

Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

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Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities



June 29, 2023

Agenda

Roll Call / Call To Order

Introduction of Recovery
Speaker

Introduction of New Board
Members

Action Items

Commissioner's Report

- 2023 NASDDDS Conference – Georgia's National Contribution
- Forensics Update
- CSB Co-Responder Program Budget
- Forensic Peers

Chairman's Report

Public Comment

Roll Call

Chelsee Nabritt

Communications Outreach Manager

Call to Order

David Glass

Chair

Introduction Speaker

Chelsee Nabritt

Communications Outreach Manager

Action Items

- Board Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2023
- Consideration of Demolition of Green, Jones, and Walker Buildings at Central State Hospital
- Consideration of Demolition of the Wash House at Central State Hospital
- Consideration of General Obligation Bonds

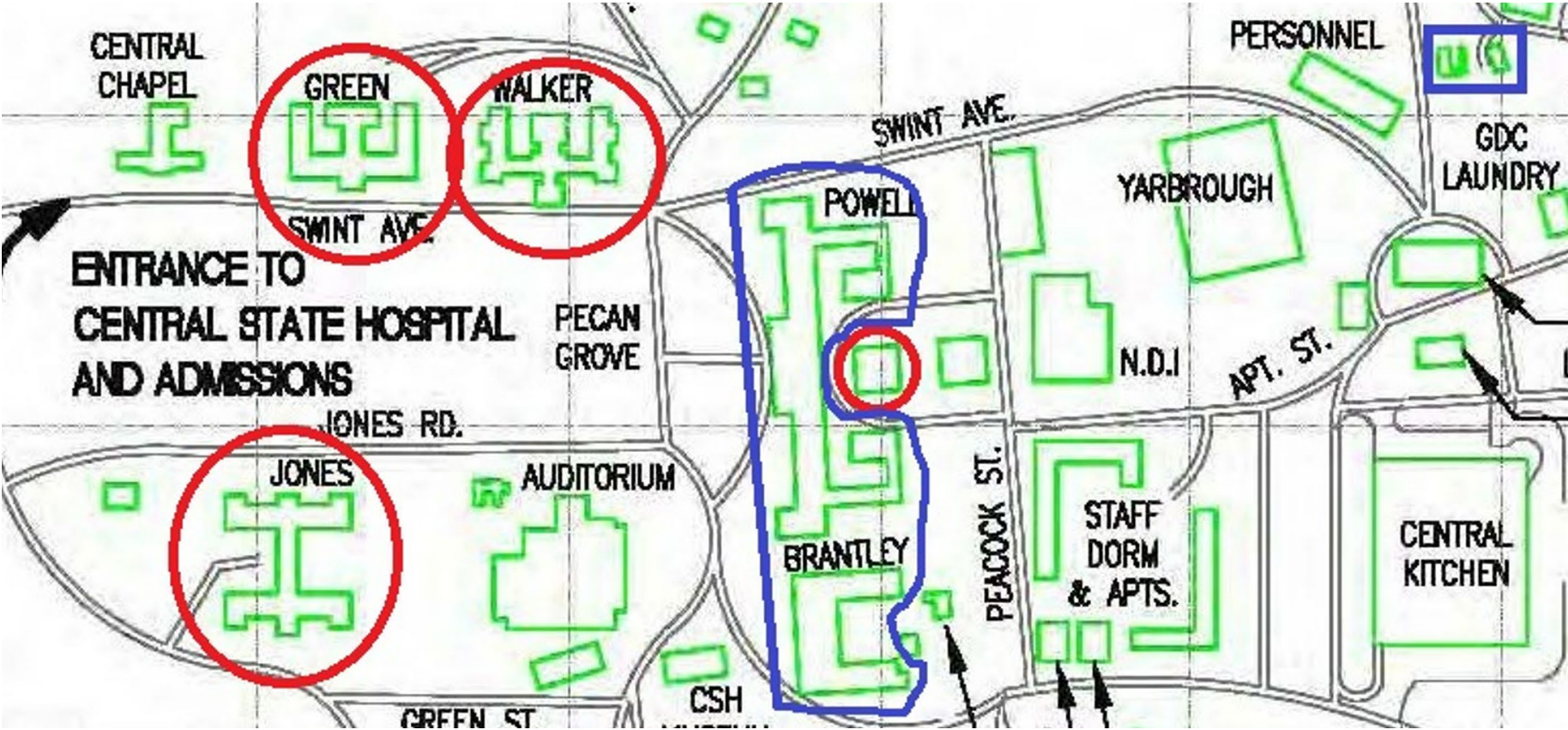
Action Item

- Consideration of Demolition of Green, Jones, and Walker Buildings at Central State Hospital

Demolition of Green, Jones, and Walker Buildings

- Requesting permission to ask the State Properties Commission to demolish the Green, Jones, and Walker Buildings at Central State Hospital
- Demolition improves property marketability
- Buildings have been abandoned in place for over 20 years
- Trespassing issues at the historical Central State campus
 - Urban explorers
 - Amateur ghost hunters
 - Portfolio photographers
 - Thrill seekers

Demolition of Green, Jones, and Walker Buildings



Demolition of Green, Jones, and Walker Buildings



Walker

Green

Jones

Green Building



Jones Building



Jones Building



Walker Building



Walker Building



This building was destroyed by a fire that started in the kitchen area. The fire spread rapidly and destroyed the entire structure. The building was built in 1920 and was one of the largest buildings in the area at the time.

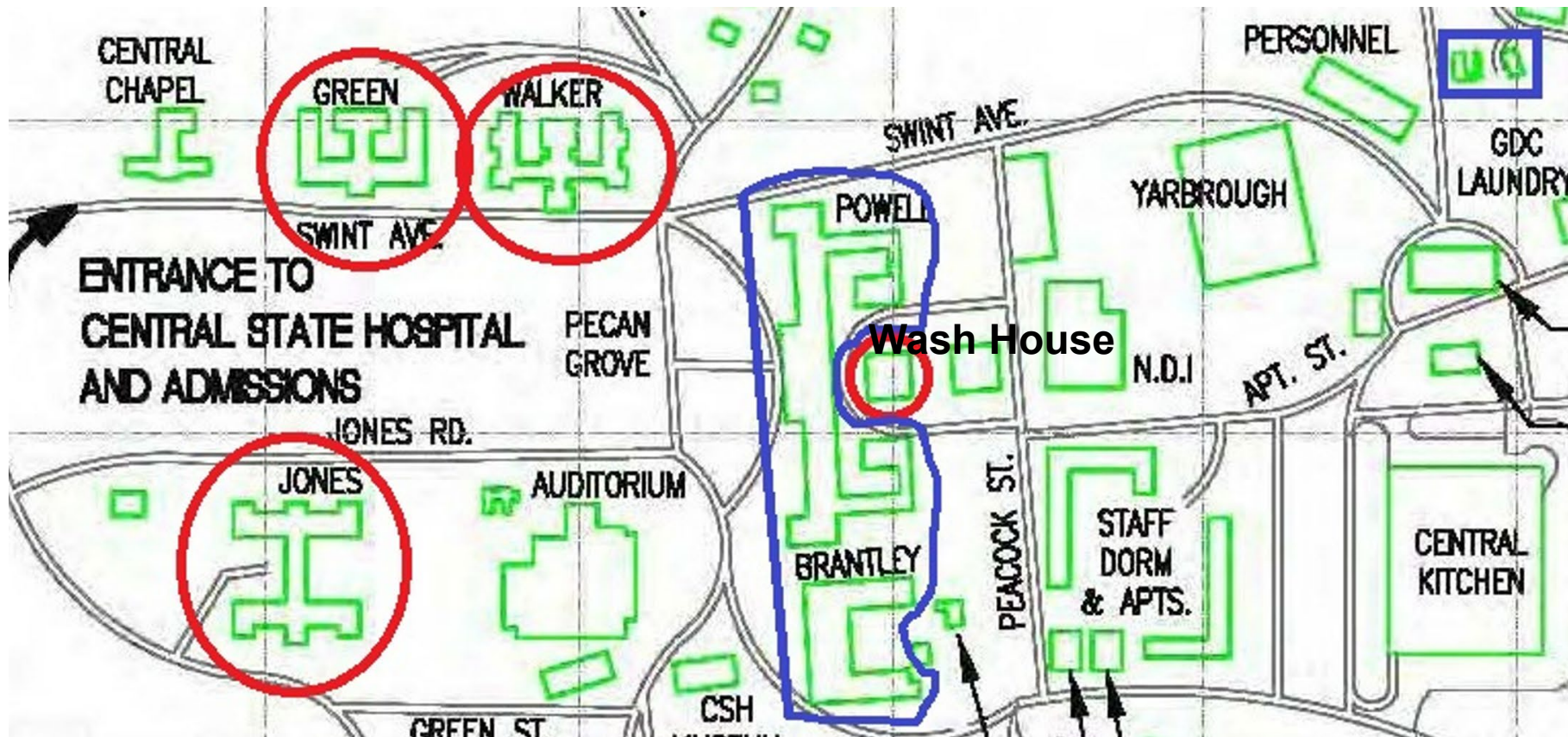
Action Item

- Consideration of Demolition of Wash House at Central State Hospital

Demolition of Wash House

- Requesting permission to ask the State Properties Commission to demolish the Wash House at Central State Hospital
 - Small building behind the Powell Building
 - Demolition improves property marketability
 - Building has been abandoned for more than 20 years

Demolition of Wash House



Demolition proposed for buildings encircled in red

Wash House



Action Item

- Consideration of Issuance of General Obligation Bonds

General Obligation Bonds

- General Assembly appropriated, and the Governor approved, funding for DBHDD to request the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2 million for State Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
- DBHDD proposes to use the funds to replace vehicles used by our Hospitals and Community Forensic Program.
- Vehicles are used to
 - transport individuals receiving services
 - transport staff supporting services for individuals
 - transport goods needed to support individuals receiving services

Commissioner's Report

Kevin Tanner

Commissioner

2023 NASDDDS Conference – Georgia’s National Contribution

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**Allen Morgan, *Director of Field
Operations of the Division of
Developmental Disabilities***



NASDDDS & DBHDD

- NASDDDS has taken note of the Division of Developmental Disabilities' work to build partnerships with providers, advocates, self-advocates, families, and legislators to improve our service delivery system.
- Division Director Ronald Wakefield serves on the NASDDDS Board of Directors.
- NASDDDS requested that DBHDD present to the Director's Forum and Mid-Year Conference.

Bridging Multiple Systems: Innovations in Support

- Leveraging Certified Community Behavioral Health Center Grants to Improve Access to Behavioral Health Care for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

The Deficit

- The perception that people with intellectual/developmental disabilities either do not experience behavioral health (BH) disorders or cannot benefit from treatment remains high among mental health providers.
- Clinicians in training receive little if any training to work with individuals with IDD.
- Obtaining behavioral health assessments that look beyond the presence of the IDD diagnosis remains a challenge.

Dual Diagnosis Prevalence*

- While the exact prevalence is unknown, most professionals who work with individuals with co-occurring IDD and BH accept that roughly 35% of people with intellectual disabilities also experience mental health challenges.
- People with I/DD are 2-3x more likely to also have a MI than general population.

*** Provided by the National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD)**

The Impact on Georgians

- Family caregivers being unable to support loved ones at home due to disruptive and sometimes dangerous behavior
- Individuals with IDD going to hospital emergency departments to seek stabilization
 - These settings are neither designed nor equipped to provide the needed care and often rely on sedation, restraint, or seclusion.
- When IDD is always a person's *primary diagnosis* it seems unlikely that medical and psychiatric issues will be explored.

The Opportunity: Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)

- Georgia DBHDD has a focus on bridging the divide between our IDD and BH programs.
- When discussion of CCBHCs began, we sought to explicitly include Georgians with intellectual/developmental disabilities in the target population for the demonstration CCBHC grants.
- The goal was to increase knowledge and skill of BH agencies and increase access to outpatient BH services for people with IDD.
- After discussion of several possibilities, GA DBHDD decided to contact the National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD).

Partnership with NADD

- Began conversations in early 2021
- Decision made in fall of 2021 to require CCBHCs to become NADD accredited
- Established project in fall of 2022
- First Project in US to require NADD accreditation of CCBHCs
- Seven Community Service Boards transitioning into Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
- Those seven will become NADD Accredited – three in 2023 and four in 2024
- Rivers Edge – first to become accredited in January 2023

Importance of NADD-DBHDD Partnership

- Enriched service options
- Collaboration across systems
- Shared commitment to service enhancement
- Community building
- Enrichment of both NADD and DBHDD
- Assurance of ongoing dual diagnosis training
- Provision of ongoing consultation
- Working together to improve service capacity
- Serve as an example to other state systems

Forensic Update

**As of June 2023*

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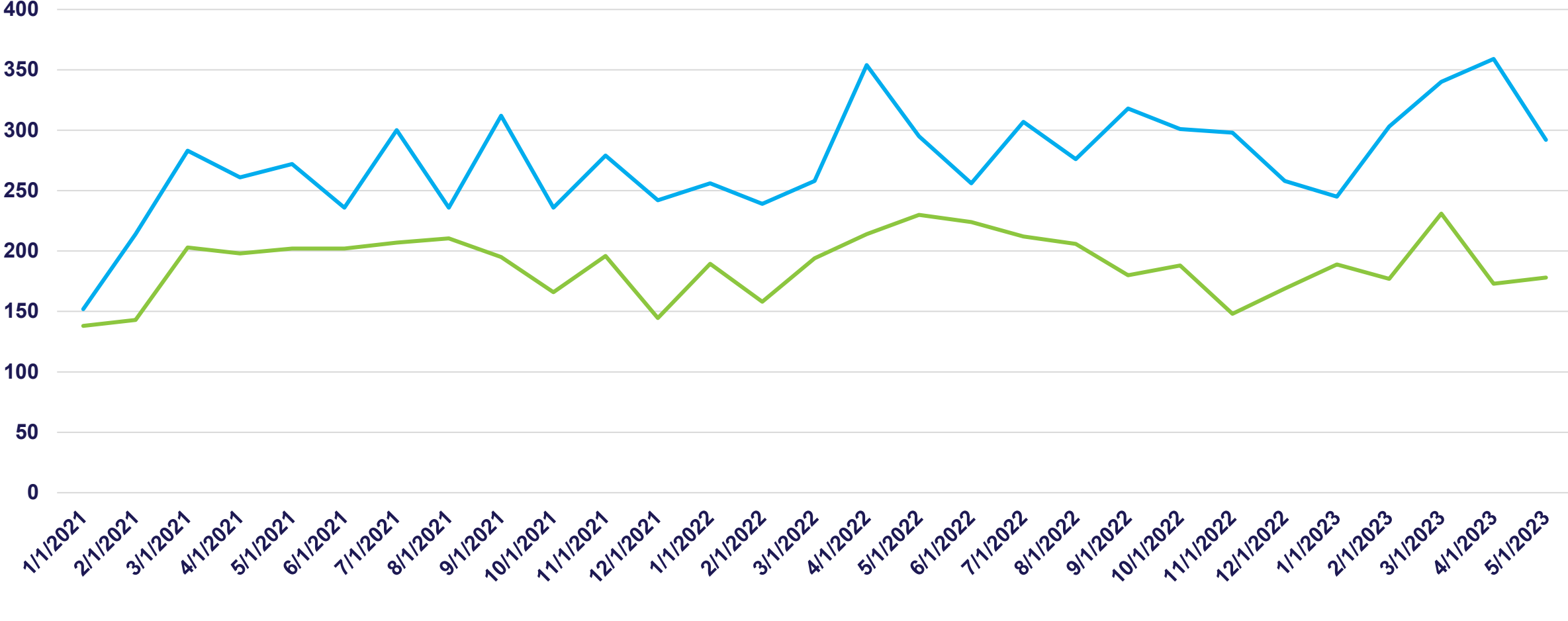
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***Dr. Emile Risby, M.D., DBHDD Medical
Director, Director of Hospital Services***



Community Forensic Services

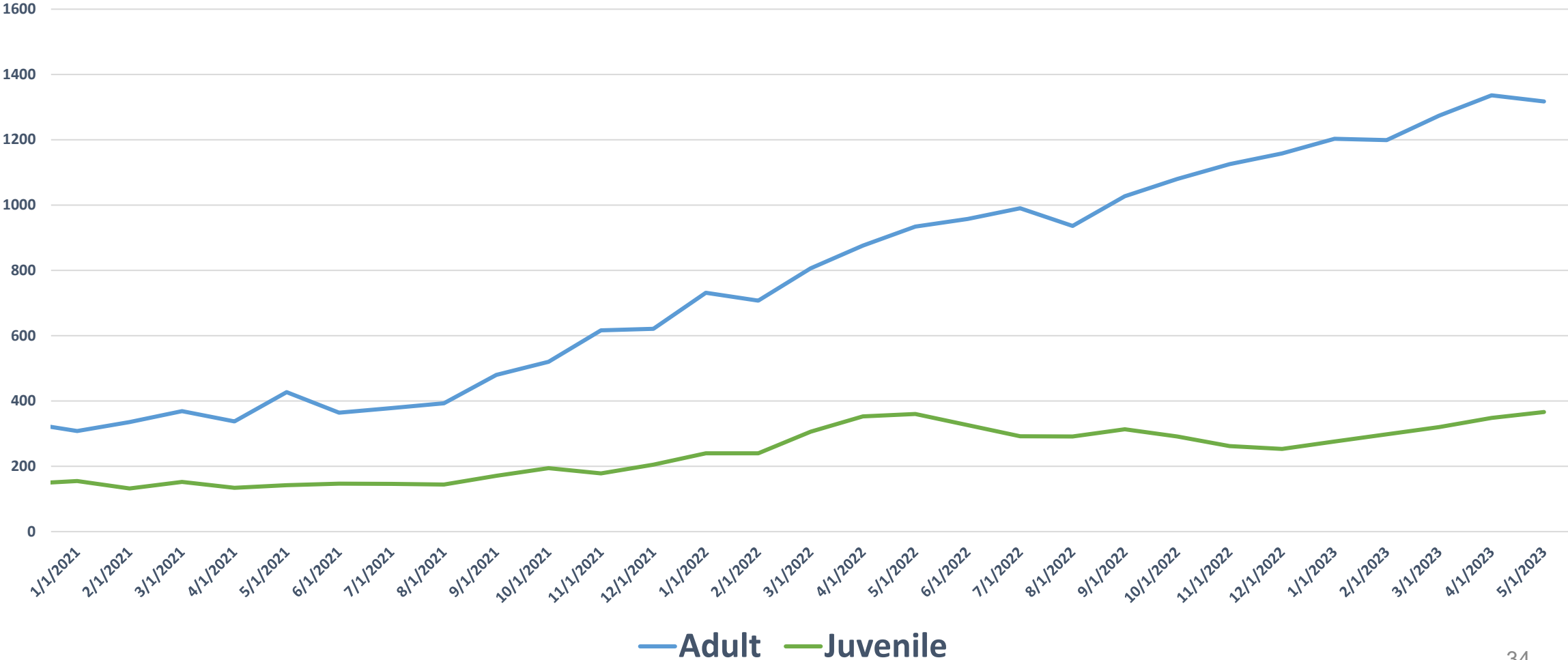
Pretrial Evaluations - Ordered & Completed



— Number of court orders received for adult pretrial evaluations — Total Pre-trial evaluations completed for State or Superior courts 33

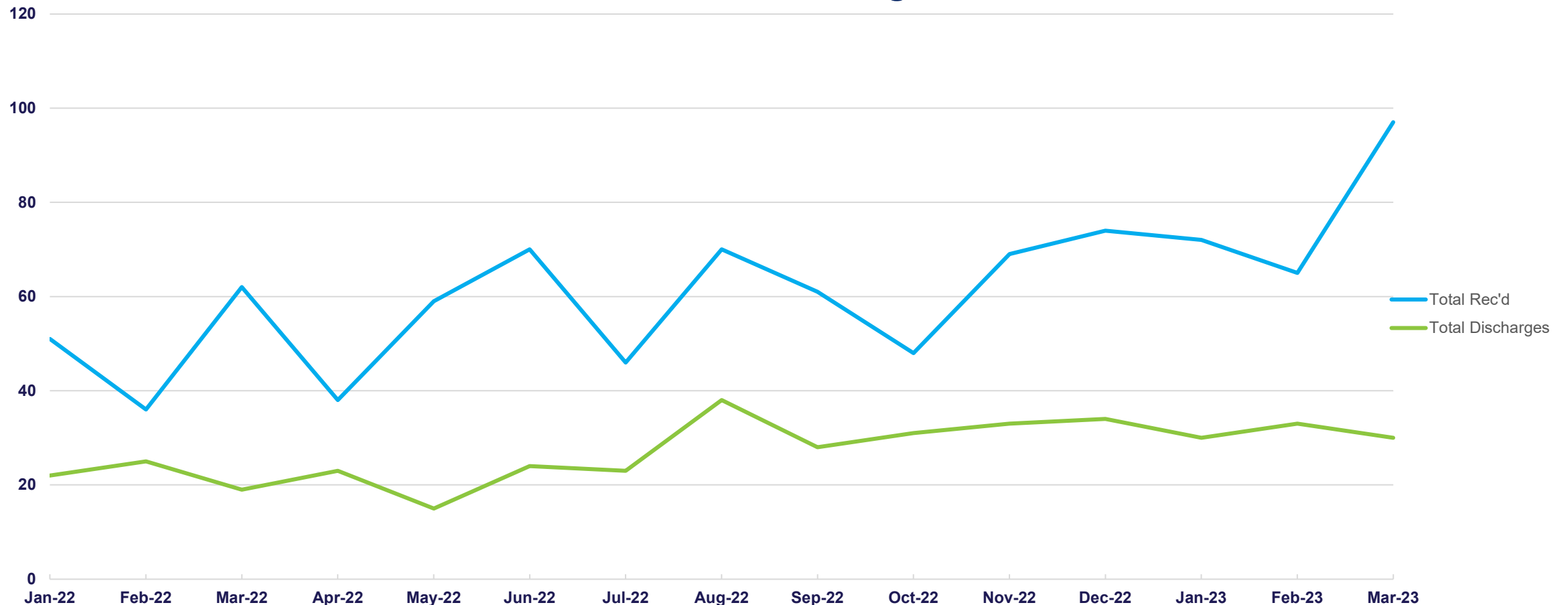
Community Forensic Services

Pretrial Evaluations Pending

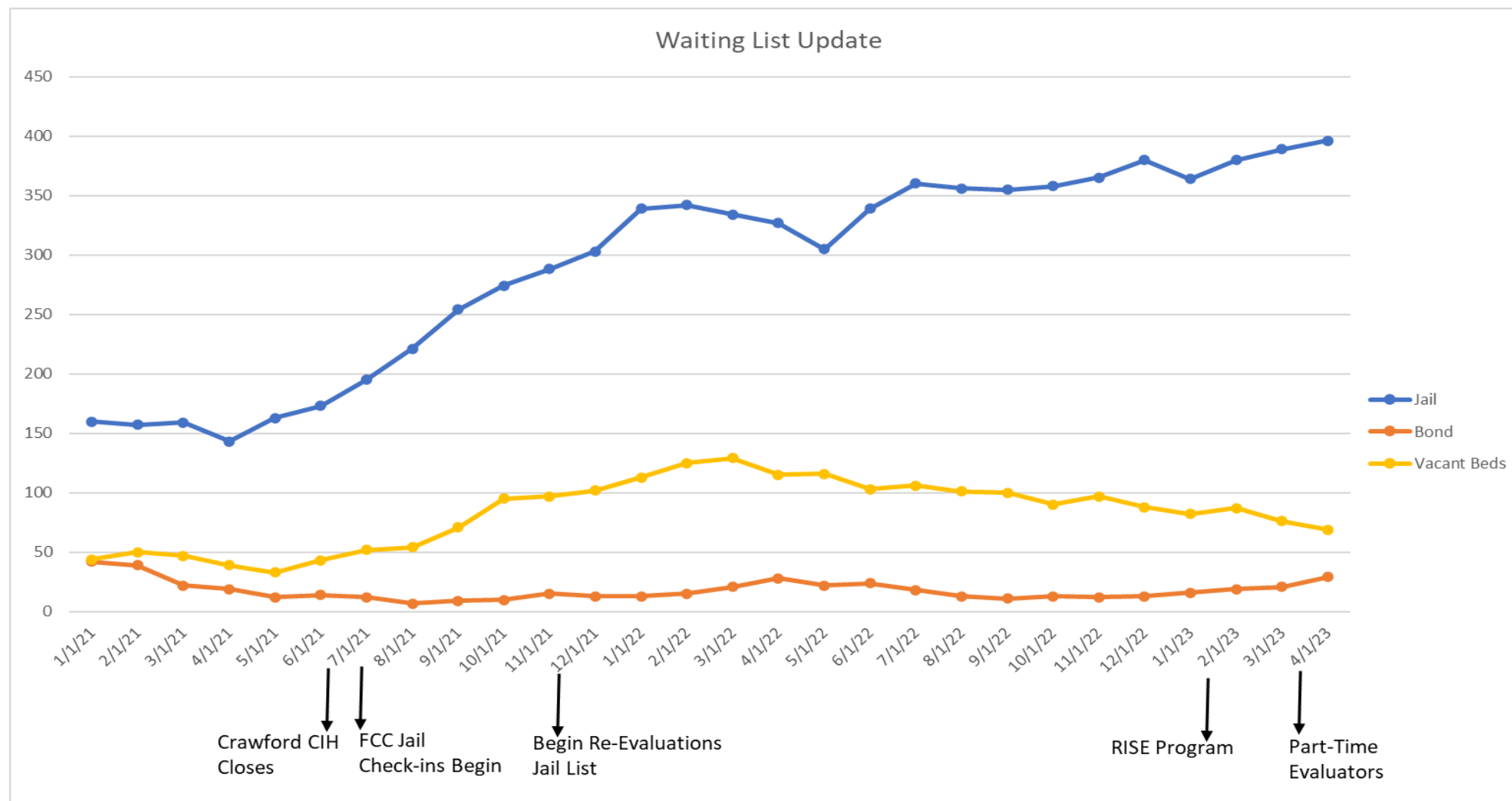


Hospital Forensic Services # Ordered to Hospital vs. # Discharged

Orders Rec'd and Discharges over time



Hospital Forensic Services



Co-Responder Budget Presentation

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Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

Carol J. Caraballo, LCSW, MPA

Director, Office of Adult Mental Health

Joy Bell

***Special Projects Coordinator, Office of
Adult Mental Health***



Co-Responder Programs

- Senate Bill 403 defines a co-responder program as a program established through a partnership between a community service board (CSB) and a law enforcement agency to utilize the combined expertise of peace officers and behavioral health professionals on emergency calls involving behavioral health crises to de-escalate situations and help link individuals with behavioral health issues to appropriate services.

DBHDD Deliverables

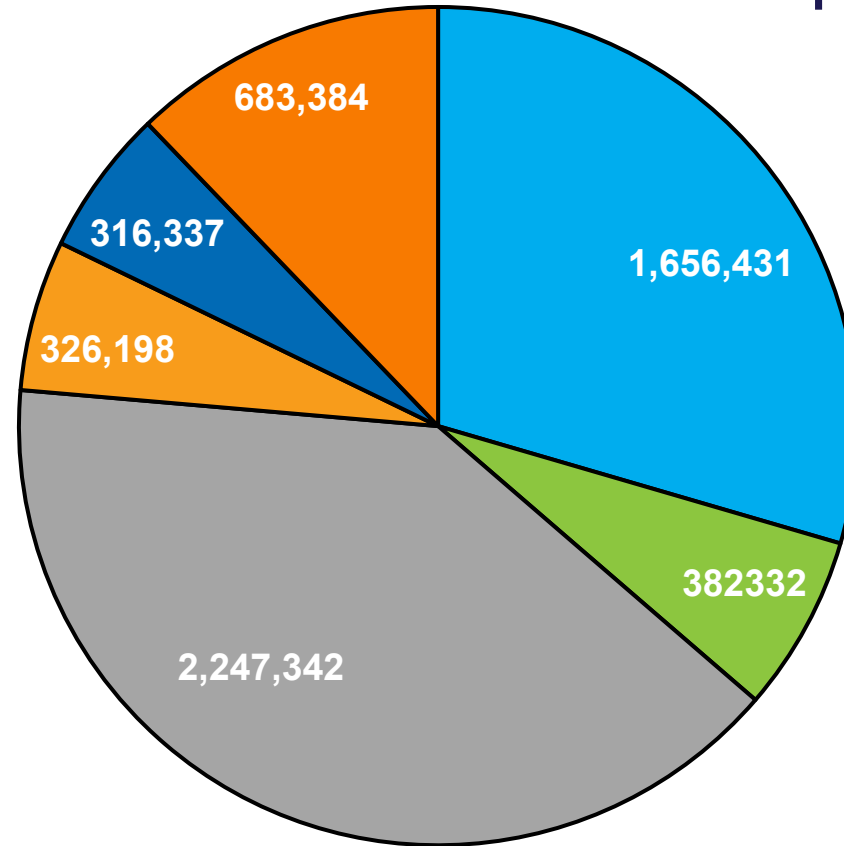
- Establish a referral system for law enforcement to request behavioral health consultation for an individual who may be treated more effectively within the behavioral health system.
- Submit to the board proposed budgets for co-responder programs for each community service board by July 15, 2023 and annually.
- Provide a written annual report regarding co-responder programs, beginning January 31, 2024.
- All training to be provided at the expense of the department.

Important Dates

11/04/22	Statement of Need sent to every CSB
12/02/22	Statement of Need applications submitted and received
01/31/23	CSBs notified of awarding of DBHDD funding
06/01/23	Co-Responder Contract Start Date
07/15/23 (annually)	Proposed Co-responder budgets presented to DBHDD Board
01/31/24 (annually)	Written annual report of co-responder programs

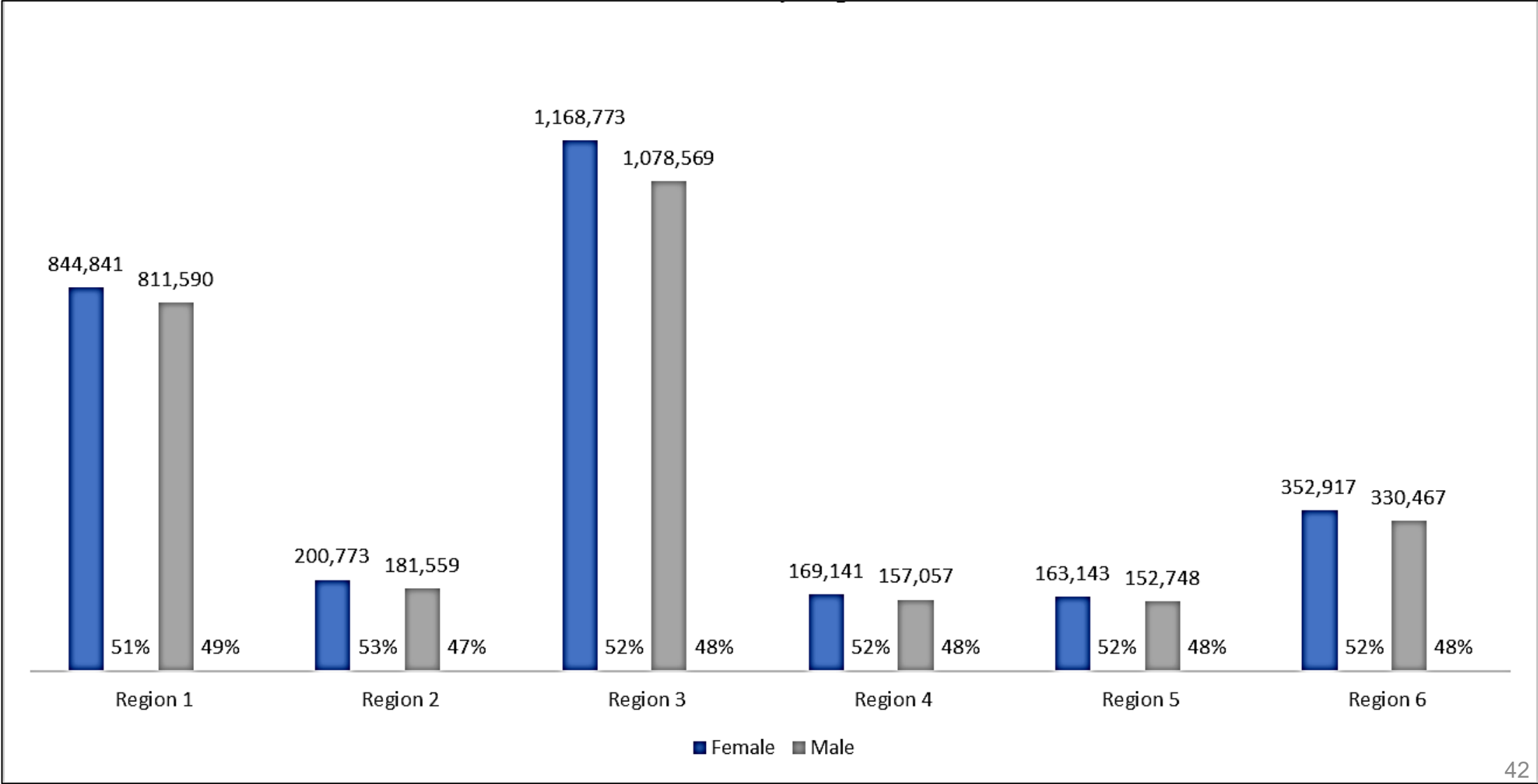
CSB UNIQUE FACTORS

Population by Region

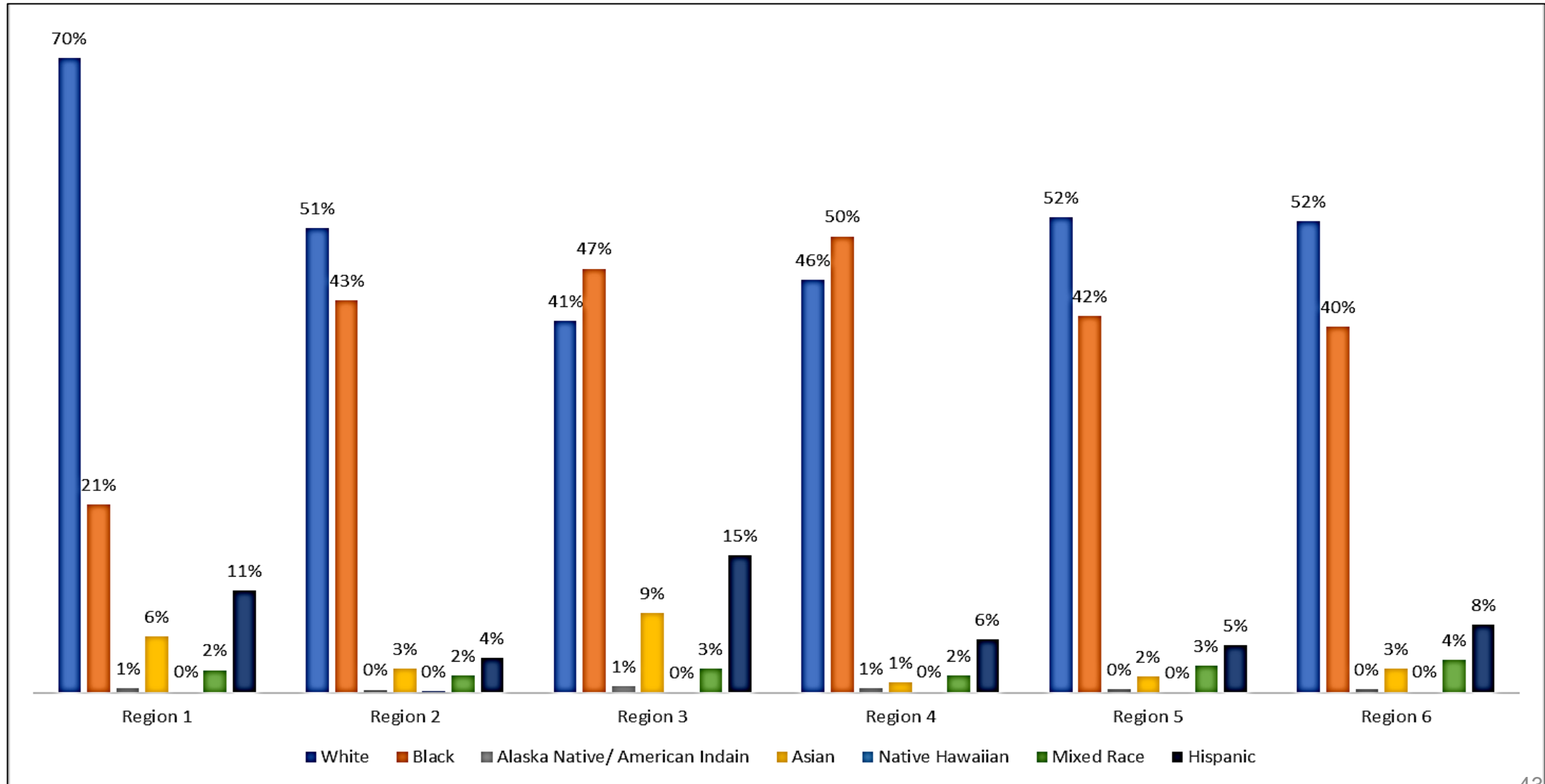


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- Region 3
- Region 4
- Region 5
- Region 6

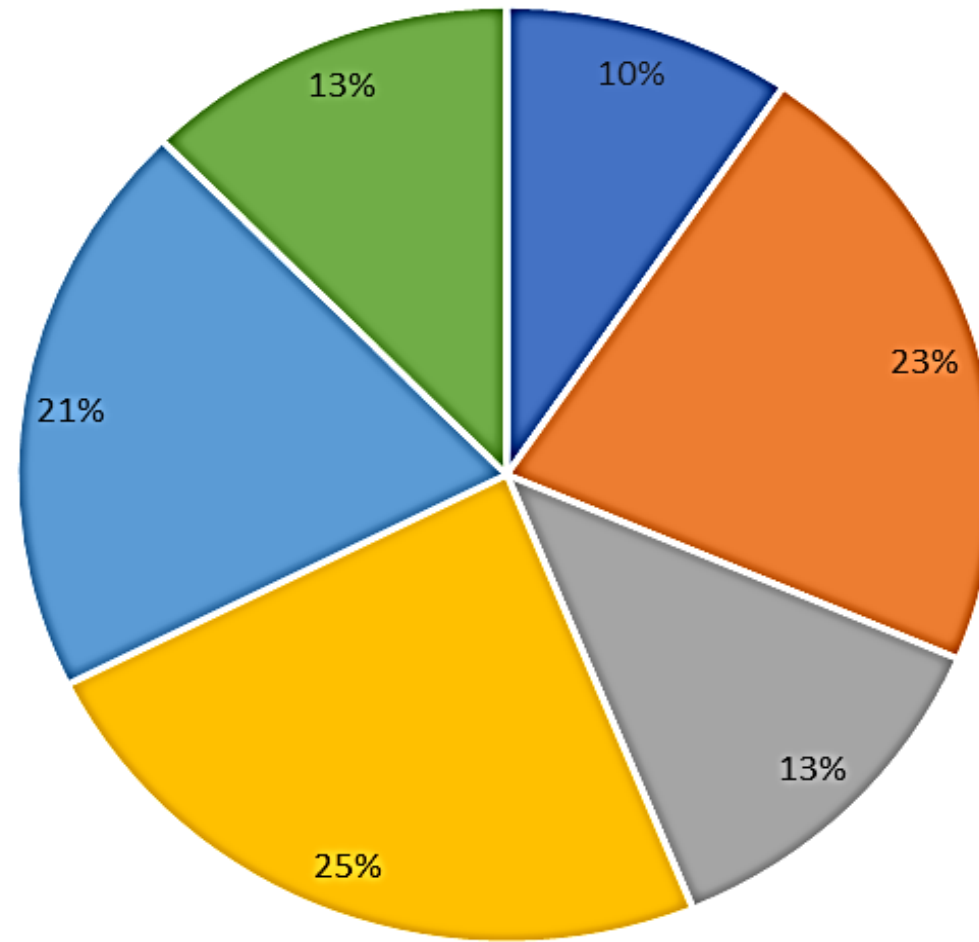
Gender By Region



Race By Region

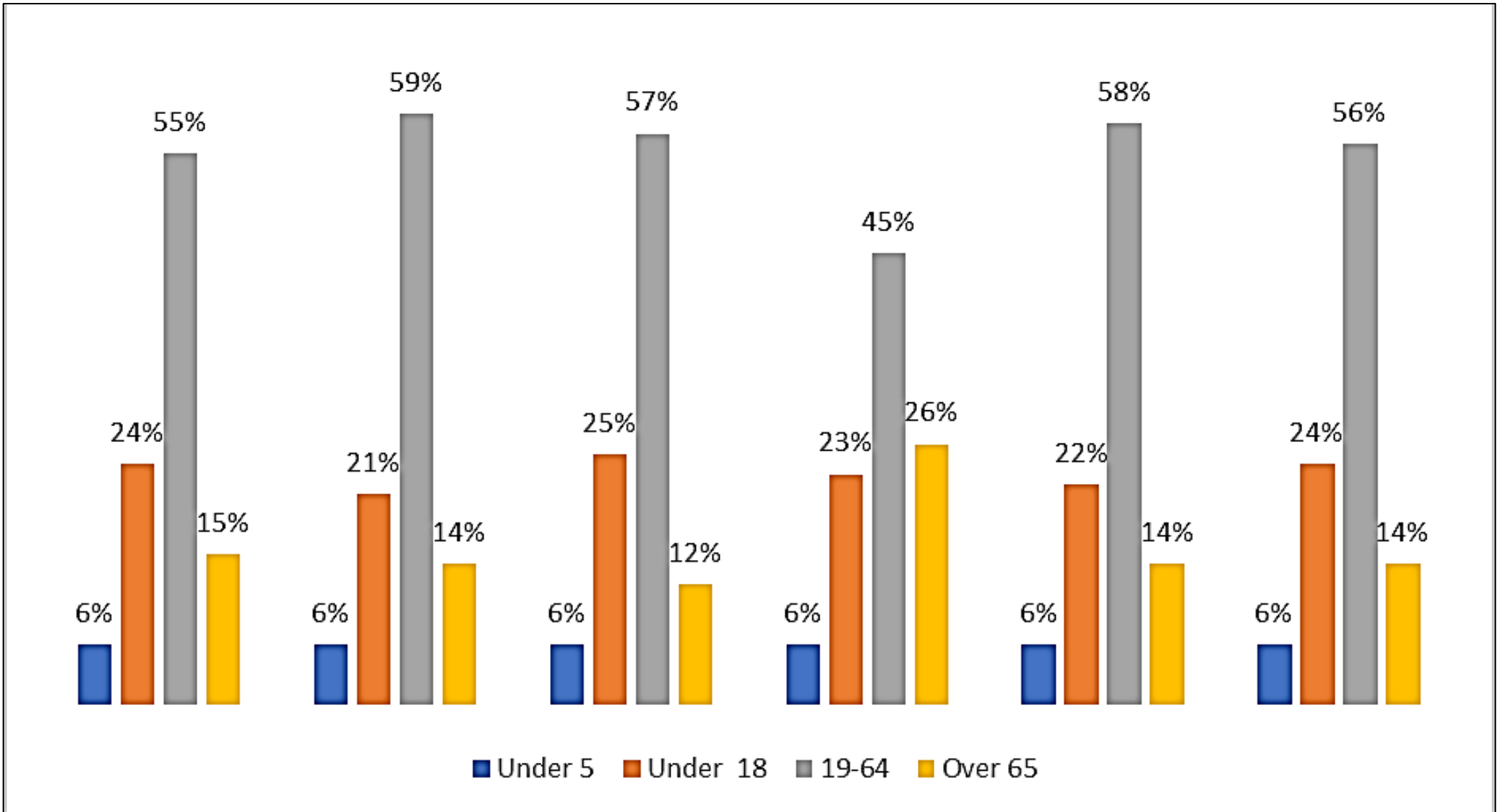


Individuals in Poverty by Region



■ Region 1 ■ Region 2 ■ Region 3 ■ Region 4 ■ Region 5 ■ Region 6

Age by Region



State Funded Co-Responder Programs (2023)

Advantage

Clayton Center

Gateway*

Georgia Pines**

Highland Rivers

McIntosh Trail

New Horizons

Pineland

Unison

**Submitted 2 programs and both were awarded.

*Gateway declined to move forward with contract due to inability to implement a co-responder programs for \$89,786.00.

Region 1

CSB	Service Area	Total
Avita	Forsyth County	\$296,358
Bridge Health	Dade County/ Walker County	\$202,923
Douglas	Douglas County	\$931,921
Highland Rivers	Catoosa County Cherokee County Cobb County Marietta Pickens County	\$1,725,959

Total = \$3,157,160

Personnel
\$2,467,008

Supplies
\$15,995

Transportation
\$186,007

Technology
\$65,442

Training
\$154,800

Administrative
\$267,908

Region 2

CSB	Service Area	Total
Advantage	Athens-Clarke County Loganville* Monroe*	\$1,546,089
Oconee	Baldwin County	\$125,418
River Edge	Macon-Bibb County	\$292,812
Serenity	McDuffie County	\$200,219
	*Multi-jurisdiction	

Total = \$2,164,538

Personnel
\$1,816,046

Supplies
\$7,335

Transportation
\$42,127

Technology
\$26,702

Training
\$86,000

Administrative
\$186,328

Region 3

Total = \$3,056,017

CSB	Service Area	Total
Clayton Center	Clayton County	\$306,828
DeKalb	DeKalb County Avondale* Decatur* Clarkston* Dunwoody** Doraville**	\$943,512
View Point Health	Gwinnett County Newton County Rockdale County Conyers Lawrenceville Norcross Suwanee *Multi-jurisdiction ** Multi-jurisdiction	\$1,806,717

Personnel
\$2,500,519

Supplies
\$41,285

Transportation
\$65,120

Technology
\$73,780

Training
\$146,200

Administrative
\$229,113

Region 4

Total = \$2,551,770

CSB	Service Area	Total
Aspire	Dougherty County Early County* Miller County* Calhoun County*	\$501,111
Georgia Pines	Moultrie Decatur County Mitchell County Thomas County	\$1,039,316
Legacy	Valdosta Adel Irwin County* Tift County*	\$1,011,343
	*Multi-jurisdiction ** Multi-jurisdiction	

Personnel
\$2,093,992

Supplies
\$41,750

Transportation
\$39,600

Technology
\$62,713

Training
\$124,700

Administrative
\$189,015

Region 5

Total = \$2,025,899

CSB	Service Area	Total
CSB of Middle Georgia	Laurens County	\$907,147
Gateway	Savannah	\$383,983
Pineland	Bulloch County	\$398,088
Unison	Ware County	\$336,681

Personnel
\$1,608,224

Supplies
\$25,200

Transportation
\$68,600

Technology
\$64,622

Training
\$103,200

Administrative
\$156,053

Region 6

Total = \$2,463,430

CSB	Service Area	Total
McIntosh Trail	Stockbridge Henry County	\$377,523
Middle Flint	Crisp County Perry	\$378,475
New Horizons	Columbus Harris County	\$1,091,752
Pathways	Coweta County	\$615,680

Personnel
\$1,827,276

Supplies
\$182,400

Transportation
\$117,340

Technology
\$44,750

Training
\$98,900

Administrative
\$192,764

Summary Budget Justification

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Personnel		
Total:		\$ 12,313,065
General Supplies		
Total:		\$ 313,965
Transportation - Specific to costs incurred by CSB - does not include LEA co-response vehicle		
Total:		\$ 518,794
Technology		
Total:		\$ 338,009
Training		
Total:		\$ 713,800
	Total Direct Costs:	\$ 14,197,636
Administrative		
Total:		\$ 1,221,181
Total		
	Budget Proposal:	\$ 15,418,814

Forensic Peer Mentor Project

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**Ladji Ruffin, CPS-MH, CPS-AD,
NCPS, CPRP**

***Forensic Peer Mentor Trainer/Liaison
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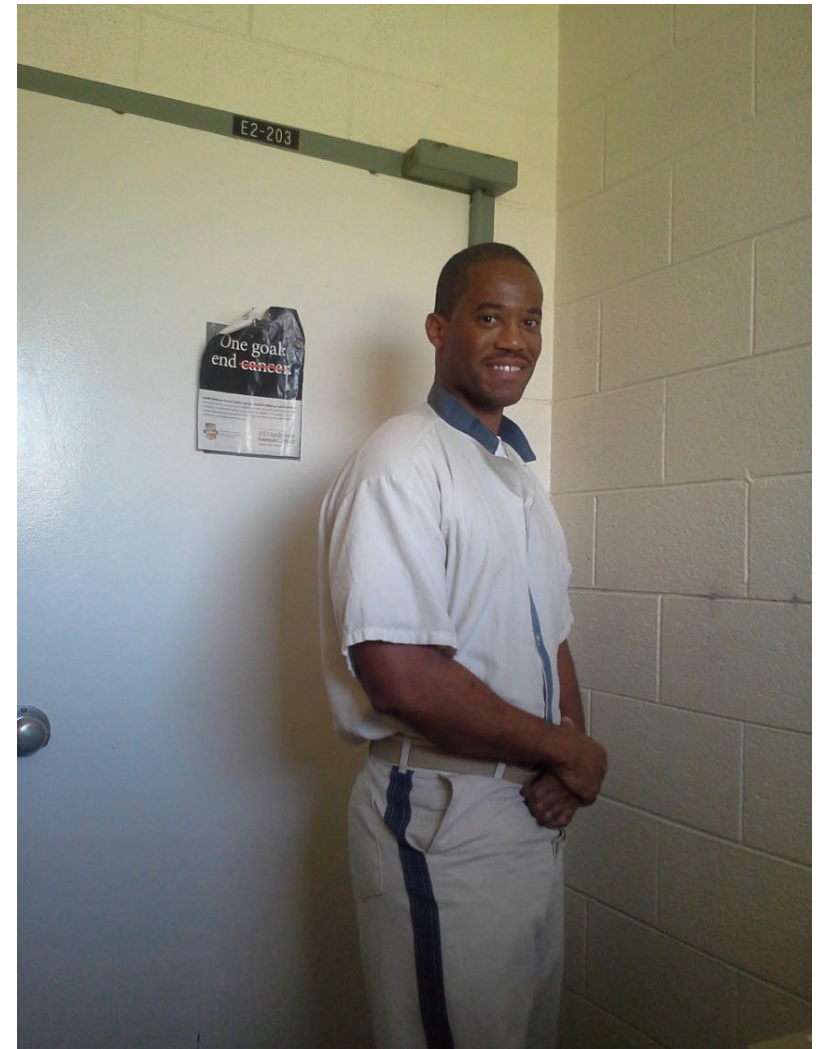
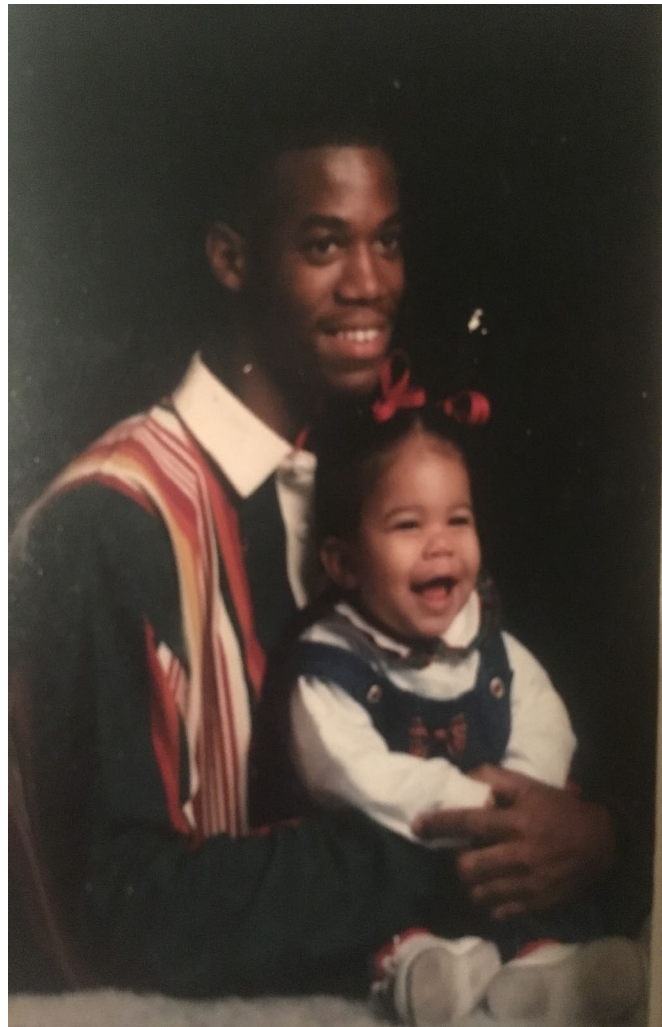


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My Story

The Beginning



The Transition



Forensic Peer Mentor



Educational Accomplishments



United States Attorney Office of Northern District



My Story: New Beginnings



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 Assisted 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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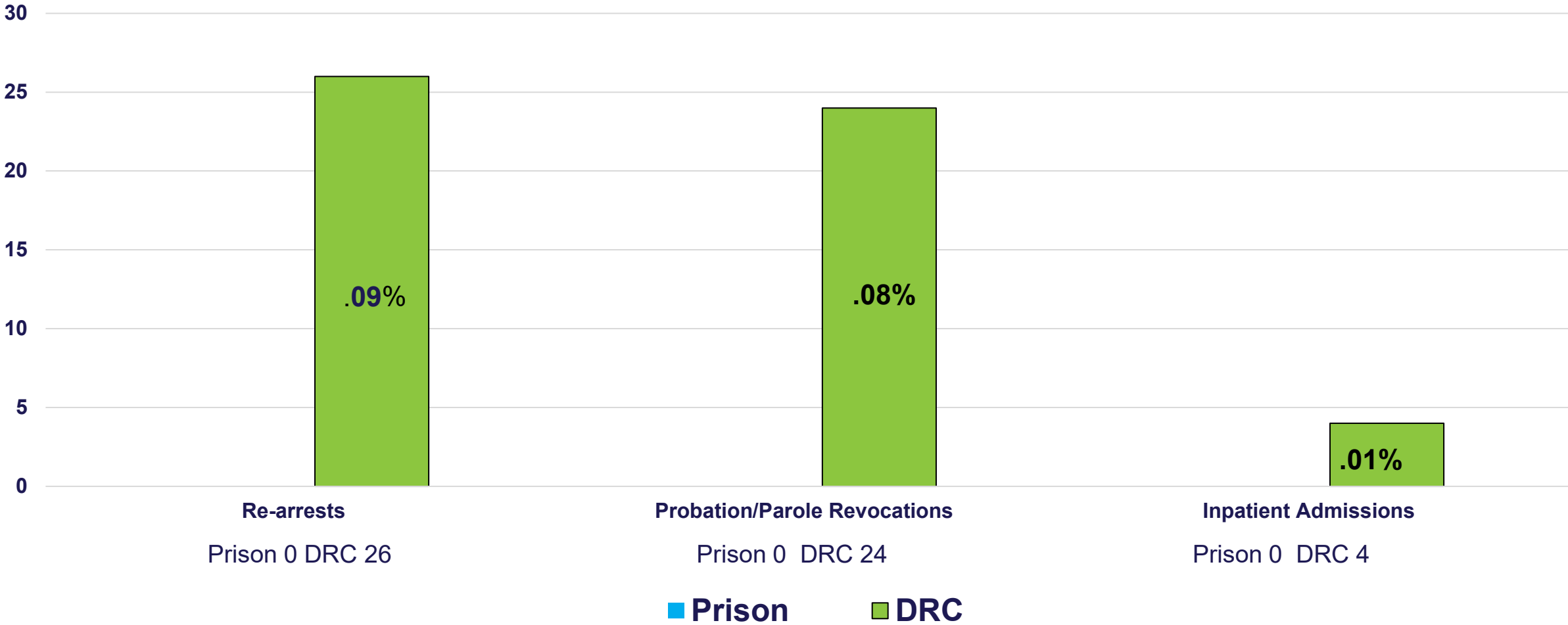
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Program Outcomes

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

	Prisons	DRC	Hospitals	MHC	Est. 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	



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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

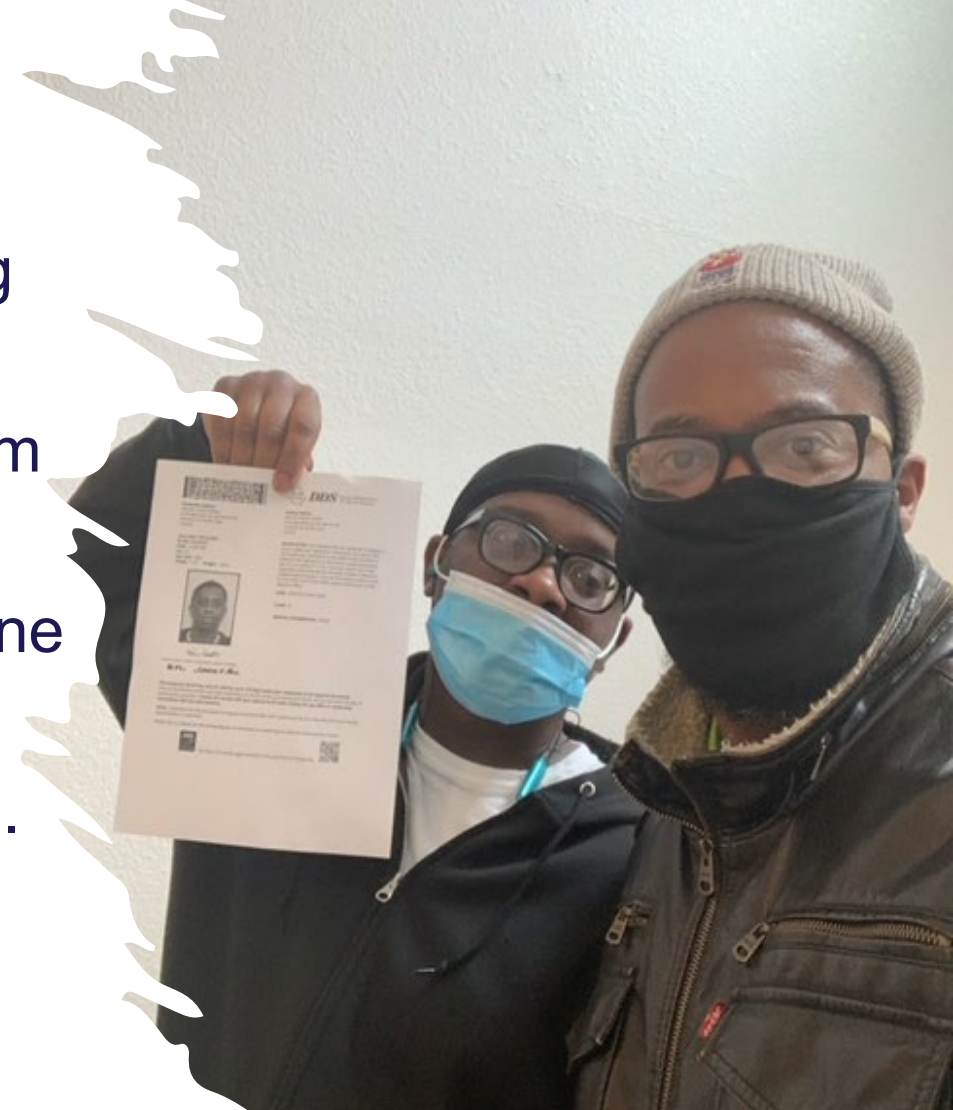




Aid individuals to understand and complete parole/probation requirements

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."



The Power of Forensic Peer Mentoring

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





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Together We Can Make It Happen!



Chair's Report

David Glass

Chair

Public Comment



A close-up photograph of several hands of different skin tones being held together in a supportive grip. The hands are positioned in the foreground, with the fingers interlaced, conveying a sense of care and assistance. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be a person's head and shoulders in a clinical or care setting.

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