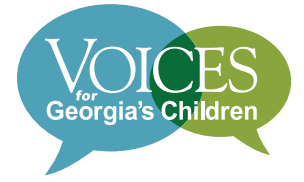
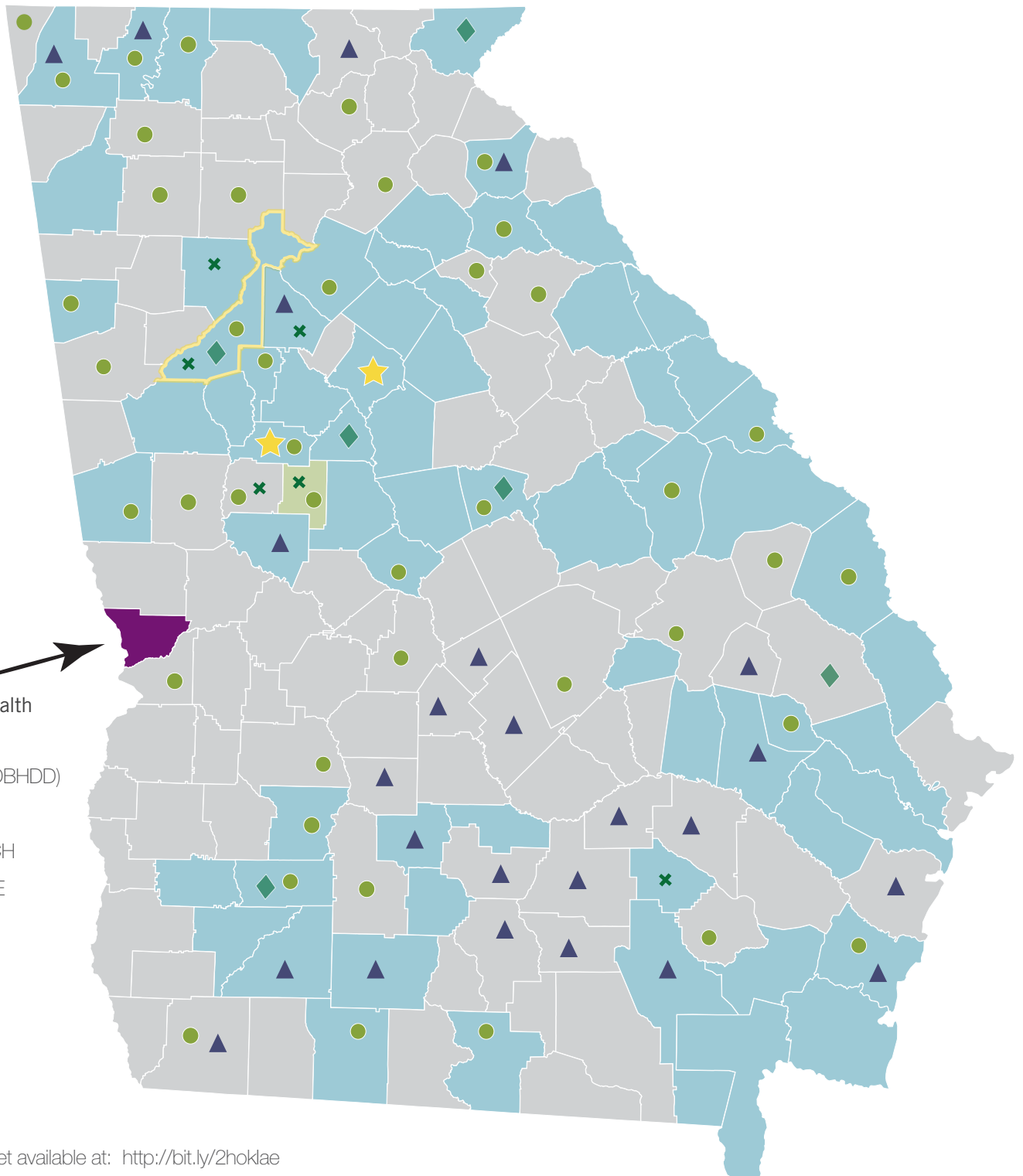


Snapshot of Child and Adolescent Behavioral Services in Georgia



- Telehealth Behavioral Health Pilot in Lamar County Schools (DPH lead, interagency participation)
- County with parent and peer support specialists
- Project Apex (DBHDD): Community Service Board (CSB) providing school-based services
- Counties with PBIS in Schools (DOE)
- SBHCs with behavioral health services
- DBHDD Resiliency Support Clubhouse locations
- Project AWARE locations
- School districts using the Georgia Partnership for Telehealth network



- 4 Behavioral Health Pilots and PBIS
- Project Apex (DBHDD)
 - PBIS
 - Project LAUNCH
 - Project AWARE

Current Child & Youth Behavioral Health Projects in Georgia



EARLY CHILDHOOD

Project LAUNCH

Increases access to mental health services for children ages 0-8 in childcare and early education settings, through parental supports, early behavioral health screenings, and trainings for early identification of autism. Funding: Federal Grant; 5-years.



SCHOOL-BASED ACCESS

Project Apex

Increases school-based behavioral health capacity through Community Service Boards (CSBs). CSBs develop partnerships with local schools to provide behavioral health services. Projected to reach >100 schools statewide (>87K students). Funding: DBHDD State Funds; 1-year.

Project AWARE

Builds capacity of state and local educational agencies to increase awareness of mental and substance abuse issues through student screenings and school staff trainings (e.g., Youth Mental Health First Aid). Funding: Federal Grant; 5-years.

SBHCs

School-Based Health Centers: Improve childrens' access to health services. 22 SBHCs provide mental and behavioral health services through on-site services in partnership with community providers. Funding: Foundation grants for start-up costs, insurance billing for sustainability.

PBIS

Positive Behavior Intervention Supports in schools: Facilitates positive school climate and timely identification of behavioral health needs for students. 275 schools are implementing with fidelity. Funding: DOE state funds PBIS specialist in each Regional Education Support Area.



TELEHEALTH & TELEMEDICINE

DPH

Department of Public Health: Identified need for mental and behavioral health tele-health services. DPH is leading an interagency pilot to augment on-site school-based health services with behavioral health via tele-health. Funding: DPH state funds provided equipment.

GPTH

Georgia Partnership for Telehealth: 49 schools have tele-health equipment to be used for behavioral health services through the GPTH network. Funding: GPTH grant; school budget for staff time; Medicaid.



OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME

Club Houses

Mental Health Resiliency Club Houses: DBHDD supports six clubhouses statewide to provide supportive services, e.g., educational, social, and employment support geared to engage youth and assist them in managing behaviors and symptoms.

ASYD

After School and Youth Development Quality Standards: A tool designed to help ensure afterschool and youth development programs and provide environments that benefit youth socially, emotionally, and academically. Funding: DFCS, DOE, DECAL



PARENT & CHILD

Specialists

Parent and Peer Support Specialists: Certified specialists assist parents and families of children with emotional and behavioral challenges by identifying and connecting them to community resources. Funding: DBHDD state budget for training; DBHDD and DCH are currently working to revise the GA State Medicaid plan to allow for services to be covered by Medicaid.

CPP

Child Parent Psychotherapy: Recent evidence based intervention for children ages 0-5 who have experienced at least one traumatic event and are experiencing behavior, attachment, and/or mental health problems. Funding: Grant; 1-year.