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Leveraging partnerships to strengthen youth behavioral health access and care

*"You should not have to come to the court to
get follow-up mental health services."*

Judge Lisa Colbert, Chatham
County Juvenile Court

Chatham County, GA

Community Challenges:

- Duplication of services
- Lack of coordinated efforts
- Lack of trust
- High competition
- Silos
- Systemic Racial and Economic Inequalities



- Total Population: 290,501
 - Percent less than age 18: 22%
 - White: 54%
 - African American: 41 %
- Poverty: 17.2% of population lives in poverty
- East and West neighborhoods
 - 60-80% African American
 - 30-50% have incomes BELOW the FPL
 - High school graduation rate as low as 30%
- Crime
 - High levels of exposure to community and family violence
 - 488 violent crimes per 100,000 inhabitants (2016)

Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council

Mission: The mission of Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council (Safety Net) is to develop an infrastructure to maximize access and utilization of affordable health services and to leverage available resources to assure improved health status for our Chatham County residents.

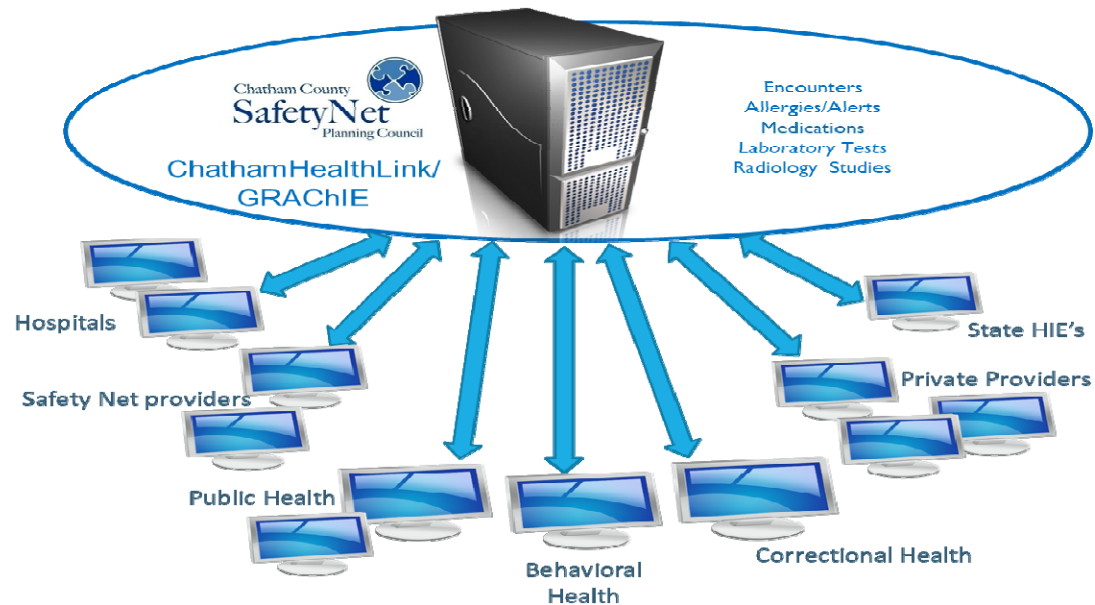


• Key Programs and Projects:

- Evaluation
- Health Information Exchange
- Children's Health Insurance
- Community Suicide Prevention
- Behavioral Health Capacity Building
- Multi Agency Resource Center (MARC)
- Homeless Care Collaborative

Safety Net as a data connector: Health Information Exchange

- Behavioral health
- Jail
- Indigent care
- HIV+
- Street medicine clinics



Safety Net is using data sharing to provide continuity of care for vulnerable and uninsured or underinsured populations to increase access to and quality of health and behavioral health care



Safety Net behavioral health work



Prevent Suicide Today



Evaluating Behavioral Health Systems
(Systems barriers, gaps and recommendations)



Connecting Providers and Consumers



Data Sharing

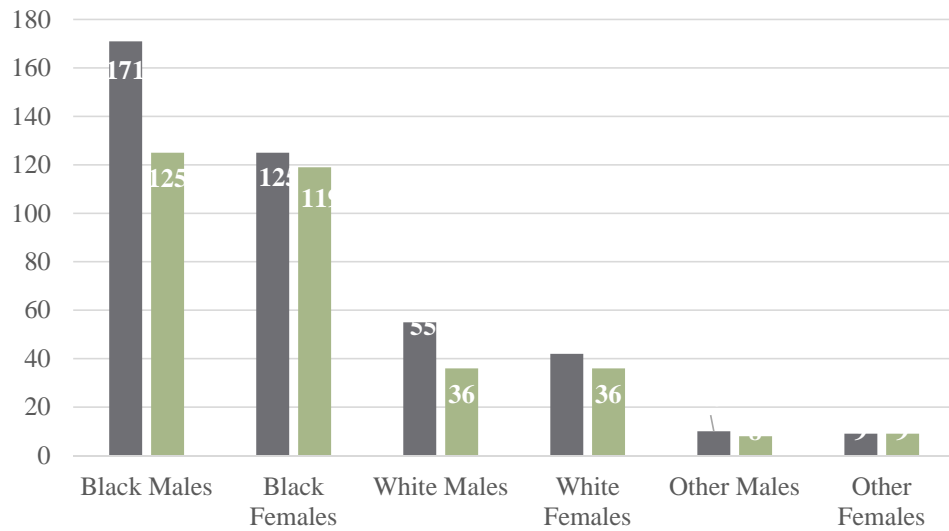


Focus on high risk youth & families

Chatham County Juvenile Court: CHINS

CHINS Referrals by Age, Race & Gender

■ 2017 ■ 2016



Children in Need of Services (CHINS)

Youth in violation of a law that is applicable only to a child. E.g., :

- truancy,
- running away from home,
- curfew violation, and
- being habitually disobedient of the reasonable and lawful commands of one's parents.



Working Across Silos for Youth Centered Care

Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) for juvenile justice and multi-system involved youth and their families

Designed to keep kids out of the justice system

Partners

- Juvenile Court
- County government
- City government
- Department of Family and Children Services
- Public School System
- Police
- Behavioral Health state contracted provider
- Safety Net (Neutral Convener)
- Other Community Organizations





Using collaboration in our community: Learning from others

- RWJF Invest Health / National League of Cities - *Fostered Common Vision*
- Multiple Site Visits – *See what works and what we can adapt to local needs*
 - Calcasieu Parish, LA
 - Brooklyn Community Justice Centers – Red Hook & Brownsville
 - The Harbor, Clark County, NV
- Georgetown Center for Juvenile Justice TTA Grant - *Accountability to deliverables*
- Community Catalyst
- Carter Center
- Georgia State



Using collaboration in our community: Opportunities

MARC as a laboratory to address larger community needs for health, behavioral health, and Social Determinants of Health (SDoH)

- Working with the existing system to connect consumers to care & systems change
- Collaborating and supporting behavioral health providers
- Quantifying barriers and gaps in behavioral health care (currently qualitative data)
- Improve coordination for multi-system involved youth
- Addressing SDoH through No Wrong Door policies, data-sharing, and collaboration



Key Collaboration Lessons Learned

Degree of partnership integration

Coordination

Shared information
Common Purpose

Cooperation

Shared information
Common Purpose
Aligned Efforts

Close Collaboration

Shared information
Common Purpose
Aligned Efforts
Common Team

Thank you & questions



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