



Office of Prevention

FACT SHEET

The Office of Behavioral Health Prevention and Federal Grants (OBHPFG) is the DBHDD Office charged with providing prevention leadership, strategic planning, and services to improve the mental and emotional well-being of communities, families, and individuals in Georgia.

What services are offered and how do Georgians benefit?

OBHPFG develops and contracts for prevention and other services across the state specifically designed to

1. Reduce the risks and increase protective factors linked to substance misuse-related problem behaviors, including overdoses, suicide, and mental health/wellness promotion
2. Increase cultural competency skills for DBHDD's network of providers with the goal of creating better access to services and decreasing health disparities for historically underserved populations
3. Position DBHDD as a highly competitive applicant for discretionary federal grant funding as well as an innovative, strategic, and accountable recipient of annual formula block grants



Anticipated outcomes of prevention efforts



INCREASE Awareness and access to community treatment services for early serious mental illness for those age 16-35



INCREASE the prevention of tobacco sales and the use of tobacco products to and by individuals under age 21



DECREASE the number and rate of suicide and opioid overdose deaths across the state



DECREASE substance use/misuse among middle school, high school, and college students

Key Goals and Strategies



Decrease the number and rate of suicide deaths across the state

- Continue Implementation of 5-Year Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan
- Provide in-person, virtual, and on-demand asynchronous suicide prevention training (identification, risk screening assessment, and referral skills)
- Expand Safe and Secure Firearm Safety Project
- Continue working with local-level Suicide Prevention Coalitions by offering technical support, training, and networking opportunities to support their growth, development, and sustained efforts.



Decrease the number of opioid overdose deaths across the state

- Increase number of Law Enforcement and other first responders who are trained in opioid response, use of Narcan to reverse overdoses, and educated on community treatment resources
- Implement public awareness programs and media campaigns focused on the benefits of safe medication storage and disposal and use of alternative pain management treatments



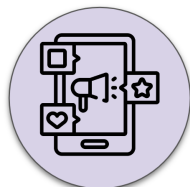
Prevent substance use/misuse among middle school, high school, and college students

- Increase number of elementary and secondary schools implementing the evidence-based *Sources of Strength* Program
- Increase awareness of and access to Prevention Clubhouses
- Expand Governor's Red Ribbon Campaign from one-week in October to year-round initiative
- Expand college campus-based prevention initiatives



Prevent the Sale and Use of Tobacco Products to and by Individuals Under Age 21

- SYNAR Program in partnership with Georgia Department of Revenue
- Implement statewide vaping media campaign with PSA's focusing on parent and youth audiences



Expand Awareness of and Access to Community Treatment Services and Supports for First Episode Psychosis and Early Serious Mental Illness for Individuals age 16-35

- Increase number of FEP/CSC teams in the state
- Provide crisis respite apartments for youth/emerging adults in FEP/CSC programs
- Implement public awareness social media campaign and maintain program informational website

Learn More



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