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.

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 individuals that attended community convenings or meetings related to access to health services
- 12 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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