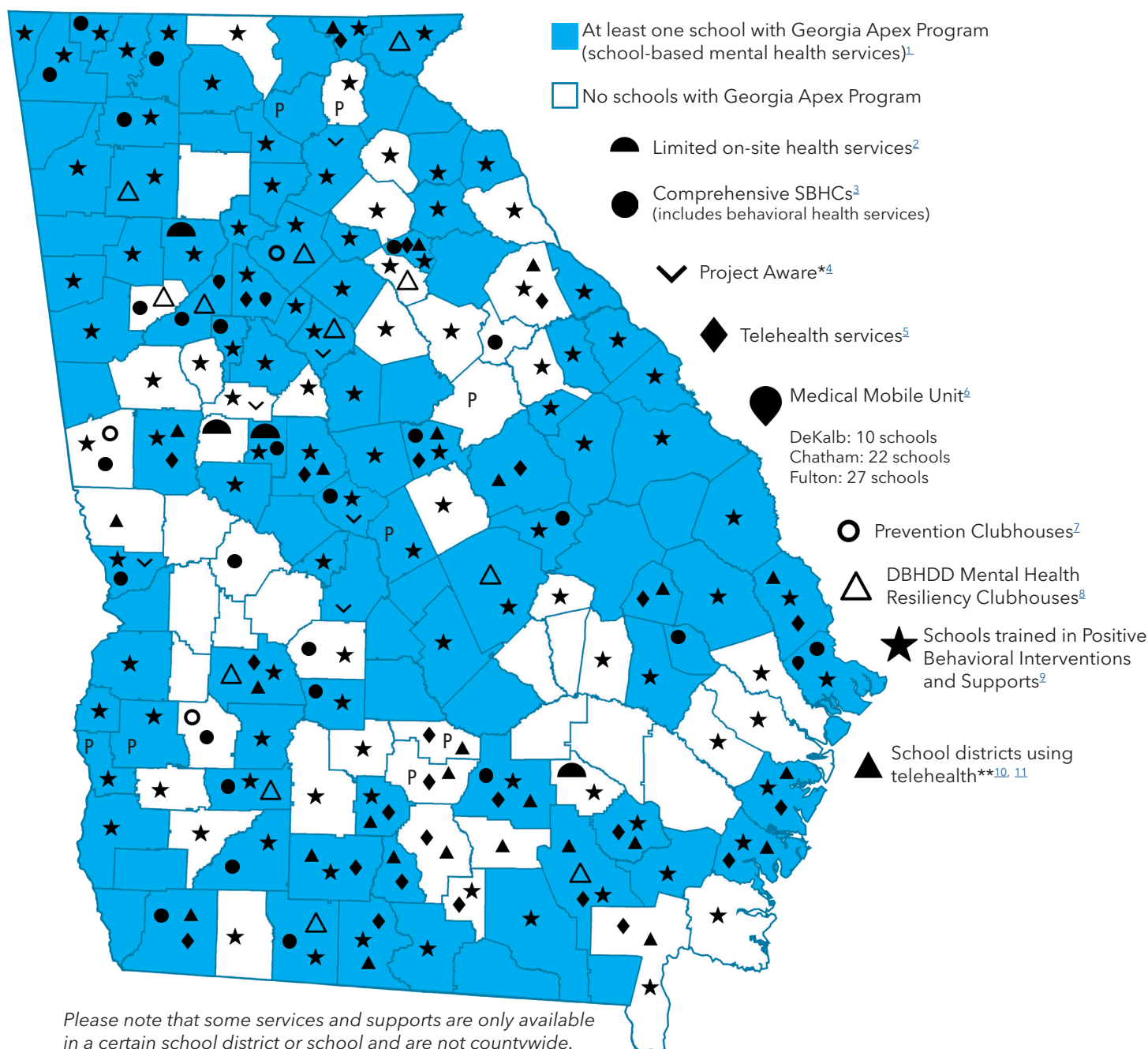


Snapshot of Health and Behavioral Health Services and Supports in Schools and Afterschool Settings



Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) and Regional Educational Service Agencies (RESAs) coordinated **1,304** Mental Health Awareness Trainings (MHAT) for **32,444** educators and school staff, including:¹²

- Trauma 101
- Brain 101
- Trauma to Resilience
- Secondary Traumatic Stress
- Psychological Safety

Please note this list is not comprehensive.

SCHOOL-BASED ACCESS

Georgia Apex Program

Increases school-based behavioral health capacity through partnerships between community-based providers and local schools and school districts. Both develop partnerships with local schools to provide behavioral health services. Funding: DBHDD state funds¹³

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.¹⁴ *Project Aware is currently partnering with Bibb, Hall and Houston County Schools for grant period 2020-2025. During the previous grant period (2014-2019), Muscogee, Newton, and Spalding County Schools received funding.*

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 crisis¹⁵

Sources of Strength

Targets strengthening multiple sources of support, changing social norms and school culture. This program is designed to prevent suicide, violence, bullying and substance abuse by encouraging connections between peers and adults.¹⁶

School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs)

Improve childrens' access to health services. 102 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 sustainability¹⁷, and the Georgia Department of Education¹⁸

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

Facilitates positive school climate and timely identification of behavioral health needs for students. A network of 1,400+ schools and programs representing 62% of Georgia local educational agencies continue implementation with fidelity. Funding: DOE state funds PBIS specialists in each Regional Educational Service Agency^{19, 20, 21}

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)

172 schools have telehealth equipment to be used for behavioral health services through the GPTH network. Funding: GPTH grant; school budget for staff time; Medicaid²²

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 symptoms²³

DBHDD supports three prevention clubhouses that were designed to provide prevention services to youth ages 12-17 at high-risk for alcohol and drug abuse to address challenges they face in their communities. They are located in Norcross, LaGrange, and Dawsonville. The Clubhouses use peer mentors, evidence-based programming, and interactive activities to build coping, decision-making, and life skills.²⁴

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