

# Legacy Behavioral Health Services

## Stronger Together



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### LEGACY COMMUNITY CONNECTION

#### INTRODUCING CO-RESPONDER THERAPIST

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A co-responder team model is a collaborative approach to behavioral crisis response that pairs mental health professionals with law enforcement. The goal is to de-escalate crisis situations and assist in diversion from jail and/or behavioral health crisis services by connecting individuals in crisis with services, increase access to care, and promote engagement with treatment.

The target population is individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis who are the subject of a 911 intervention that could benefit from behavioral health services and supports within the community as opposed to being detained in jail.

We are looking forward to the opportunities to partner with our legal and judicial systems to connect individuals with mental health services when appropriate.



#### Wellness in Partnership with Others

Ending the stigma surrounding Mental Health, today's most prevalent public health crisis, requires partnership from the person served, families, natural supports, and multiple community partners. The majority of us are directly or indirectly impacted with a mental health condition at some point in our lives.

During the month of March, multiple community partners came together to establish a Mental Health Coalition to join forces to positively impact individuals with mental health conditions. It was encouraging to feel the passion from our community and willingness to improve care coordination. Now is the time to stand together to end the silence, reduce stigma, and engage our community to inspire hope.

**Message from our COO**  
Paivi Parssinen

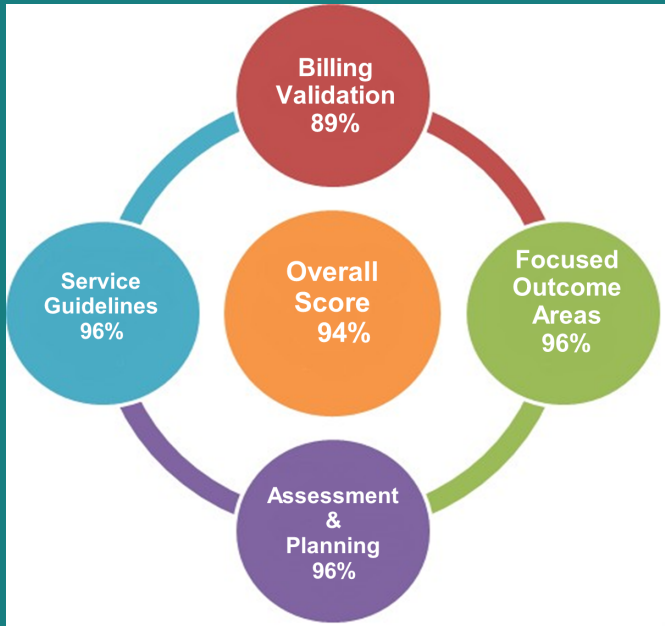


Legacy residential individuals in our IDD Program were able to be a part of Night to Shine hosted by First Baptist Church in Valdosta. They dressed in their best and did some shining!

# Georgia Collaborative Administrative Services Organization (ASO) Review

February 27- March 3, 2023

The Georgia Collaborative ASO facilitates the delivery of whole-health, person-centered and culturally sensitive supports and services to individuals and their families throughout the state. This function provides review of providers and subsequent quality improvement activities at both the system and provider level. The results of the reviews done represent the dedication of LBHS as an organization and its employees to our communities.



BH Quality Review Included the following:

- Outpatient (Lowndes, Tift, and Cook)
- Supported Employment
- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)
- Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT)



CSU Quality Review Included the following:

- Crisis Stabilization Unit
- Crisis Service Center (walk-in services)

## Supported Employment Fidelity Review- February 23, 2023

Supported Employment is a service provided to individuals who have a goal for competitive employment and are not employed due to symptoms associated with chronic and severe mental illness. The Fidelity Review is completed to monitor performance and ensure that services are delivered to individual who meet the requirements for the program. It is used to make recommendations to the program for quality improvement planning. Legacy Behavioral Health Services Supported Employment program underwent this Fidelity Review in February. We currently are awaiting results for this program which has 72 individuals enrolled and 30% of them have been placed with a competitive job.

## Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) FY23 Fidelity Review

ACT is an Evidence Based Practice that is person centered, recovery-oriented, and intensive community-based service for individuals who have serious and persistent mental illness. ACT's goal is to help the individuals to integrate into the community and improve social functioning. The ACT Fidelity Review is to monitor and measure the team's current practice based on records, staff interviews, and interviews with the individuals served.

Legacy Behavioral Health Service ACT program has been chosen as one of program across the state to be exempt from this year's Fidelity Audit for Fiscal Year 23 due to providing quality services and having exceptional quality and fidelity services.