

2017-2018 REGION 5 TOP PRIORITIES WITH KEY STRATEGIES

Below are the three top priorities for **Region 5** for 2017-18

Priority 1: Funding

Increase overall funding at state level for DBHDD services in Georgia.

Key Strategies:

1. Launch campaigns to educate legislators about public mental health services and the need for increased funding to provide these services.
2. Encourage Community Service Boards (CSBs) to meet with local elected officials in their catchment areas to work collaboratively and creatively to use local resources to meet the needs of consumers.

Priority 2: Children and Adolescents

Provide additional child and adolescent behavioral health services in Region 5 (both in schools and communities) including wrap-around services, crisis homes, expansion of 23 hour observations and/or Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs).

Key Strategies:

1. Secure funding to add a clubhouse program at Unison Community Service Board (CSB) in 2018.
2. Increase funding to allow for expansion of Georgia Apex Program—which would allow for more children and adolescent serves to be provided in local school systems.
3. Secure funding to increase the number of publically-funded Crisis Stabilization Units to allow for more beds for children and adolescents in crisis.

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Priority 3: Crisis Beds/Programs

Address the serious need for additional crisis beds in Region 5—including Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs), crisis respite apartments, and crisis homes for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). These all serve as alternatives to hospitalization.

Key Strategies:

1. Secure a \$6 million for the new Behavioral Health Crisis Center (BHCC) in the state. This new facility would add an additional 16 crisis beds for Region 5.
2. Investigate evidence-based treatment programs to reduce likelihood of re-hospitalization.
3. Investigate structured treatment programs such as Clubhouse programs and supported employment programs for adult treatment.