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School-Based Behavioral Health in Georgia

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SAMHSA:
• Spectrum of effective, community-based services and supports;
• Organized into a coordinated network that;
• Builds meaningful partnerships with families and youth; and
• Addresses cultural and linguistic needs, in order to improve functioning at home, in school, in the community.
Georgia System of Care State Plan

• **Purpose** - A strategic roadmap for improving children’s behavioral health in Georgia over the next three years.

• **Created/required by state law**
  - Behavioral Health Coordinating Council (BHCC) (O.C.G.A. § 37-2-4)
  - Local Interagency Planning Team (LIPT) (O.C.G.A. § 49-5-225)
  - SOC Plan (O.C.G.A. § 49-5-220)

• The current SOC state plan covers SFY18-SFY20
  Approved by BHCC, August 2017
Georgia SOC State Plan – Focus Areas

SOC Plan Development: Areas of Influence / Goals

**ACCESS**
Provide access to a family-driven, youth-guided, culturally competent, and trauma-informed comprehensive SOC.

**COORDINATION**
Facilitate effective communication, coordination, education, and training within the larger SOC and among local, regional, and state child serving systems.

**Workforce Development**
Develop, maintain, and support a culturally competent, trauma-informed workforce to meet the needs of children, youth, and young adults and their families.

**Funding / Financing**
Utilize financing strategies to support and sustain a comprehensive, community-based, family-driven, youth-guided, culturally competent, and trauma-informed SOC, anchored in cross-agency commitment to effective and efficient spending.

**Utilize a framework of measuring and monitoring data on key SOC outcomes to demonstrate and communicate the value of a SOC approach for improving children’s behavioral health and support ongoing quality improvement.**
The Commission on Children’s Mental Health

A. Increase access to behavioral services for Georgia’s school-aged children by sustaining and expanding the Georgia Apex Program (GAP) for school-based mental health ($4.29M)

B. Fund Supported Employment/Supported Education programs for youth and emerging adults with severe mental illness ($1.53M)

C. Provide support for the development and implementation of additional levels of support within the behavioral health continuum of care for youth with the highest levels of need ($10.4M)

D. Strategically increase telemedicine infrastructure capacity for child-serving, community-based, behavioral health provider organizations in order to improve access to children’s behavioral health services ($382K)
E. Invest in **coordinated training** for priority areas of interest and concern for the child-serving workforce (e.g., evidence-based practices, trauma-informed care, administrative practices)

F. Fund expanded provider training, fidelity monitoring, technical assistance, and evaluation for evidence-based **High Fidelity Wraparound** ($610K)

G. Support multi-pronged early intervention and prevention approaches to **combat the opioid crisis** among Georgia’s youth and emerging adults ($1.09M)

H. Support multi-pronged **suicide prevention** approach, including the expansion of prevention programming and expansion of Georgia Crisis and Access Line (GCAL) hours, to reduce rising suicide rates among Georgia’s youth and emerging adults. ($1.41M)
Program Goals

1. Increase access to mental health services for students;
2. Early detection of mental health needs; and
3. Increase coordination between community mental health providers and schools.