

SPRING EDITION, 2026



MAKING WAVES

Legacy Behavioral Health's WAVE Mobile Clinic has been on the move, bringing vital behavioral health and substance use services directly to communities across South Georgia. Over the past several months, the WAVE team has hit the streets in Ben Hill, Echols, Berrien, Tift, Turner, Brooks, Lanier, and Irwin counties, helping break down transportation barriers and increase access to care for individuals and families in need.

Case Managers Charly McDonald and Zyaria Wright have worked tirelessly to connect clients with resources, provide compassionate support, and ensure individuals receive the services they need to begin or continue their recovery journey. Their dedication has made a meaningful impact, reaching many people who may not have otherwise been able to access care.

We are also excited to share the good news that a second WAVE Mobile Clinic will soon be on the road, expanding our reach and allowing us to serve even more communities.

Legacy is incredibly grateful to our parking partners who provide space each week for the clinic to set up and serve. These partnerships make it possible for us to meet people where they are and continue strengthening the health and well-being of our region.



GREATER VALDOSTA UNITED WAY MAKING AN IMPACT

Chief Clinical Officer Mallory Sims and Community Partnership Coordinator Ashlie Prain recently represented Legacy Behavioral Health at the United Way of South Georgia Partnership Expo, where they met with volunteers from the Community Investment Committee (CIC) to advocate for United Way funding. During the interview, they shared information about Legacy's many impactful programs and the vital services provided to individuals and families across our community. We are grateful for the opportunity to highlight this important work and appreciate the consideration of the Greater Valdosta United Way.



A ROUND OF APPLAUSE

Legacy Behavioral Health Prevention Project Director, Erica Simpson was recognized by Major General Barrye L. Price, President and CEO of CADCA for successfully completing the National Coalition Academy. Erica is looking forward to implementing new strategies learned in DC to further prevention and community change!



YOUTH IMPACT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND COOKING

Legacy Prevention Initiative's first youth leadership event was a great success! Thank you to Jessie's and the Valdosta Fire Department for their community collaboration. Prevention is a community-wide effort. Stay tuned for our next event, and please reach out if you are interested in signing up your youth, or coming out to support in any way!

QPR ACROSS THE COMMUNITIES

Legacy Behavioral Health is proud to lead QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) certification trainings across our region as part of a powerful, life-saving effort to prevent suicide. So far, 181 community members have been trained to recognize the warning signs of suicide and confidently respond to someone in crisis.

Classes have already been held in Lowndes, Berrien, Irwin, and Tift counties, with more scheduled throughout the year. By equipping everyday people with the tools to intervene, we are building a stronger, more informed community ready to support and save lives. If you are interested in this free opportunity to be certified for one year, please reach out to Ashlie Prain. aprain@bhsga.com.



JAIL IN-REACH REACHES OUT

Legacy's Jail In Reach Team supports individuals with serious mental illness and substance use disorders who are incarcerated in the Lowndes County Jail. We connect participants to natural supports and community resources to help plan a successful return to the community and reduce recidivism. After release, our Certified Forensic Peer Mentor provides continued support, helping individuals connect to treatment services and navigate social, economic, and legal barriers. Last quarter 51 individuals were served while incarcerated and 82% of individuals followed up with treatment services upon release from jail.

