Forsyth County, Georgia

Forsyth County Government and partners are forming a robust collaborative approach to close gaps for people with mental illness and/or substance use disorders who are involved in the criminal justice system through data–driven decisions.

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Goals

- Improve care coordination for individuals with behavioral health issues by building a data system

- Integrate and share data via a cloud–based, high-security data platform

- Create a person–centered record and a mechanism to track interactions across health care providers and associated networks

Background

✓ Population size: 236,612

✓ Georgia ranks 47 out of 50 for access to mental health care.

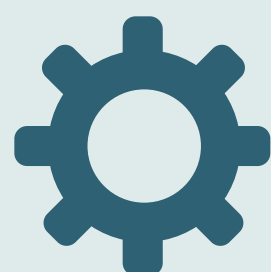✓ In 2018, the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office responded to 487 suicide–related calls, a 53% increase over 2017.

Key Milestones from July – December 2020

14 community convenings or meetings related to access to health services

12 individuals that attended community convenings or meetings related to access to health services
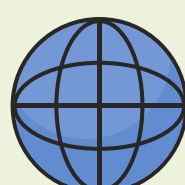
2 partner organizations convened or engaged by the lead partner to promote access to health services

Success Stories

Completed gathering sessions with partners to finalize data architecture and technical design of data-sharing infrastructure

Project team is in the process of designing and developing the initiative's data warehouse internally

Attended a three-day workshop that served as a roadmap on how information throughout the county and community will be delivered

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