The focus of DBHDD’s Office of Children, Young Adults, and Families (OCYF) is to support Georgia’s System of Care for uninsured children and young adults, or those with SSI Medicaid, and their families, that are accessing the public behavioral health system. We accomplish this through the development of non-traditional treatment and supports for youth and families that support the traditional array of services available through Medicaid.

Array of Services Supported by DBHDD Office of Children, Young Adults & Families

* Care Management Entity (CME) – High fidelity Wraparound approach providing intensive care coordination.
* Center of Excellence for Children’s Behavioral Health (COE) – Part of the Georgia Health Policy Center housed within the Georgia State University Andew Young School of Policy.
* Certified Peer Support–Parent & Youth (CPS-P & -Y) – System of Care informed recovery-oriented peer certification; continued education training; and workforce development, for parents and youth with lived experience.
* Community Based Alternatives for Youth (CBAY) – Community-based alternatives for ages 5-21 years to help avert Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) admission. Provided by DBHDD and Department of Community Health (DCH).
* Community Innovation Pilots (CIP) – Supports existing or new behavioral healthcare services, programs or projects, that assist OCYF with accomplishing its mission and add value to Georgia’s public mental health system.
* Core Benefit Package – Evaluation/assessment, diagnosis, counseling and medication, therapy (individual, group, and family), community support services, crisis assessments and physician services.
* Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) – Short-term acute stabilization. Provided by DBHDD and DCH.
* Emerging Adult Support Services (EASS) – Includes several initiatives focused on improving the lives of emerging adults ages 16-26 years, including supported employment, and first episode psychosis early treatment programming.
* Georgia Apex Program – School-based mental health program.
* Local Interagency Planning Team (LIPT) – Multiagency teams that support youth and families through collaborative planning and coordination of services and supports.
* Mobile Crisis - Community-based, face-to-face crisis response 24 hours a day, seven days a week to individuals in an active state of crisis.
* Project LAUNCH – Federal grant to the Department of Public Health (DPH) to increase the quality and availability of evidence-based programs for children and families; improve collaboration among child-serving organizations; and integrate physical and behavioral health services and supports for ages 0-8 years in Muscogee County. DBHDD serves as the behavioral health collaborating partner.
* Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) – In-patient treatment for patients ages 5-21 years. Provided by DBHDD and DCH.
* State Contracted Beds – OCYF contracts for private, in-patient hospital beds when CSU beds are unavailable.
* System of Care Funds – Seek to ingrain and further the System of Care philosophy, framework and processes in child-serving agencies across Georgia.
* Youth Clubhouses – Nontraditional services and supports for mental health, prevention and substance use for ages 6-21 years.
The Department of Public Health (DPH) promotes screening, early intervention services and mental health promotion for young children 0-3 years. The Project LAUNCH pilot in Muscogee County coordinates services and supports up to age 8 years.

DBHDD OCYF underwrites behavioral health services and supports for ages 4-26 years.

DBHDD Community Behavioral Health Provider Network Structure

**Tier 1**
Comprehensive community providers (CCPs) function as the safety net, serve the most vulnerable and respond to critical access needs.

**Tier 2**
Community medicaid providers (CMPs) provide behavioral health services and supports identified in the Medicaid State Plan for children and young adults covered by Medicaid.

**Tier 3**
Specially providers offer an array of specialty services including Intensive Family Intervention (IFI), emerging adult support services, school-based mental health services, supported employment and youth clubhouses.

Understanding Georgia’s Behavioral Health Crisis Continuum

DBHDD operates a statewide, toll-free call center for consumers to access services. The call center operates 24/7 and has the capacity to screen and assess callers for intensity of service response. Individuals determined to be in immediate danger are “warm transferred” to the local 911 service in the consumer’s geographic area. Consumers in need of crisis management receive 24/7 mobile response to assess the situation, de-escalate the crisis, consult and refer with post-crisis follow-up to assure linkage with recommended services. For consumers with less intense needs, call center staff are able to offer a choice of DBHDD community behavioral health network providers and schedule appointments.

Georgia Behavioral Health Crisis and Continuum of Care Payers

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