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# ACCG South – Policy Meeting

## Supporting Every Georgian: The Evolving Landscape of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities in Georgia

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# BE DBHDD

$1.6 billion agency serving as Georgia's leader in prevention and behavioral crisis response and the state's safety net provider of mental healthcare, substance use treatment and disability support.

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# AREAS OF FOCUS

TODAY'S GROWTH TOWARD A MORE IMPACTFUL TOMORROW

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# 2025 SUCCESSES

A YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS UPDATE

# 988

SUICIDE & CRISIS
LIFELINE

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE GEORGIA

FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL

**988 is a direct, national three-digit line that will connect individuals with suicide prevention and mental health crisis resources.**

- **Free and confidential**
- **Available 24/7**
- **Call, text, or chat online (988lifeline.org).**

**Some of 988's key features include:**

- Connect a person with immediate and ongoing resources
- Promote cost efficiency
- Reduce burden on safety resources
- Help end stigma of seeking care
- Less than 15 seconds to answer

# MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE

| | MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS | CO-RESPONDER TEAMS |
|---|---|---|
| ACTIVIATION | CALL TEXT CHAT 988 | CALL IN TO 911 |
| TEAM | CLINICIAN-LED MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM | CLINICIAN + LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNER |
| GOAL | CRISIS ASSESSMENT, STABILIZATION, LINK TO RESOURCES AND SERVICES | DE-ESCALATION ON SCENE; JAIL DIVERSION |
| COVERAGE | STATEWIDE IN ALL COUNTIES | LIMITED, BUT GROWING |

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# DELIVERING ON A PROMISE

## REACHING EVERY CORNER OF GEORGIA

# 2024-2025 Accomplishments: Expanding Bed Capacity

## Operation New Hope at GRHS

- 30 beds for vocational and life skills training
- Opened November 2024

## Operation New Hope at CSH

- 17 beds for vocational and life skills training
- Opened January 2025

## Operation New Hope at WCRH

- 30 beds for vocational and life skills training
- Projected Opening: January 2026

## Jail Restoration Center in Dodge County

- 30 beds to reduce forensic waitlist backlog
- Opened December 2024

## Skilled Nursing Unit at GRHA

- 16 beds for those in need of nursing home level of care
- Projected Opening: May 21, 2025

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS CENTER

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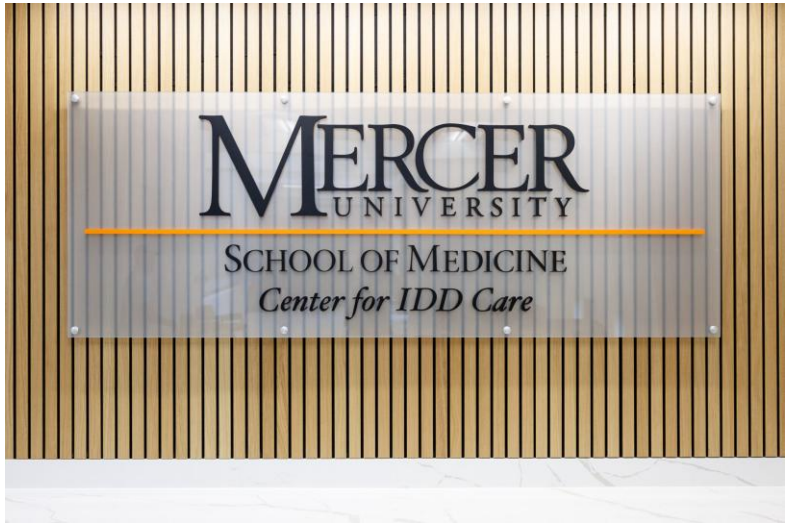
CSB OF MIDDLE GEORGIA
DUBLIN
AKINS
GENERAL CONTRACTOR
HUSSEY GAY BELL
ARCHITECT
DULOHERY WEEKS
ENGINEER

# CRISIS SERVICES DIAGNOSTIC CENTER

**MACON, GEORGIA**
**36,000 SQ. FT.**
**16 BEDS FOR IN-PATIENT CRISIS CARE**



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### Open Positions

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**Day Nurse Administrator – Milledgeville**
Milledgeville, GA — 4 months ago

Job Summary: Supervises and provides clinical guidance to nurses and nursing staff working with inpatients assigned on Day shift. Work with the Treatment plans to improve mental and physical health...

**Community Integration Home Team Lead- Stone Mountain**
Stone Mountain, GA — 4 months ago

Job Summary: The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) is seeking a qualified candidate for the position of Team Leader - Community Integration Home (CIH) in Savannah,...

**Social Worker 3 (Licensed)-Milledgeville**
Milledgeville, GA — 4 months ago

Job Summary: Under general supervision, provides persons, families or vulnerable populations with the psychosocial support needed to cope with chronic, acute or terminal illnesses and physical or developmental disabilities. Provides...

**Behavioral Specialist – Milledgeville**
Milledgeville, GA — 4 months ago

Job Summary: Counsel with emphasis on prevention and/or positive behavior supports. Works with individuals and groups to promote optimum mental health. Primary Responsibilities: • May help individuals deal with addictions...

**Physical / Occupational Therapy Tech- Health Aide 3 (Milledgeville)**
Milledgeville, GA — 4 months ago

Job Description: • Assist our physical and occupational therapist with providing physical and occupational treatment

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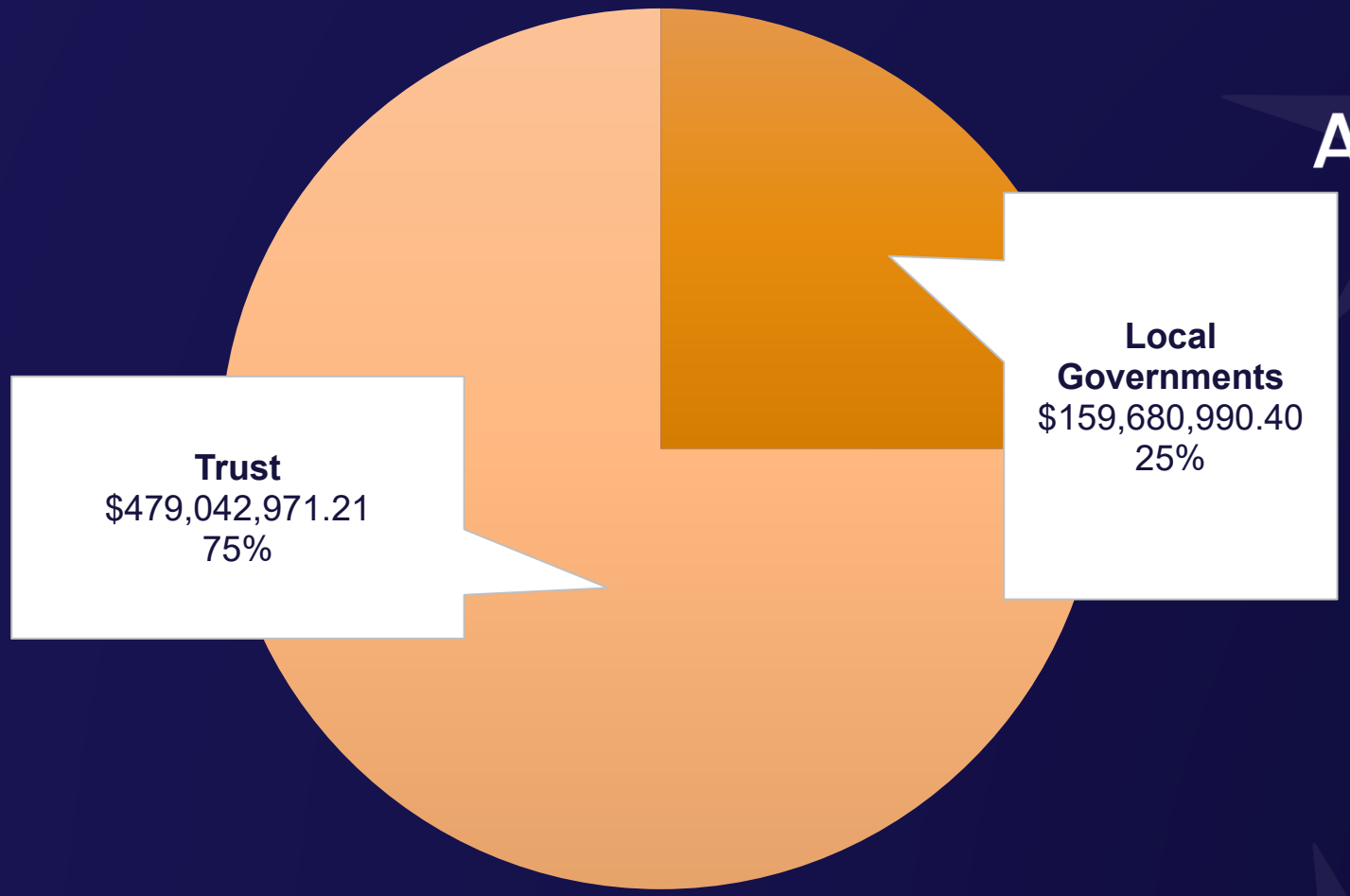
# A NETWORK OF PARTNERS

BUILDING A BETTER SYSTEM OF CARE TOGETHER

# Allocation of Settlement Funds: $638 million over the next 18 years

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# REGIONAL RESOURCES

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