

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



Please note that some services and supports are only available in a certain school district or school and are not countywide.

Counties shaded in: have at least one school taking part in the Georgia Apex Program¹ (school-based mental health services) no schools participating in the Georgia Apex Program

Symbols below indicate a county with:

● Limited on-site health services²

● Comprehensive SBHCs³
(includes behavioral health services)

■ Project Aware¹²

◆ Telehealth services^{4, 5}

■ Limited on-site behavioral health services⁶

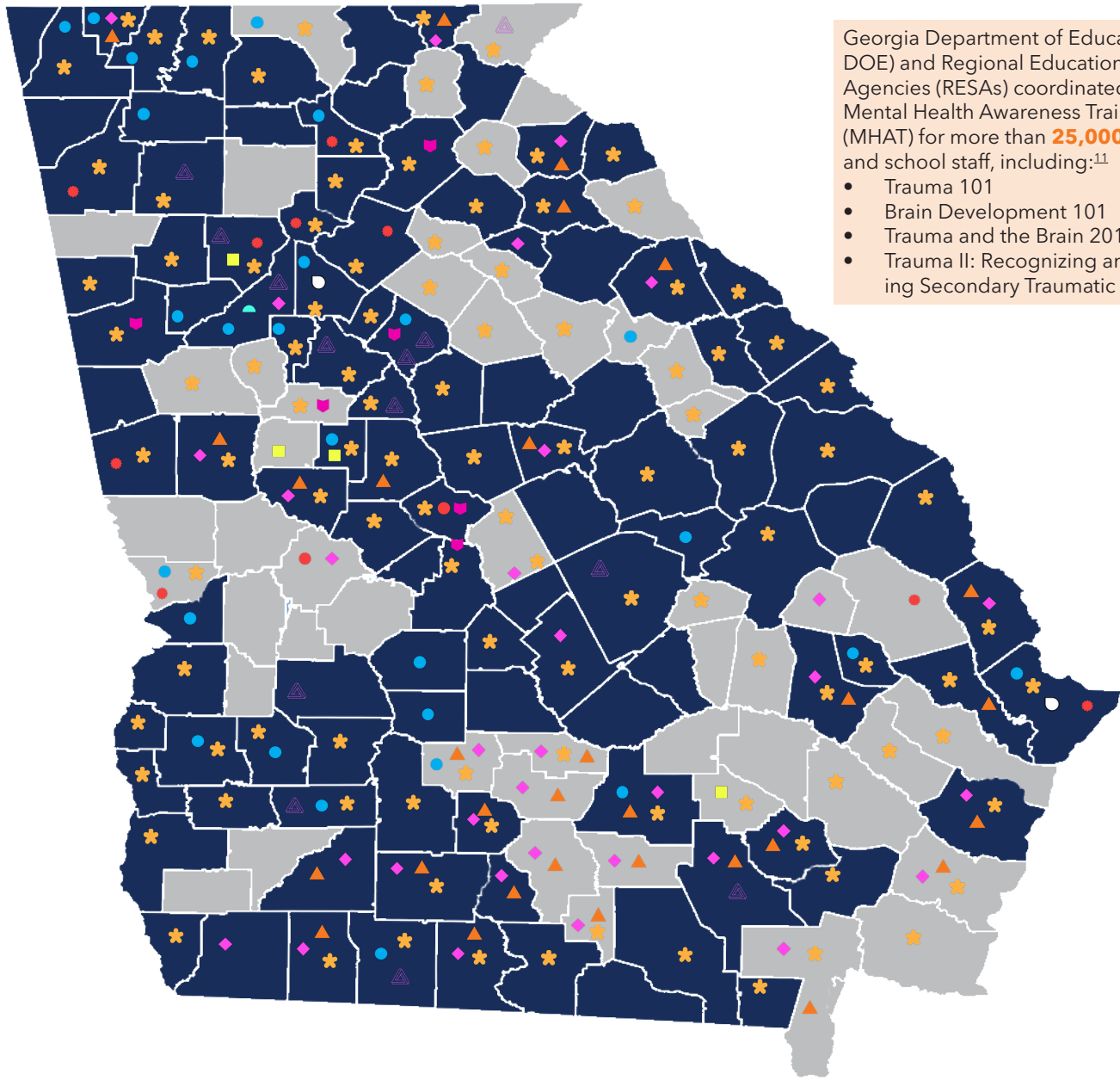
Medical Mobile Unit⁷
*DeKalb and Chatham's Medical Mobile Units serve 4 schools

● DBHDD Substance Abuse Clubhouses⁸

▤ DBHDD Mental Health Resiliency Clubhouses²

✿ Schools trained in Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports¹⁰

▲ School districts using the Georgia Partnership for Telehealth network



Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) and Regional Educational Service Agencies (RESAs) coordinated **1,095** Mental Health Awareness Trainings (MHAT) for more than **25,000** educators and school staff, including:¹¹

- Trauma 101
- Brain Development 101
- Trauma and the Brain 201
- Trauma II: Recognizing and Managing Secondary Traumatic Stress

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 ¹³
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 ²⁰
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 ¹⁴
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 ¹⁵
School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs)	Improve childrens' 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 ¹⁶
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 ¹⁷

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 ¹⁸

OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME

Clubhouses	<p>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 symptoms¹⁹</p> <p>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.</p>
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