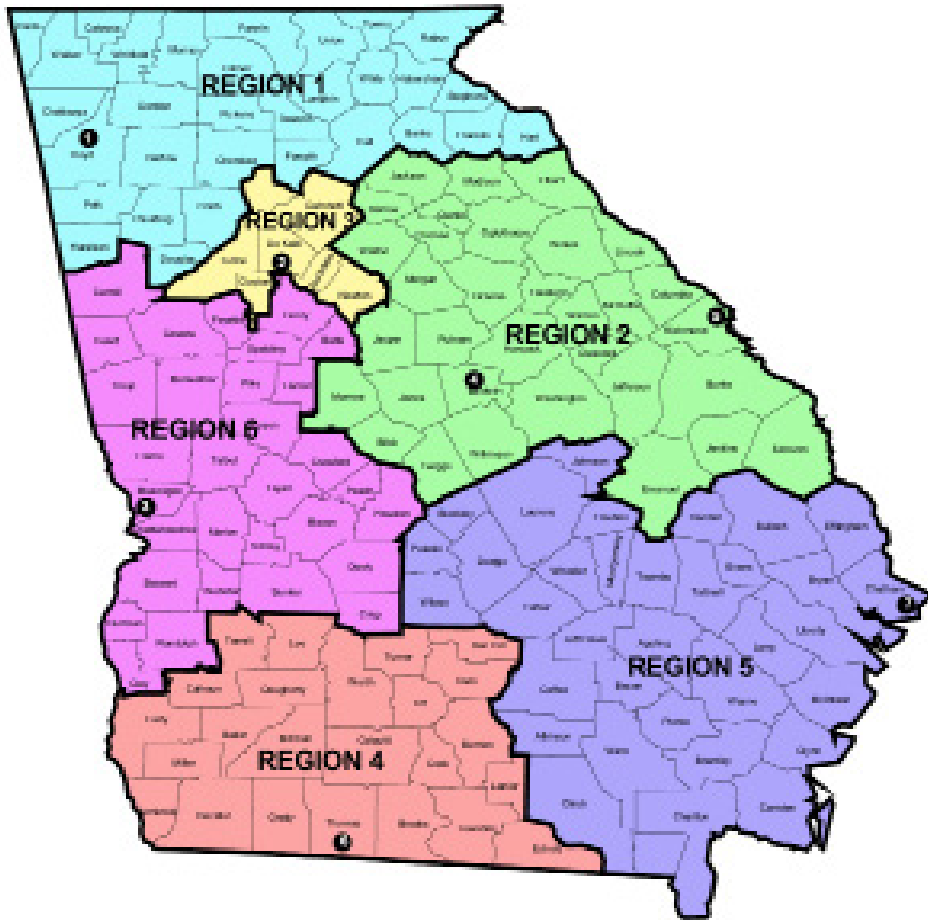


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Developmental Disabilities Regional Map



County: \_\_\_\_\_  
LIPT chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

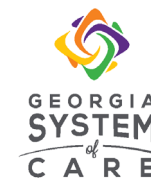
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# LIPT

## Local Interagency Planning Team

2020



*A System of Care 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. It 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 function better at home, in school, in the community, and throughout life.*



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### What is LIPT?

The Local Interagency Planning Team (LIPT) is a group of local child-serving agencies and community supports working with youth with severe emotional disturbance and their families using the System of Care approach. Teams serve each county in Georgia, with some teams serving multiple counties.

### How Does LIPT Work?

LIPT members create care plans together with youth who have been diagnosed with behavioral health disorders and their families. Families can be referred to LIPT through various networks, including schools, child-serving agencies, and parents themselves.

After reaching out to the family for permission, the referring agency representative will contact the LIPT chairperson to schedule a meeting. Prior to the meeting, the referring agency will get the appropriate LIPT documents from the chair. The agency is responsible for having all forms signed by the family in addition to working with the family to arrange meeting participation.

#### Georgia Code: 49-5-225

[1] Mandated LIPT agency representatives include: Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice; Department of Public Health; Division of Family and Children Services; Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency; a member of the special education staff of the local education agency, and a local mental health agency. Family participation voluntary for families and youth and meetings regarding a particular youth will only be held if families are present.

### What is the Family's Role?

Family input is critical to this process! An *initial meeting will not be held without the consent* of the youth's parent or guardian. It is the youth and family's role to share relevant background information, express their goals and needs, and provide an understanding of what may be going on with the youth. LIPT provides a youth-driven, family-focused, and community-based approach to service delivery.

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#### LIPT Checklist

- Family and youth have been oriented to LIPT, notified of the referral, and have accepted the invitation.
- Language is age and culturally appropriate.
- Family has completed necessary forms.
- Referring agency has sent a reminder about the LIPT meeting to the family and team members.
- LIPT chair has sent meeting reminder information to referring source and all other appropriate partners.

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