

Behavioral Health Needs of Georgia's Children



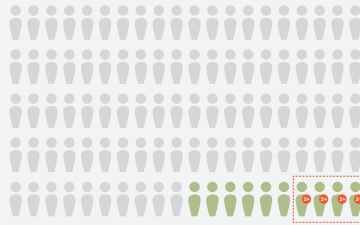
Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS AND SUPPORTS FOR GEORGIA'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Behavioral health refers to a broad array of mental health conditions or substance use disorders or both. Mental health conditions consist of a broad array of conditions including depression, attention hyperactive disorder (ADHD), post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), schizophrenia, or any number of other diagnoses or collection of symptoms.



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Nearly one in ten Georgia children ages 2 to 17 years have one or more diagnosed emotional, behavioral, or developmental conditions.

43.9% of those have **2+** (two or more) conditions.¹



Mirroring national trends, these behavioral health conditions become more prevalent (14.1%) for Georgia youth ages 12 to 17 years.²



#3: Suicide

Suicide is the third leading cause of death among 10-24 year olds in the state.³



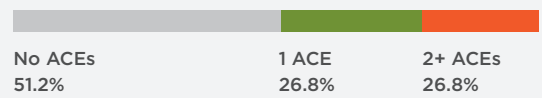
Within the past 30 days...

More than a quarter (27.9%) of Georgia high school students report having at least one drink of alcohol in the last 30 days, and 20.3% report having used marijuana over the same time period.⁴

ACEs

ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE: a stressful or traumatic event that occurs before the age of 18 years that the person remembers as an adult

CHILDREN IN GEORGIA WITH ACEs



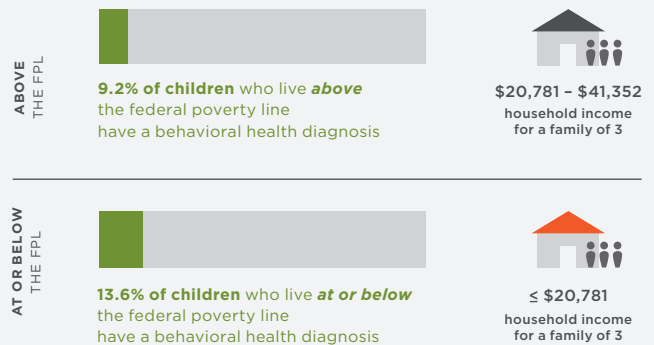
Behavioral health is influenced by external factors

Mental health is shaped by a person's social, economic, and physical environment, often called the social determinants of health. The social determinants of behavioral health include:

- Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)
- Access to health care
- Access to and quality of education
- Unemployment and job insecurity
- Poverty and income inequality
- Food insecurity
- Housing issues
- Discrimination

People who experience poor social determinants of health have an increased risk for behavioral health conditions.

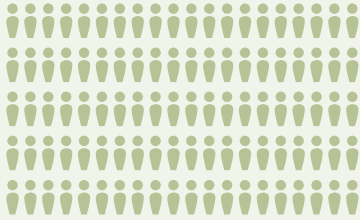
For example:





Connecting Georgia children & youth to behavioral health services

Young Georgians have four primary pathways to behavioral health services and supports.



Children with who are covered by Georgia Families Medicaid (through Amerigroup, Peach State, WellCare or CareSource)

1 million (38%)



Children in foster care (covered by Georgia Families 360 through Amerigroup)

29,000 (1%)



Children with disabilities who are covered by SSI Medicaid

45,000 (<2%)



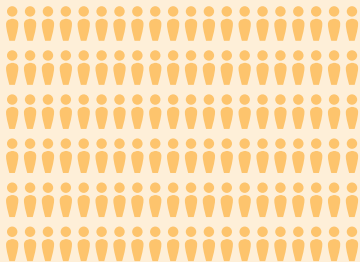
Uninsured children

166,000 (6%)



Children who are covered by PeachCare for Kids

137,000 (5%)



Children with private health insurance coverage (through a parent's job or an individual health insurance plan)

1.2 million (45%)

ACCESS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE

Through the CMO's provider directory

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Georgia Department of Community Health

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Georgia Department of Community Health, Medicaid

ACCESS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE

Through the Georgia Crisis & Access Line at: 1-800-715-4225 (available 24/7) or mygal.com

AUTHORITY

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

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Georgia Department of Community Health, Children's Health Insurance Program

ACCESS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE

Through the insurer's provider directory

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The child's health insurance company

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The child's health insurance company

 = 10,000 CHILDREN

*Population estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand. Percents represent the ratio of Georgia children (ages 0-18) who receive behavioral health services through each payer type. Percents are rounded to the nearest whole percent and thus may not sum to 100%.