

# Twenty-third Annual Rosalynn Carter Georgia Mental Health Forum School-Based Behavioral Health in Georgia

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# Overview

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System of  
Care  
Framework

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State Plan

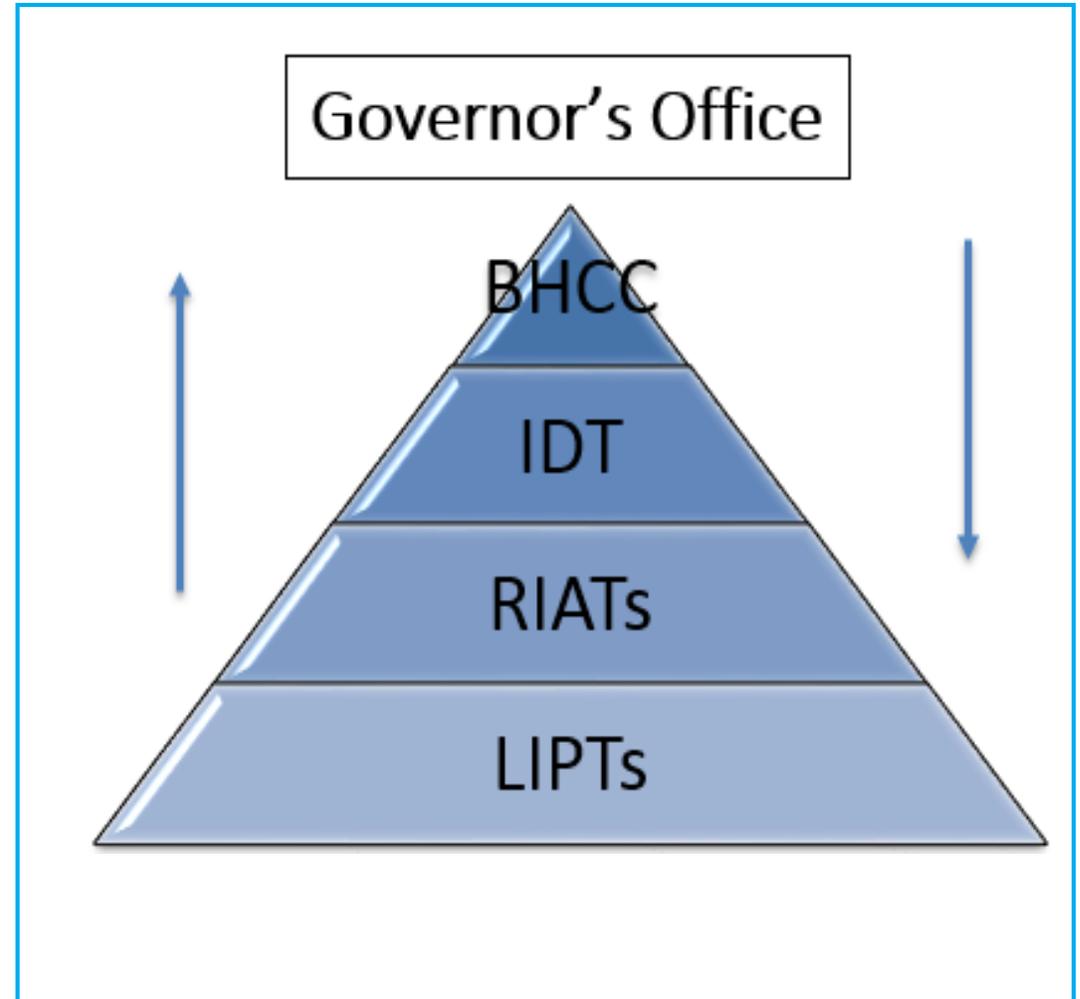
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on Children's  
Mental Health

Georgia  
Apex  
Program

# System of Care Values, Principles & Infrastructure

## **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.

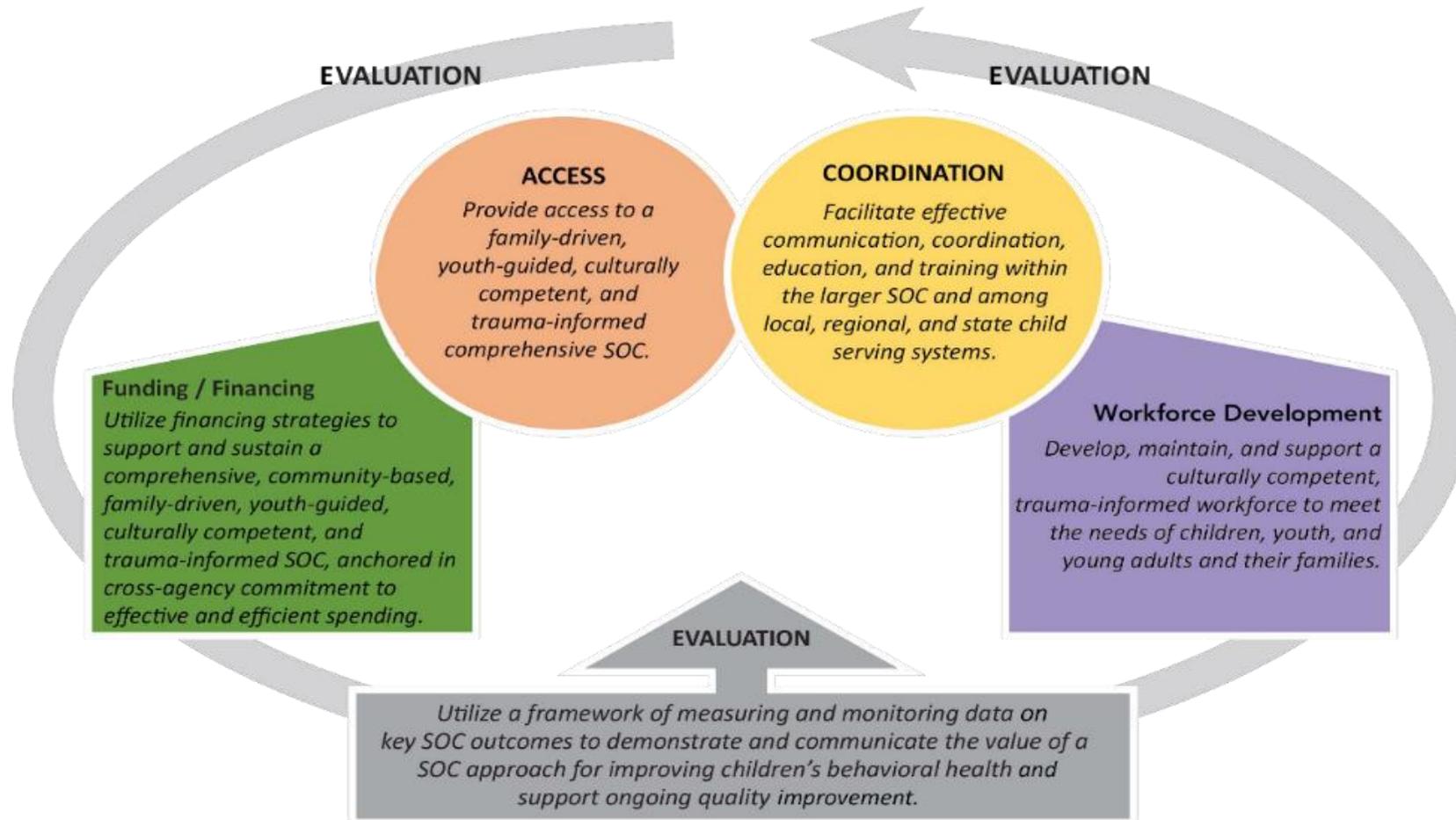


# Georgia System of Care State Plan

- **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



# 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)

# The Commission on Children's Mental Health

- 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)

# Georgia Apex Program

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## 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.



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