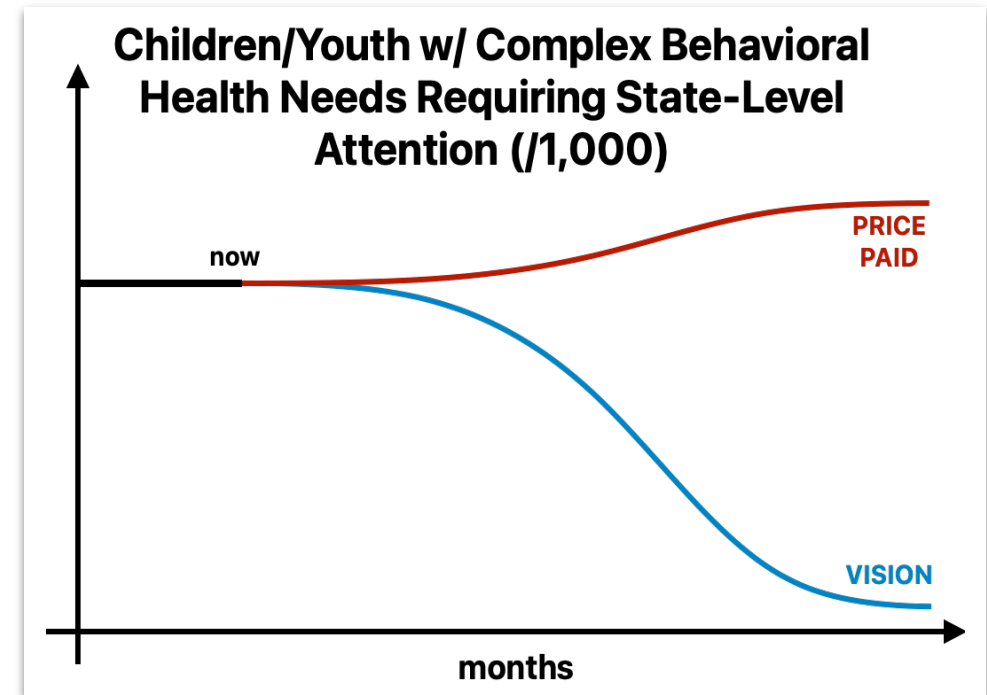
Chad Jones

- ***Woodruff Foundation***

Dahlia Brown

Vision

- Georgia's children and youth with complex behavioral health challenges, and their families, will receive the services and supports when, where and how they need them, with attention to cultural and linguistic needs.
- When this occurs, Georgia will see a sharp reduction in the number of children and youth with complex behavioral health needs that require state-level attention.



Essentials to Success

- Access to a pool of flexible funds.
- Authority to make temporary exceptions to state policies and regulations that create barriers.
- Documentation of barriers in order that policy exceptions do not become the default solution to accessing treatment needs vs. the implementation of system change.
- Adequate investment in the MATCH infrastructure (staff and technology).
- Testing MATCH structure and process using pilot projects (urban and rural)
- Engaging voices of all relevant stakeholders in the design of the MATCH.
- Avoid creating an alternate or additional bureaucracy.

Challenges to Success

- Providers of behavioral health services are fragmented and difficult to navigate.
- Lack of reliable data on the extent of children and youth in Georgia who would meet criteria for MATCH.
- Current capacity and scope of Georgia's network of service providers.
- Funding restrictions that constrain the ability to provide services as needed, especially the difficulty in blending & braiding funding sources.
- CMO policies and regulations.
- Behavioral health workforce shortages.

Forensic Peer Mentor Project

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*Forensic Peer Mentor Trainer/Liaison
Office of Adult Mental Health*

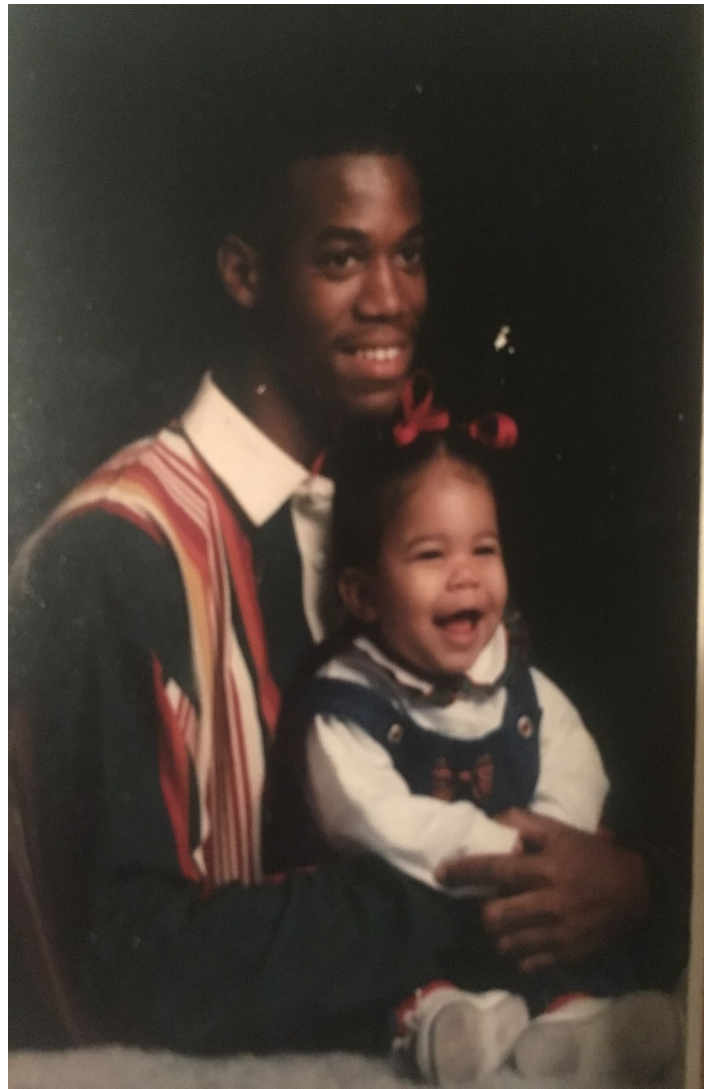


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My Story

The Beginning



The Transition



Forensic Peer Mentor



Educational Accomplishments



United States Attorney Office of Northern District.



Power in Partnership

- Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)
- Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC)
- Georgia Department of Community Supervision (DCS)
- Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network (GMHCN)
- iHOPE, Inc.



Forensic Peer Mentor Program: Current Sites Funded by DBHDD

27 GDC Sites

22 State Prisons

GMHCN

Lee Arrendale SP (closing)
Rutledge SP (filled)
Phillips SP (filled)
Hays SP (filled)
Whitworth SP (filled)
Augusta SP (filled)
Hancock SP (filled)

iHOPE, Inc.

Central SP (filled)
Baldwin SP (filled)
Valdosta SP (filled)
Johnson SP (vacant)
Pulaski SP (filled)
Coastal SP (filled)
McRae (opening Fall 2023)

Autry SP
Macon SP
Rogers SP
Telfair SP (filled)
Smith SP
Wilcox SP

(15 filled)

3 Transition Centers

GMHCN

- Lee Arrendale TC (filled)
- Metro Atlanta Re-Entry Center (filled)
- Atlanta Women's TC (filled)

(3 filled)

2 Integrated Treatment Facilities (ITF)

- Applying ITF-Male (iHope)
- West Central ITF-Female (GMHCN) filled

Forensic Peer Mentor Program: Current Sites Funded by DBHDD

PLACEMENT OF FORENSIC MENTORS

8 Day Reporting Centers (8 filled)

- Athens DRC (filled)
- Atlanta DRC (filled)
- Griffin DRC (filled)
- Morrow DRC (filled)
- Gainesville DRC (filled)
- Lawrenceville DRC (filled)
- Columbus (filled)
- Clayton C. DRC (filled)

10 Accountability Courts 7 FPM positions (6 filled)

- Fannin, Gilmer, Pickens Counties: Highland Rivers CSB (filled)
- Cobb County: Cobb CSB (filled)
- Hall, Dawson: Avita CSB (filled)
- Macon-Bibb County: River Edge CSB (filled)
- Spalding, Mitchell Counties: McIntosh Trail CSB (filled)
- Cook Co: Legacy CSB (vacant)
- Thomas Co: Georgia Pines CSB (filled)

5 Assistant Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Programs (3 filled)

- Highland Rivers, Gilmer Co.
- Pineland, Bulloch Co.
- Georgia Pines, Thomas Co. (filled)
- AmericanWork, Richmond Co. (filled)
- New Horizons, Muscogee Co. (filled)

Transition Planning Sessions FY2022



**Forensic Peers provided over 12,000
Planning/Transition Sessions so far in
FY22**

Provided Community Referrals to Resources for:

- Employment
- Housing
- Addictive Disease Treatment
- Primary Health Care (medical, dental)
- Transportation
- Licenses, IDs, Permits, etc.
- Childcare
- Educational
- Income/Benefits
- Legal
- Life Skills Training
- Personal Services (food banks, clothing, shower/laundry services, hair/barber, etc.)

Approx. 81% of those referrals were attained and utilized.

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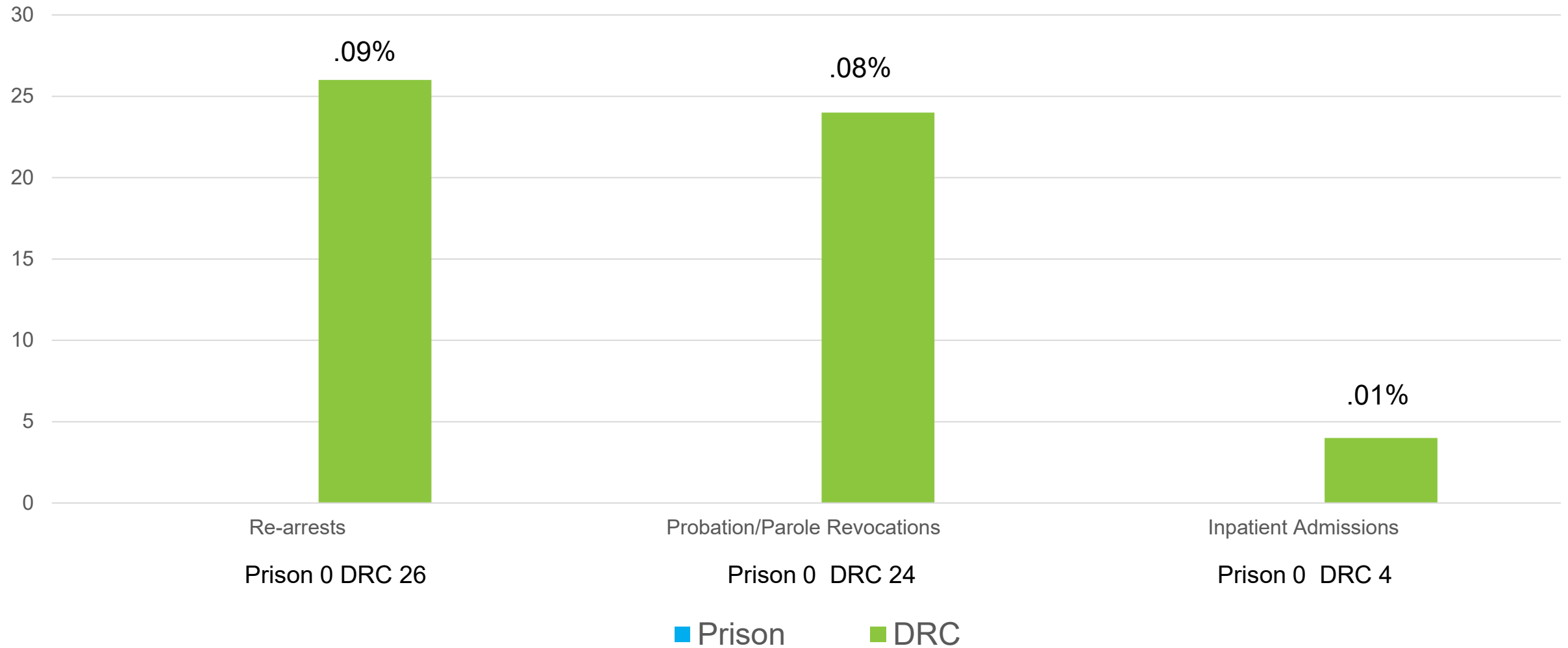
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Program Outcomes

Estimated Individuals Served (Beginning-2015-3/31/2023)

	Prisons	DRC	Hospitals	MHC	Appx Totals
FY 2015	26	15	3		44
FY 2016	140	113	13		266
FY 2017	306	215	26		547
FY 2018	205	259	23		487
FY 2019	187	398	39		624
FY 2020	201	242	18	292	753
FY 2021	160	226	17	205	607
FY 2022	183	300	0	250	616
FY23 TD	339	285	0	188	
Totals	1747	2053	139	935	4874

Significant Incidents FY2022



FY22 Community Integration

Outcomes	Post-Prison Release in Community		DRC	
Peers Served in Community	44		300	
Employed or Receiving Benefits	38	72%	180	60%
Enrolled in Community Mental Health Services	32	60%	222	74%
Housed	44	100%	297	99%
Incidents of Homelessness	1		6	



■ DRC ■ State Prisons ■ Hospital ■



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Forensic Peer Mentor Program

Forensic Peer Mentor Goals

- Participate in transition planning
- Mentor
- Small caseload (1:20)
- Bridge between returning citizen and community
- Link participants to services and supports
- Reduce recidivism
- Reduce psychiatric hospital re-admission





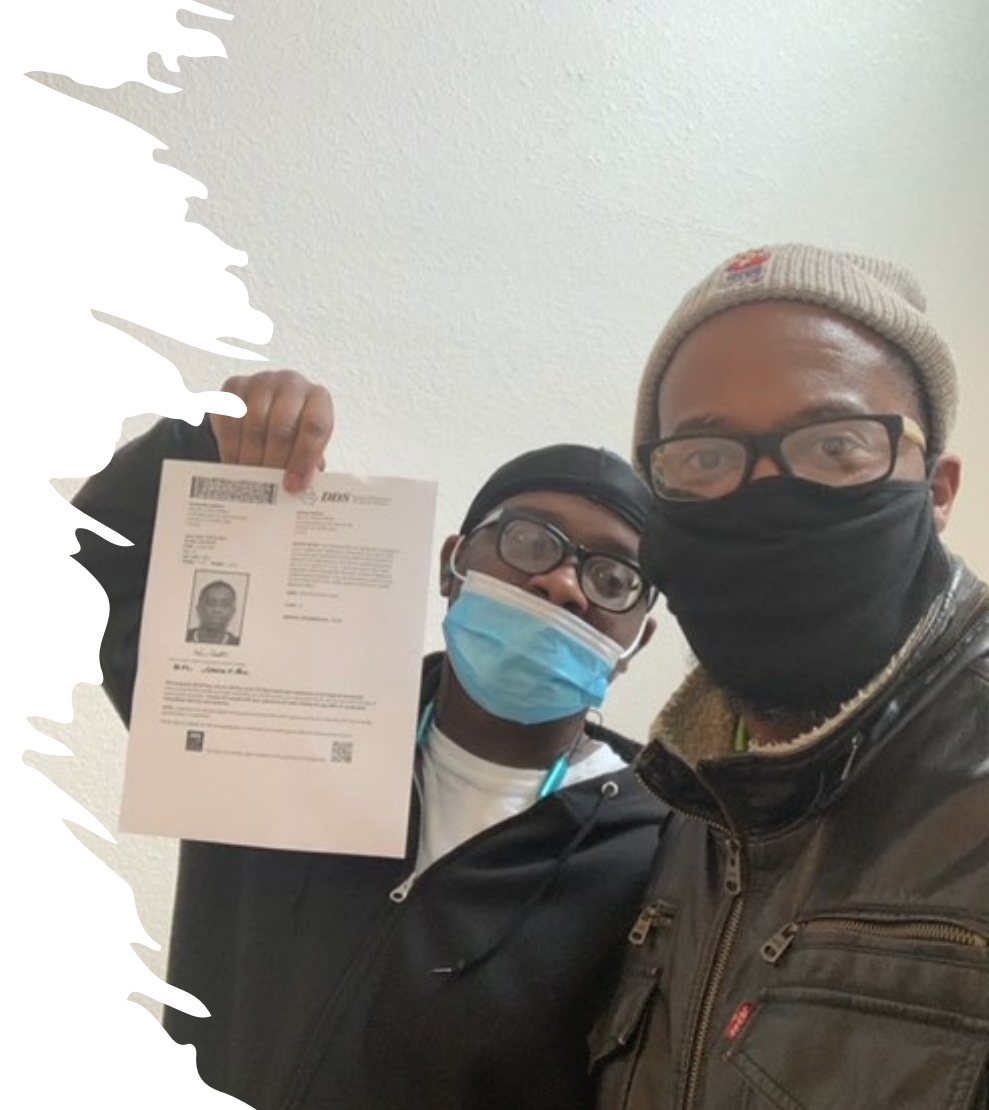
Aid individuals to understand and complete parole/probation requirements

Success Stories



The Power of Forensic Peer Mentoring

- Peer Melvin Green was released after serving 10 years.
- Scheduled to receive a Georgia ID and has a welding job waiting on him upon dismissal.
- I have been working with him for over a year; and I am very proud of him.
- He had anger problems and had given up on life at one time.
- Today, he has a dog training and welding certification.
- I met his family, and they just hugged me.



The Power of Forensic Peer Mentoring

- Peer Carson Tubbs served 4 years.
- Just got his driver's license and CDL permit.
- I Love my job.



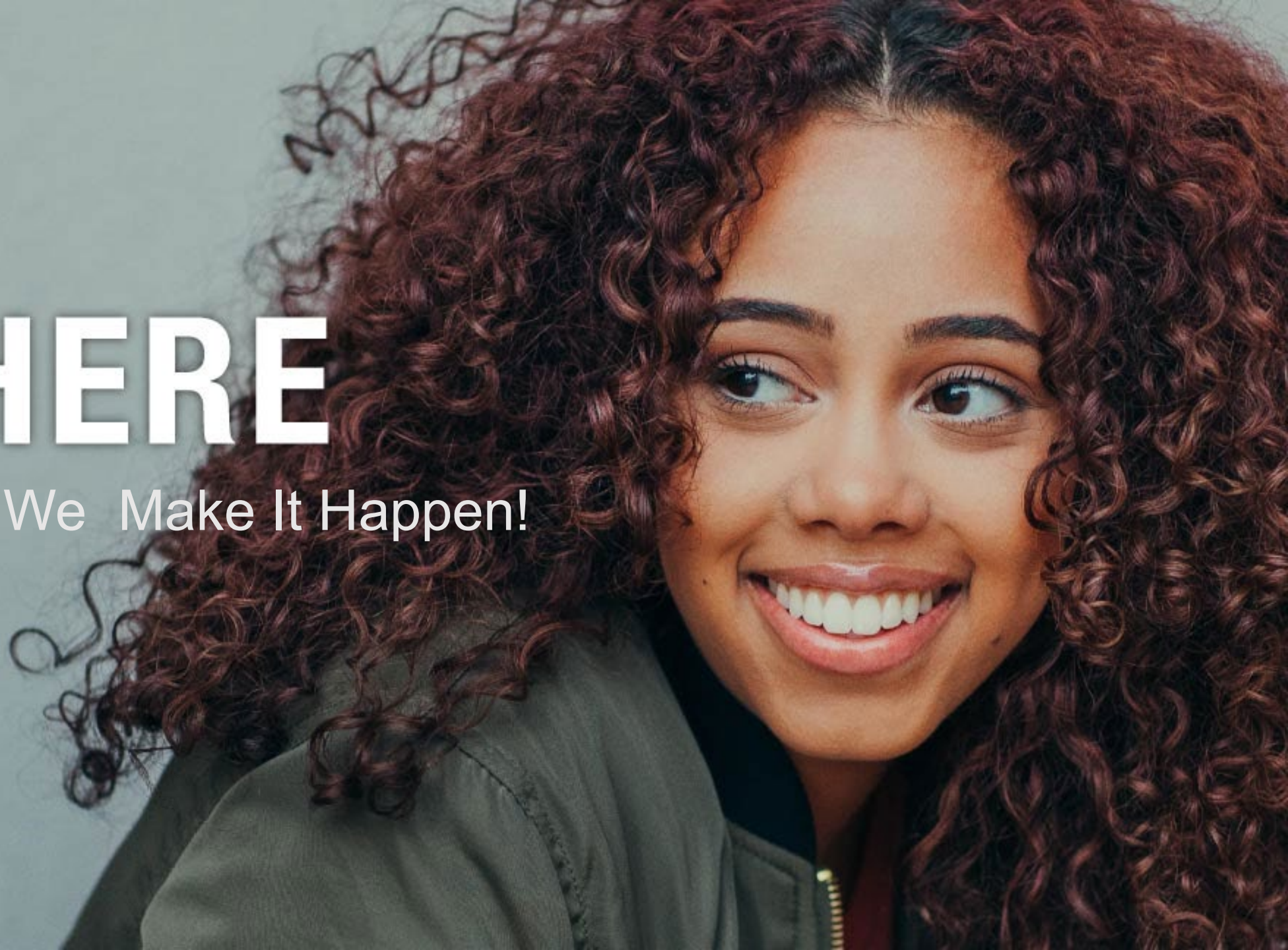
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- This peer opened his first bank account after 20 years of serving.



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All Together We Make It Happen!



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Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics in Georgia: An Overview

Overview:

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, commonly referred to as CCBHCs, are a new provider type in Medicaid being offered across Georgia.

This new model of care addresses health comprehensively. It has federal and bipartisan support as it expands access and improves outcomes. Treatment is tailored to needs and funding is based on cost. CCBHCs in Georgia are helping advance our safety net providers into a more robust and more effective model.

Overview:

A CCBHC is a specially designated clinic that receives flexible funding to expand the scope of mental health and substance use services in the community.

They are tasked with providing a whole-patient approach: combining mental health and substance use evaluation and treatment with screening and monitoring for physical health needs.

Overview:

In return, CCBHCs receive an enhanced Medicaid reimbursement rate based on their costs to deliver services that meet the needs of the people in the community.

Rigorous measurement of outcomes informs continuous service delivery improvement. Much like the evolutions happening around physical health in the U.S., CCBHCs improve access, outcomes, and performance rather than focusing solely on supplying services.

Overview:

CCBHCs are nonprofit organizations or units of a local government behavioral health authority. They must directly provide *(or contract with partner organizations to provide)* **nine types of services** with an emphasis on the provision of 24-hour crisis care, evidence-based practices, care coordination with local primary care and hospital partners, and integration with physical health care.

9 types of services:

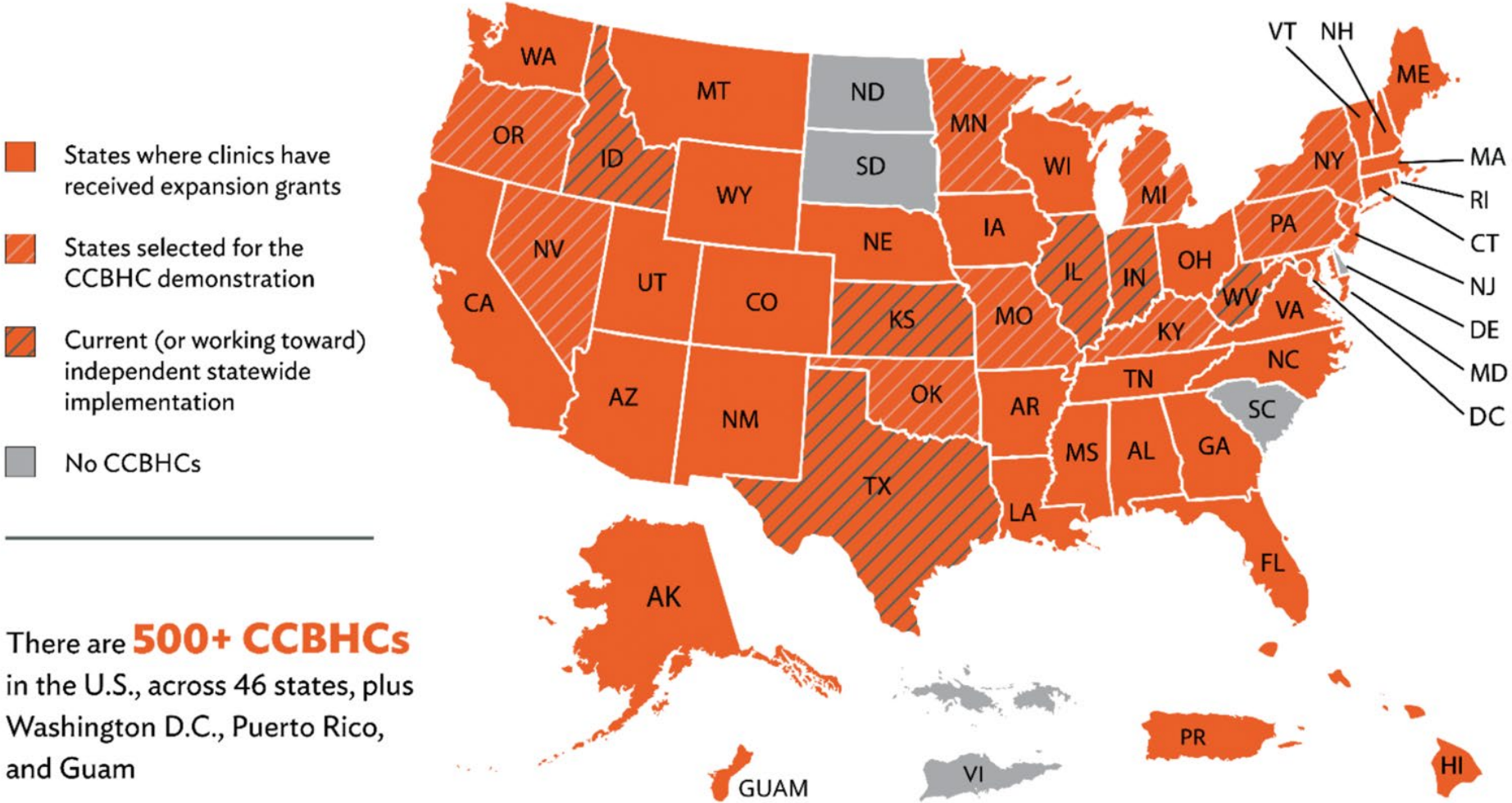


Who is Served by CCBHCs?

CCBHCs are designed to serve any individual in need of care, including (but not limited to) people with serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, long-term chronic addiction, mild or moderate mental illness and substance use disorders, and complex health profiles.

CCBHCs will provide care regardless of ability to pay, caring for those who are underserved, have low incomes, are insured, uninsured, or on Medicaid, and those who are active-duty military or veterans.

CCBHC National Coverage Map



Where will CCBHCs located in Georgia?

- **Advantage Behavioral Health Systems – Athens**
- **Pineland Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities – Statesboro**
- **River Edge Behavioral Health – Macon**
- **New Horizons Behavioral Health - Columbus**

Recently, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced five new CCBHC planning and implementation expansion grants were awarded in Georgia:

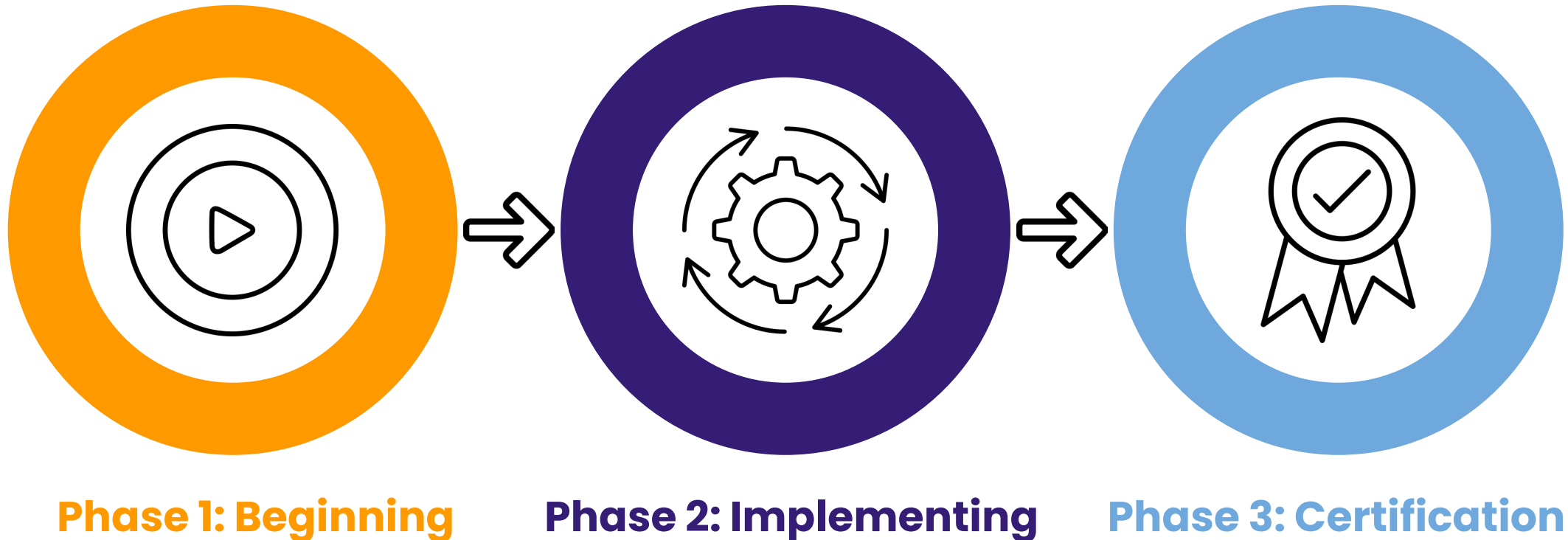
- Pathways Center – Newnan
- View Point Health – Lawrenceville
- DeKalb CSB - Decatur
- CSB of Middle Georgia – Dublin
- CHRIS 180 – Atlanta

Additionally, Georgia is developing two CCBHCs with state-appropriated funds.

- ***Aspire BH & DD - Albany***
- ***Highland Rivers BH - Rome***

What is the Certification Process?

Potential CCBHCs must demonstrate competence to treat the individuals they serve through an extensive 3-phase certification process.



Future CCHBC County Coverage Map

Phase One Locations (Beginning)

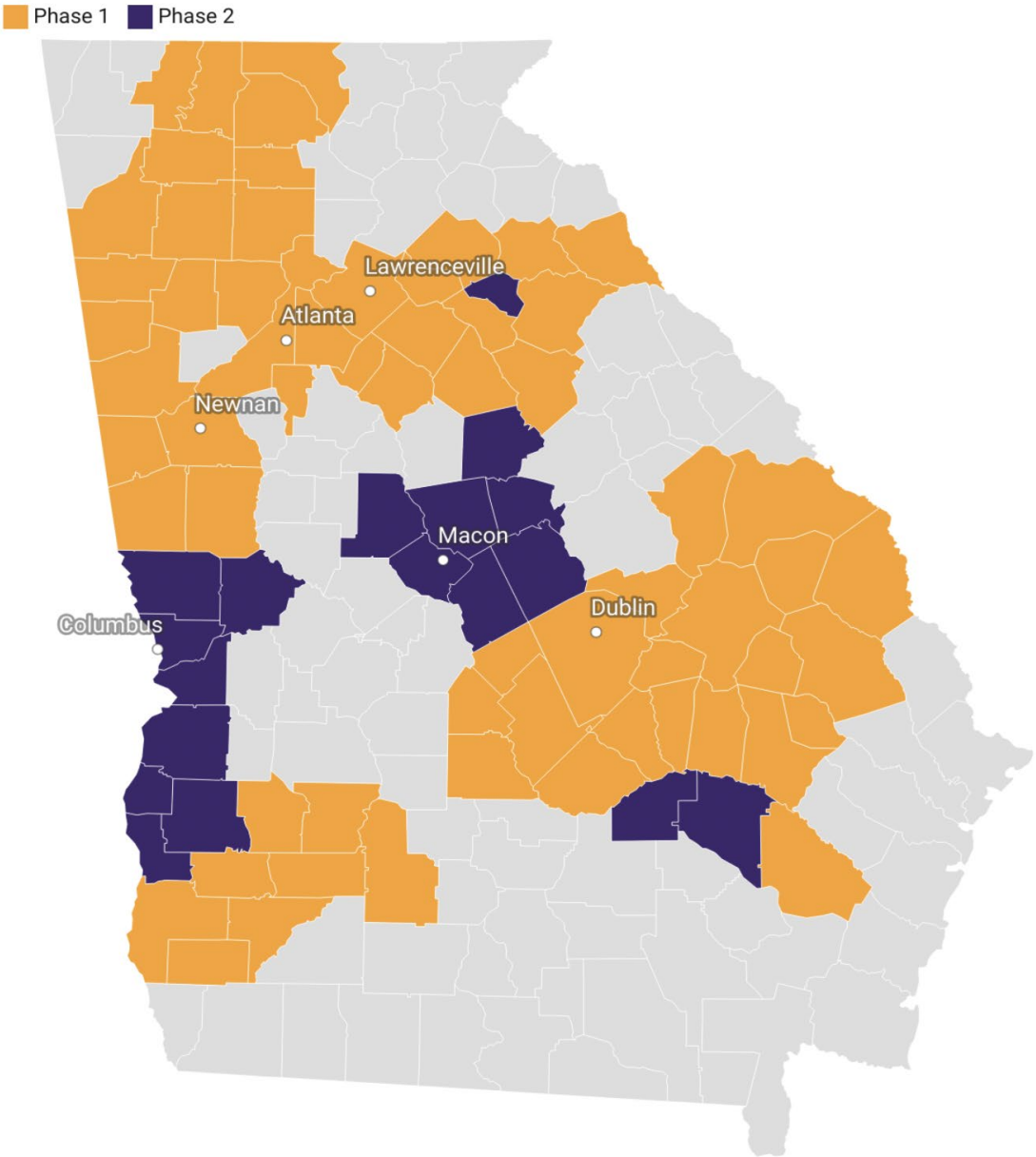
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Phase Two Locations (Implementing)

- Advantage Behavioral Health Systems – Athens
- Pineland Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities – Statesboro
- River Edge Behavioral Health – Macon
- New Horizons Behavioral Health- Columbus

Phase Three Locations (Certified)

- *To Be Determined*





Warren Meadows
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August 8, 2023



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