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THE MULTI-AGENCY ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN
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About MAAC

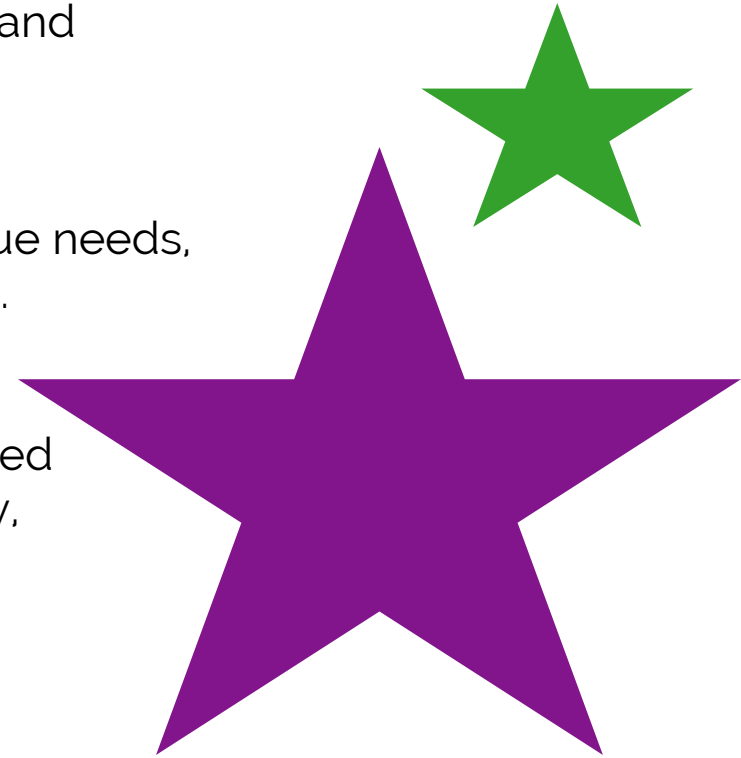
- **VISION:** All youth impacted by multiple child-serving systems receive coordinated care and support to experience a path to permanency and well-being.
- **MISSION:** MAAC coordinates people, resources, information, and a network of quality providers to create positive outcomes for vulnerable youth and families.

What We Do

MAAC is dedicated to filling service gaps and building innovative solutions within the child welfare system by collaborating with partner agencies and focusing on providing care coordination and other services that emphasize youth voice and choice at the forefront of everything the organization does.

Each MAAC youth is supported by a staff member dedicated to their unique needs, who follows their case no matter where their placement moves take them.

The MAAC initiatives are structured to provide solutions to key areas of need identified by youth advocates and stakeholders, including financial literacy, independent living skills, and teen parenting.



MAAC's History

- **1996 - 1999:** MAAC was formed as the Metro-Atlanta Alliance for Children, gained 501-C3, and began working with youth
- **1999 - 2004:** MAAC became the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children with the addition of programs outside of Atlanta; grew statewide impact
- **2004 - 2008:** Developed staffing to coordinate supports & services, added programs
- **2008:** Accredited by COA as 2nd Network in Country (still only Network in GA)
- **2009 - 2014:** Focused on Wraparound, development of practice model
- **2015:** Transitioned to community-based Board
- **2017:** Launched new education service delivery model (LEADS)

Network Collaborative

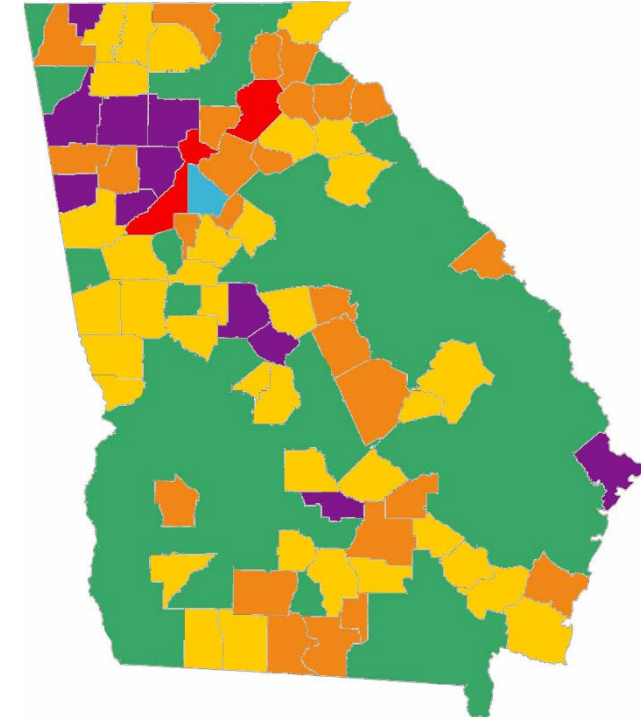
The Network Collaborative coordinates placements between MAAC's network of ten quality, accredited provider agencies across the state of Georgia.

Population Served:

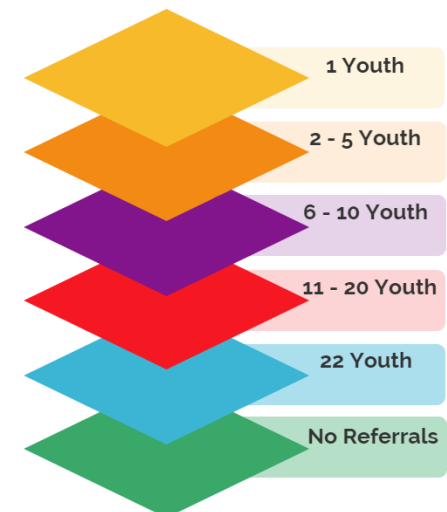
- Youth with at least one Mental Health diagnosis
- Youth with a history of multiple placements
- Average time in DFCS Custody (at time of d/c from MAAC): 3.1 years

Once with MAAC:

- 61% in TFC Placements
- 43% Discharge to Adoption or Reunification (versus 8% nationally)
- Network youth experienced considerable stability with an average of 2 placement moves during their time with MAAC, on average at least 50% fewer moves



YOUTH REFERRALS BY COUNTY



Youth Served:
Last month: 275

2017: 478

All time: 2,030



The Crisis Continuum

The Crisis Continuum utilizes the MAAC provider network to provide urgent placements for youth at risk of being placed in hotels or other temporary arrangements.

Population Served:

- Youth facing placement disruption or brand-new to care
- Youth with a behavioral health diagnosis or behavioral issues creating placement challenges

Youth Served:

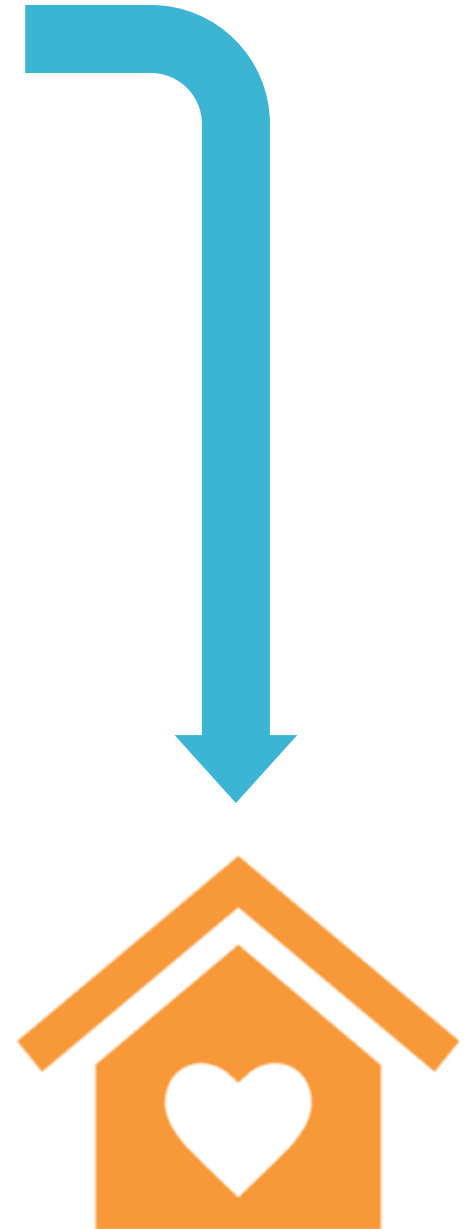
Past month: 32

2017: 142

2016 – Now: 293

Once with MAAC:

- 100% of eligible youth were placed within 24 hours
- 55% discharged to long-term placement option; 16% no longer needed placement
- Updated school, medical, and psychological records
- Placement barriers eliminated





THE MAAC "MALL": Gateway to the BEST plan of action for our youth!

- SHOPS IN THE PLAZA:**
- Angel's House
 - Benchmark
 - ChildKind
 - Families First
 - Georgia Mentor
 - Goshen Valley
 - GPSN

- SHOPS IN THE PLAZA:**
- Laurel Heights
 - Lutheran Svcs of GA
 - Murphy Harpst
 - NECCO
 - NYAP
 - ResCare
 - UMCH



Clinical Team

initiatives

Ten Parent Connection

Youth Support

Georgia YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES INITIATIVE

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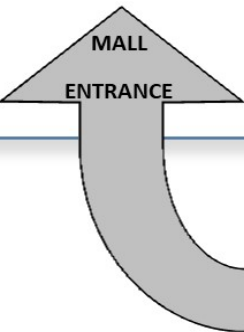
SUPPORT ME



Care Coordination

Individualized Support Services

Flex Funds



Georgia EmpowerMENT

“Empower WHO?”

Empower ME!”



Georgia EmpowerMENT exists to embed youth voice in the child welfare system, facilitating training and opportunities for youth ages 14-26 with current or former foster care experience to advocate for the interests and rights of all kids in care.

Through regional “tribes” and bi-annual statewide sessions, EmpowerMENT Advocates identify legislative priorities, review and offer feedback on all DFCS policies, and lobby on a local, state, and national level – and is one of 16 national Jim Casey/Annie E. Casey Foundation sites nationwide.

Most recently, EmpowerMENT celebrated the successful passage of HB 906, containing “Connected by 21” – legislatively extending foster care from age 18 to 21.

- EmpowerMENT is active in 11 out of 14 regions statewide
- 17% of youth participated in two or more events in the past year
- In 2017, EmpowerMENT hosted 11 Town Halls with DFCS leadership, attended by 387 youth; youth were able to give feedback and advocate for themselves

Youth attending events:

Past month: 20

2017: 342

Youth enrolled 2007 – present: 849

“EmpowerMENT is more than a movement... [It] gave me extended family.”



★ ★ P.A.C.T.

The PACT Program is designed to work with youth to improve their success and sustainability in a community environment, as evidenced by increased mental health stability, educational stability, and permanent connections.

Population Served:

The majority of PACT referrals are youth leaving psychiatric hospitalization, who are often at risk for re-hospitalization and difficult to place within the community

Youth Served:

Past month: 95

2017: 248

2016 - Now: 329

Once with MAAC:

- **74%** of PACT youth experienced educational stability
- **66%** missed less than four days of school
- **83%** experienced mental health stability
- On average, each PACT youth goes from zero to 2.6 sustainable, lifelong connections

Teen Parent Connection

Teen Parent Connection employs professional Life Coaches to provide parenting and life skills education, including financial/household management, educational and employment assistance, and mentoring to pregnant and parenting teens in care.

Population Served:

- 5% are ages 13-15, 68% ages 16-18
- 78% African American, 12% Caucasian, 10% other
- Program area includes Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett

Once with MAAC:

- Only one second birth while in program in 2017
- 60% had improved educational status
- Zero substantiated child abuse reports across life of program

Youth Served:

Past Month: 50

2017: 98

All time: 333

Youth Support

Youth Support provides support services for teens ages 16-18 in the process of transitioning out of foster care by matching them with peer mentors who also have lived experience in foster care, offering targeted support for job readiness, transition planning, acquiring insurance, and more.

- In 2017, Youth Support matched 35 youth with mentors: 3 were adopted, 6 achieved permanency, 5 graduated from high school, and 3 began post-secondary education.
- 100% complete job readiness training
- 70% secure jobs while in the program.
- Over 90% participate in planning their exit from care.
- 80% of Youth Support participants graduate from the program having met at least two of their unique goals.

Youth Served:

Past month: 18

2017: 30

All time: 90





Independent Living Training (GA-RYSE)

MAAC facilitates independent living skills training workshops for ILP-eligible youth across the state of Georgia.

- Over the past year, ILP workshop participation has increased by 200%
- 100% of regions had at least one training offered per month, as well as statewide Summer Summits in June & July
- MAAC offered a total of 234 trainings in 2017, and served an average of 500 youth per month

Youth Served:

Past month: 533

2017: 1,220

2016 - Now: 1,534





Opportunity Passport™ prepares youth ages 14-26 currently in or leaving foster care for independent adulthood through financial education paired with a matched-savings program.

- Over the past year, participation has increased by 99%, with an 80% increase in enrollment trainings offered statewide
- In 2017, the program processed \$69,270 in matching funds for youth asset purchases
- In 2017, there was at least one training in every region
- Youth with the fewest supports and highest level of need, including pregnant and parenting teens, have the highest rate of savings and matches

Youth Served:
Past month: 334
2017: 290
2016 - Now: 899

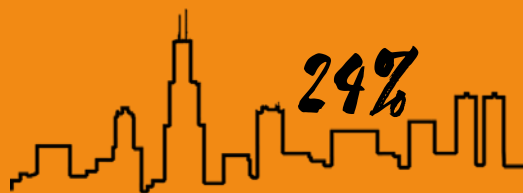
"When I found out this was available, it meant the world to me... I hope in return I can be a blessing to someone one day."

- Opportunity Passport alum, matched for college tuition

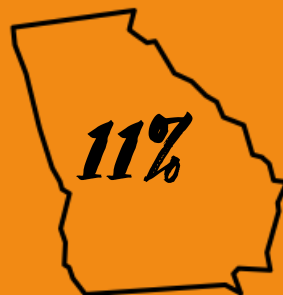
LEADS

The LEADS program offers all youth currently in foster care in Fulton and DeKalb Counties the opportunity to have educational supports guided by individual youth voice and choice. 360 degree support facilitated by MAAC can include educational coordination, tutoring, advocacy, enrichment activities, transportation, and other specialized services to overcome any barriers to graduation.

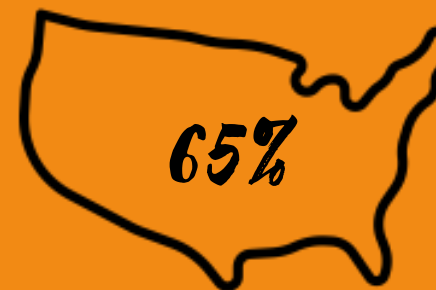
Graduation Rates for Youth in Foster Care:



Fulton & DeKalb



Georgia



Nationally

Less than a year after the program's inception, **over 80%** of LEADS seniors are on track to graduate from high school or earn their GED.

Youth Served:

Past Month: 423

11th/12th Grade & GED: 96

All Time: 499

Recent Highlights

- Awarded **Top Workplace of 2018** by the AJC
- **Sanctuary certified** trauma-responsive organizational model in 2017
- **2016 Big Voice Award** from Voices for Georgia's Children
- **Agency of The Year** at the GA Conference for Children and Families
- Youth Thrive recognized MAAC/EmpowerMENT as an **Exemplary Program serving Adolescents in Child Welfare**, one of just fifteen nationwide
- **Agency Leadership – Local Level** was awarded to MAAC by the System of Care Academy
- **Uniquely MAAC:** 90% retention rate; 20% have lived experience
- Staff nationally certified as High-Fidelity Wraparound trainers



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Questions?



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