Snapshot of Health and Behavioral Health Services and Supports in Schools and Afterschool Settings

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Counties shaded in: have at least one school taking part in the Georgia Apex Program (school-based mental health services)

Symbols below indicate a county with:
- Limited on-site health services
- Comprehensive SBHCs (includes behavioral health services)
- Project Aware
- Telehealth services
- Limited on-site behavioral health services
- Medical Mobile Unit
- DeKalb and Chatham’s Medical Mobile Units serve 4 schools

DBHDD Substance Abuse Clubhouses
DBHDD Mental Health Resiliency Clubhouses
Schools trained in Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
School districts using the Georgia Partnership for Telehealth network

Georgia Department of Education (Ga-DOE) and Regional Educational Service Agencies (RESAs) coordinated 1,095 Mental Health Awareness Trainings (MHAT) for more than 25,000 educators and school staff, including:
- Trauma 101
- Brain Development 101
- Trauma and the Brain 201
- Trauma II: Recognizing and Managing Secondary Traumatic Stress

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**SCHOOL-BASED ACCESS**

**Georgia Apex Program**
Increases school-based behavioral health capacity through Community Service Boards (CSBs) and several private providers. Both develop partnerships with local schools to provide behavioral health services. Funding: DBHDD state funds.

**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. Grantees will assist in developing a statewide framework to provide training to school and community professionals to identify students with mental health needs and connect youth and families to community resources.

**Youth Mental Health First Aid**
Provides individuals who interact with youth with skills for helping an adolescent who is experiencing a mental health or addiction challenge or is in crisis.

**Sources of Strength**
Targets strengthening multiple sources of support, changing social norms and school culture. The program is designed promote help seeking behavior and encourage connections between peers and adults.

**School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs)**
Improve children’s access to health services. 34 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.

**Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)**
Facilitates positive school climate and timely identification of behavioral health needs for students. A network of 1100+ schools and programs representing 50% of Georgia local educational agencies continue implementation with fidelity. Funding: DOE state funds PBIS specialists in each Regional Educational Service Agency.

**TELEMEDICINE & TELEHEALTH**

**School-based Telehealth (SBTH)**
Provides children and families with access to needed primary, acute, and specialty care on a school campus through telecommunication technologies.

**Georgia Partnership for Telehealth (GPTH)**
116 schools have telehealth 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**

**Clubhouses**
Mental Health Resiliency Club Houses: 13 clubhouses statewide, supported by DBHDD, to provide supportive services, e.g., educational, social, and employment support geared to engage youth and assist them in managing behaviors and symptoms.

DBHDD supports three prevention clubhouses that were designed to provide prevention services to high-risk youth ages 12-17 to address challenges they face in their communities. They are located in Norcross, LaGrange, and Dawson, Georgia.

Sources available here: [https://tinyurl.com/SBHCServicesSupport](https://tinyurl.com/SBHCServicesSupport)
Sources for Snapshot of School-Based Health and Behavioral Services and Supports

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