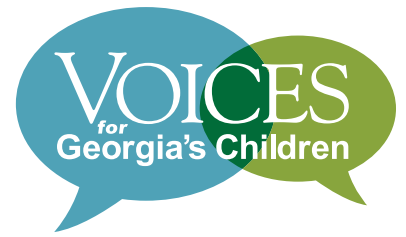
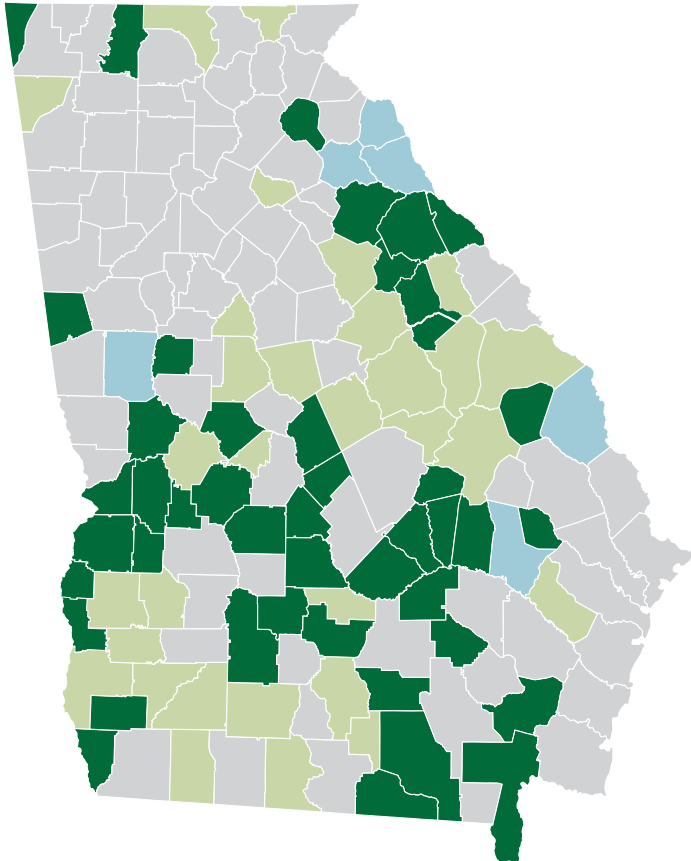


Georgia's Crisis in Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health



THE PROBLEM:
 Nearly **80% of children** who need behavioral health services do not receive them

Behavioral Health is at the core of the majority of the problems we see in education, juvenile justice and child welfare. And the challenges don't stop there — they continue into adulthood.

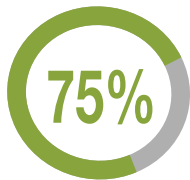


- Counties **without** licensed psychologist
- Counties **without** licensed social worker
- Counties **without** licensed psychologist or licensed social worker

76 OF **159**
COUNTIES
 do not have a licensed psychologist

and

52 OF **159**
COUNTIES
 do not have a licensed social worker



who receive services
 receive them in schools



Social Workers

CURRENTLY:

1 FOR EVERY **2,742** STUDENTS

NEEDED:

1 FOR EVERY **250** STUDENTS

School Psychologists

CURRENTLY:

1 FOR EVERY **2,475** STUDENTS

NEEDED:

1 FOR EVERY **1,000** STUDENTS

School Nurses

CURRENTLY:

1,555

NEEDED:

2,255

ALARMING STATS:

Nearly **1 in 10 children** experience a behavioral health need severe enough to impact their ability to function in school, home and their community

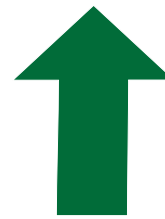
- **Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death** among youth age 9 to 17.
- Children with behavioral health issues **miss double the amount of school** as their peers.
- Preschoolers are expelled **more than three times as often** as K-12 students, often due to behavior issues.
- **63% of youth** in the juvenile justice system have a need for behavioral health services.

WHY WE NEED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES:

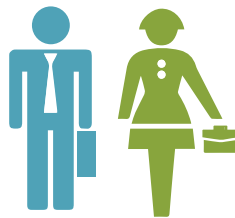
Untreated behavioral health illness in children and adolescents leads to:



A higher usage of health care services



Higher poverty rates



Much lower rates of employment in adulthood

WHAT WE NEED:

- 1.** All children and adolescents have access to behavioral health services
- 2.** Schools are equipped to meet the need early and effectively
- 3.** Georgia has the workforce to help children and adolescents with behavioral health needs

WHAT NEXT:

We need a comprehensive three-year state plan for child and adolescent behavioral health