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## **Overview**

System of Care Framework

Georgia
System of
Care
State Plan

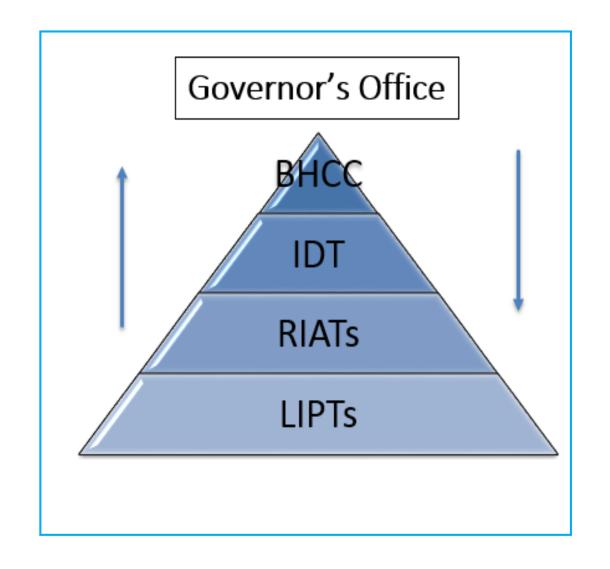
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## System of Care Values, Principles & Infrastructure

### **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

#### **EVALUATION**

#### **ACCESS**

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

#### 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.

#### **EVALUATION**

#### 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.

#### **EVALUATION**

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.

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- 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 <u>Supported Employment/Supported Education</u> 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 <u>telemedicine infrastructure</u> capacity for child-serving, community-based, behavioral health provider organizations in order to improve access to children's behavioral health services (\$382K)

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- 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 <u>High Fidelity</u> <u>Wraparound</u> (\$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 <u>suicide prevention</u> 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**

## **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.

