

# Snapshot of Forsyth County, Georgia

July–December 2021 Progress Report



## Goals

- Equip service providers with the ability to identify vulnerable populations and the social issues that affect care
- Share relevant data to improve care coordination for individuals with behavioral health issues
- Coordinate services to ensure cost containment
- Identify gaps in services based on socioeconomic and environmental factors and ensure fair and equitable access to services



## Background

- Georgia ranks 48 out of 50 for access to mental health care
- In 2018, the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office responded to 487 suicide-related calls. Suicide-related calls into emergency management are down 6.9% from 2018.

## Success Story

A fully developed prototype of Forsyth County's data sharing platform is now available, enabling the project partners to test the system and articulate their visions for using the shared data to strengthen service delivery. The development of the prototype has raised the partners' awareness of the continued prevalence of mental illness within the county and the high number of interactions the Sheriff's Office is experiencing with impacted individuals.

"We are improving access to care by bringing visibility to those most in need through both the sharing of data and also creating a platform that provides access to all of the available services. We also want to expand our data in a way that will allow predictive and prescriptive analytics to help us with different approaches to solving problems related to behavioral health."

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