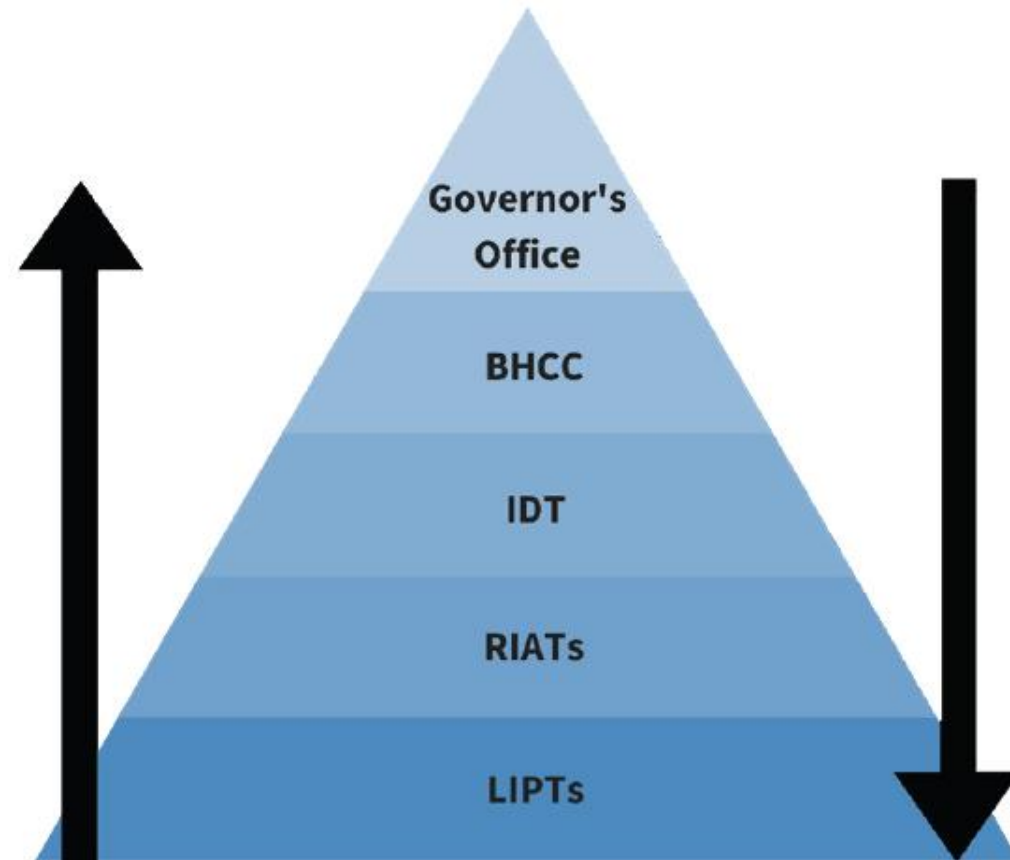




Georgia System of Care (SOC) State Plan

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Georgia's SOC Infrastructure



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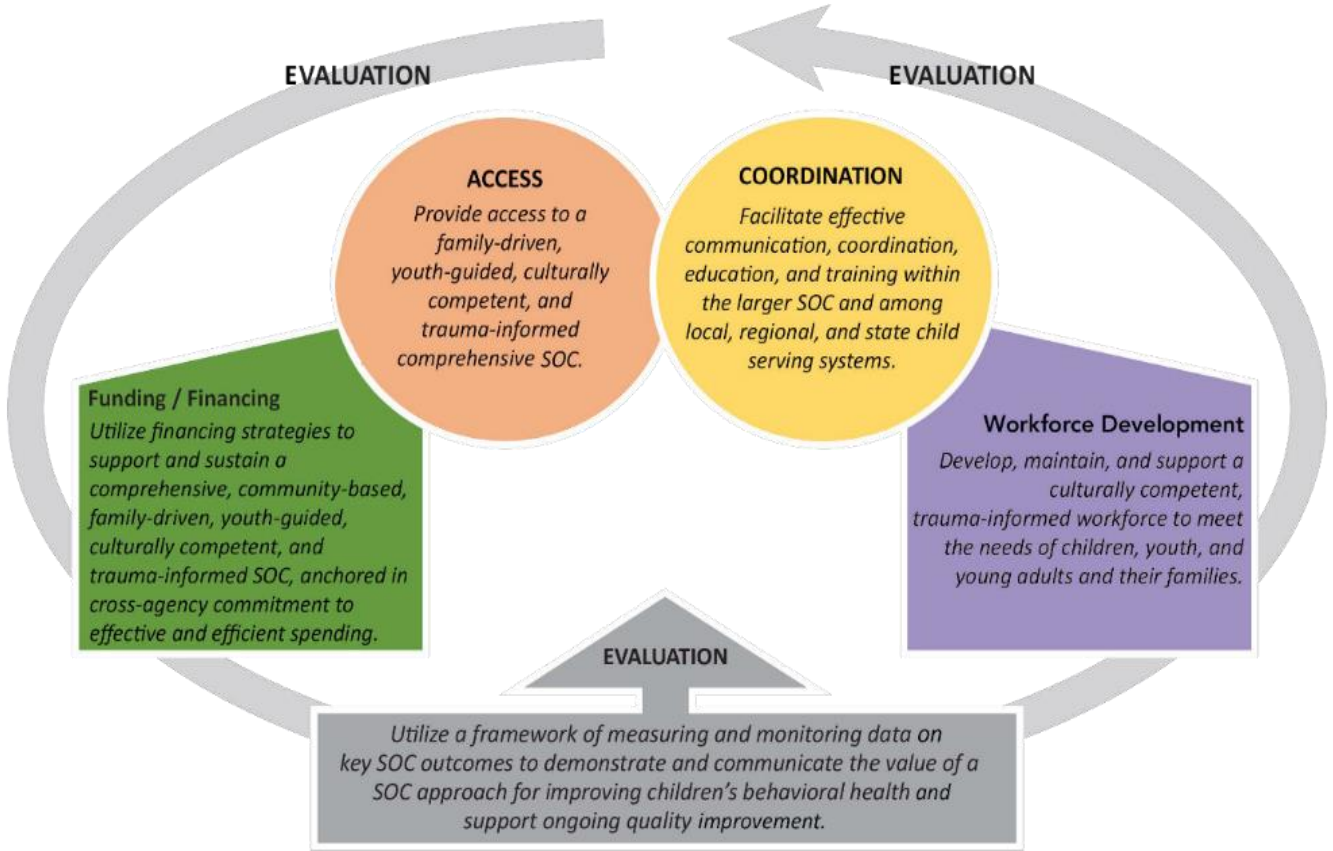
- Purpose: a strategic roadmap for improving children’s behavioral health in Georgia over the next three years.
- Grounded in SOC philosophy:
 - The SOC framework is “. . . a spectrum of **effective, community-based services and supports** for children and youth with or at risk for mental health or other challenges and their families, that is organized into a **coordinated network**, builds **meaningful partnerships with families and youth**, and **addresses their cultural and linguistic needs**, in order to help them to **function better at home, in school, in the community, and throughout life.**”¹
- Created by IDT pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 49-5-220
 - Incorporates feedback from child-serving agency directors, provider representatives, care management organizations, family and youth representatives with lived experience, child advocates, and behavioral health researchers.
- Approved by BHCC, August 2017

¹ Stroul, B. A., Blau, G. M., & Friedman, R. M. (2010). *Issue brief—Updating the system of care concept and philosophy*. Georgetown University Center for Health and Human Development.



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SOC Plan Development: Areas of Influence / Goals



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Short Term Strategies	Long Term Strategies
Access	
1.1 Service mapping for behavioral health service utilization.	1.5 Utilize data to inform a strategic approach to access.
1.2 Increase behavioral health services in schools.	1.6 Recruit practitioners in shortage areas.
1.3 Improve families' abilities to navigate the current service system.	1.7 Support continuity of care by addressing continuity of eligibility for Medicaid (address children and youth going on and off the Medicaid rolls).
1.4 Increase utilization of Intensive Customized Care Coordination services.	1.8 Strategically increase the use of telemedicine/telehealth services within child serving systems.
Coordination	
2.1 Build and maintain feedback loops between local, regional, and state agencies and systems.	2.3 Create and utilize a common language for discussing SOC principles and making the business case to internal and external stakeholders.
2.2 Increase training on SOC principles for all stakeholder groups.	2.4 Address gaps that lead to extended stays in PRTFs; develop and support a community continuum of care to support youth with SEDs.
Workforce Development	
3.1 Targeted expansion of education/financial incentives to address behavioral health workforce shortages.	3.4 Develop a state mental health workforce plan across IDT agencies with a managed and budgeted scale-up plan.
3.2 Develop a clearinghouse of evidence-based/evidence-informed educational materials related to children's behavioral health.	
3.3 Explore issues of scope of practice related to workforce shortages.	
Funding & Financing	
4.1 Inter-agency funding of the IDT as the governing body for SOC in Georgia.	4.4 Review financial mapping reports and implement recommendations from these (look for opportunities to braid or blend funding).
4.2 Inter-agency funding of the COE to support training, education, and evaluation related to SOC.	4.5 IDT agencies will collaboratively plan, apply for, and release funding opportunities and procurements when behavioral health is a key component.
4.3 Create and utilize SOC guiding principles for contract development.	
Evaluation	
5.1 The IDT will review SOC Evaluation tools to identify key metrics applicable to Georgia.	5.3 The IDT will institute and maintain a continuous quality improvement process utilizing identified metrics that will be reviewed annually, and will regularly be reported to the BHCC.
5.2 Provide tools to LIPTS, RIATS, and other child-serving systems to self-evaluate their Systems of Care work.	

SOC State Plan – Implementation



- Currently in Year 1 implementation
- Coordinating with recommendations from Governor’s Commission on Children’s Mental Health
- For additional information on the SOC State Plan and IDT, including the public comment form, visit <http://gacoeonline.gsu.edu/idt/>
- E-mail idtcommunications@gsu.edu to receive updates on the SOC State Plan work