

**Gray Matters Behavioral Health Caucus  
Child and Adolescent**

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**System of Care**

A **System of Care** is a flexible network of  
**structures**  
**processes** and  
**relationships**

that are **individually tailored** to each unique community.

that provide children and adolescents with mental illnesses and  
their family's access to and availability of needed services and  
supports.

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**How Do Systems of Care Do This?**

- **Coordination** of available resources
- **Collaboration** with
  - Community **agencies and providers**, and
  - **Families and youth** as partners in their own recovery

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**Goal**

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- To wrap services and supports around youth and families with complex needs so that they can navigate future challenges with improved skills and community support

SUCCESS IS DEFINED AS:

- The youth remains in the home with his/her family.
- The youth has improved resiliency and the ability to function in school, home and community life.
- The youth and family require less intense and expensive services.

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**CHALLENGES IN SYSTEM OF CARE DEVELOPMENT IN GEORGIA**

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- Our current Fee for Service system challenges our provider capacity to implement evidence-based wraparound treatment and practices.
- Inability to finance intensive case coordination
- Limited supports for financing family and youth involvement in all levels of SOC
- Competing mandates and specialized language and training across child serving agencies
- Inadequate service array in the community

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**Next Steps**

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To demonstrate success and prepare for expansion we are requesting \$3.25 M so existing sites will have:

- The needed level of service, provided by **Child and Family Teams**
- Crisis Care Coordination**
- Utilization Management**
- Quality Assurance**
- Provider Network Management**
- Liaison with DFCS and DJJ and DOE**
- Capacity to Evaluate**

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### What Will We Be Buying?

- Improvements in mental and behavioral functioning
- Improvements in family stability
- Improvements in school performance and attendance
- Reductions in contact with law enforcement
- Reductions in youth that enter DFCS custody seeking services and support, and
- For youth who are involved with DFCS rapid progress toward permanency goals.

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