



Resilient Georgia Regional Grantee Coalitions

Six Month Progress Report Questionnaire

- Please identify which city you are operating out of: [Smyrna, Georgia](#)
- What is the name of your coalition (if any)?
- Who are the main point(s) of contact? [Irene Barton, Kaleigh Raulerson](#)
- What are their email(s) and/or phone #'s? ibarton@cobbcollaborative.org, kraulerson@cobbcollaborative.org
 - Who are members of the coalition or partners engaged in this work? Please include primary organization and title.

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Progress To Date Questions

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For the following questions, when applicable, you can choose to focus your answers on progress made during the last 6 months and activities planned over the next 6 months. These answers will help inform your annual report due in March 2022.

- Description of ACEs Prevention and Trauma-Informed awareness and care related efforts:
 - Are you engaged in any Advocacy or Policy strengthening activities or other forms of Activism? If so, please describe current efforts, including key accomplishments till date, any concrete results (e.g., population reached, number of workshops, etc.), partnerships/collaborations involved and planned next steps if any

As laid out in our proposal, we anticipate our focus for Year Two will incorporate more policy and advocacy capacity-building work, including tracking bills moving through the Georgia General Assembly Session for 2022 that impact youth and families. Once the initial work of building the Toolkit and developing a communications plan is accomplished, we will have the capacity to focus on this type of work and systems change. While this is mainly a priority in Year Two, we are happy to say we have had opportunities to engage in policy and advocacy work through the Region 13 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Implementation Planning sessions. Through this, Cobb Collaborative participated in the development of action plans to address these issues and also made a lead on these action plans, working specifically on expanding trauma-informed practices and resources across the state as well as increasing understanding about the prevalence and impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and adverse community environments.

- Are you providing any Prevention or Intervention Services?
If so, please describe current efforts, including key accomplishments till date, any concrete results (e.g., population reached, number of workshops, etc.), partnerships/collaborations involved and planned next steps if any

While the Cobb Collaborative does not offer direct services, many of our partner organizations do provide direct prevention/intervention such as the Cobb and Marietta school systems, Atlanta Center for Self-Compassion, Cumberland Counseling Center, Children and Family Programs at Kennesaw State University, Cobb County Community Services Board, Ser Familia, and DFCS.

- Are you participating in any Research activities?

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We are currently partnering with Children & Family Programs at Kennesaw State University who provides a research component both through their intervention and by providing data analysis for program evaluation. They are currently processing the research program through the university Internal Review Board.

- Do you provide any Training opportunities?

If so, please describe current efforts, including key accomplishments till date, any concrete results (e.g., population reached, number of workshops, etc.), partnerships/collaborations involved and planned next steps if any

Cobb Collaborative has provided multiple trainings including Connections Matter, offerings from the Georgia State Child Welfare Training Collaborative, QPR, Community Resilience Model, and Mindful Self-Compassion. These trainings provide the opportunity for trained individuals to bring information back to their agencies, where it is anticipated that the gained knowledge will be used to identify opportunities to implement trauma-informed and trauma-responsive care, adjust processes, and train teammates, leading to improved client outcomes, a more stable work force and ultimately, more stable families and communities. Families will gain understanding of their actions and how to manage their stress in positive ways leading to more resilient homes and communities. Through August, we have trained a total of 375 individuals. In addition to this, our partner Children and Family programs trained the 12 GRAs, MSWs, Interns, and a Diversity Scholar who will assist with the implementation and data collection for the Parent Engagement Program at Hollydale Elementary School. Hollydale is the school selected by the Cobb County School District PBIS director to participate in the program. The first parent engagement night and afterschool training was September 20, 2021. CFP had 29 parents and 5 afterschool professional teams attend this initial event of the series.

- Have you visited Resilient Georgia's [Trauma Informed Training Roadmap](#), and if so, how has it been helpful? How can it be more helpful?

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Yes. The detailed descriptions of each level allow for evaluation in regards to where our community may fall. It has been an informative reference for the Cobb Collaborative staff and partners to gain clarity on how communities function within each level and what specifically needs to be accomplished to move forward to the next level.

- Are you engaged in any other efforts that do not fall into the categories listed above? If so, please describe these efforts, including key accomplishments till date, any concrete results (e.g., population reached, number of workshops, etc.), partnerships/collaborations involved and planned next steps if any

Cobb Collaborative has a robust digital marketing campaign supporting our goal to become a trauma-informed community. We currently have a page on our website dedicated to ACEs education, prevention, and resiliency, a strategic Social Media campaign supporting the Mind Your Mind initiative with a following of over 1,000 people, and a Mind Your Mind Monthly Newsletter that reaches an average of 402 people with an average of 900 opens each month.

- Are your coalition's efforts evidence-based? If so, please describe what evidence-based approaches/ trauma-informed care models you are using?

The Cobb Collaborative has partnered with a variety of service providers, each service provider bringing the expertise of its individual area to our coalition. For example, all of our trainings employ either empirical supports, evidence-based programming, or building the evidence base through ongoing research. Specifically, CFP's contribution to this project proposal is to implement and disseminate information based on the evidence-based best practice Community Parent Education program (COPE) developed by Dr. Charles E. Cunningham (Pelham, Gnagy & Greiner, 2017), CRM is currently building its evidence base through research, Mindful Self-Compassion is empirically supported, Connections Matter is evidence informed, and the offerings through the Child Welfare Training Collaborative are based on established evidence-based and evidence informed knowledge and best and promising practices in the field.

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- Have you used or have plans to use telehealth or innovative technology, in your grant deliverables? Please explain.

Like everyone else, we have had to make the transition to online delivery of programs, but no specific deliverables with plans to incorporate telehealth since we are not providing direct services.

- Does your coalition have any county/city/state leadership buy-in? If so, please describe

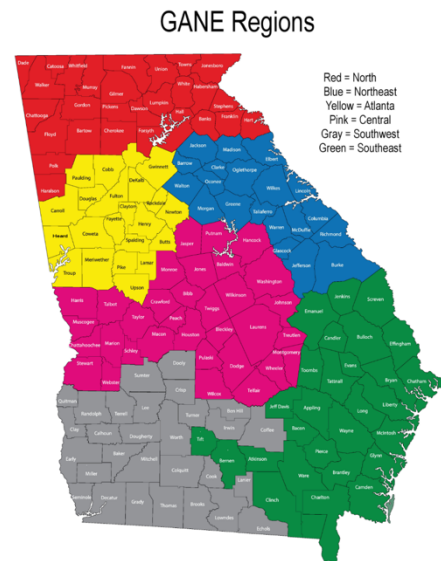
1. Georgia Essentials via Children and Family Programs
2. DECAL
3. DFCS
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5. Cobb County School District
6. Cobb County Community Services Board
7. Marietta City Schools

- Does your coalition have rural, urban and/or suburban components? Please describe

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While our primary focus is Cobb County in the Metro Atlanta region (yellow), initiatives by Cobb Collaborative have reached every region of Georgia and have also impacted service providers who operate statewide. (See map for reference)



- Please list all partners in your coalition – include organizations and individual’s titles that are actively engaged

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- What is the total number of partners in your coalition?

Thirteen

- What is the minimum age served by your ACEs/TIC related efforts? What is the maximum age served? Are parents/caregivers being served by your efforts?

Our target is 18 and up, focusing on those who provide services to children and families in the community. Corollary to that, the impact extends to children. Through the concerted efforts of our partners and affiliates, the ages served are from birth to elderly. Parents and caregivers are served through Children and Family Programs at KSU, DFCS, School Systems, Department of Public Health, United Way, and more. We believe that strengthening the family system ripples out into the community and builds resilience in homes and community wide.

- Please describe what populations specifically are served by this coalition’s efforts and how you recruit/engage with each. Include numbers served if possible.

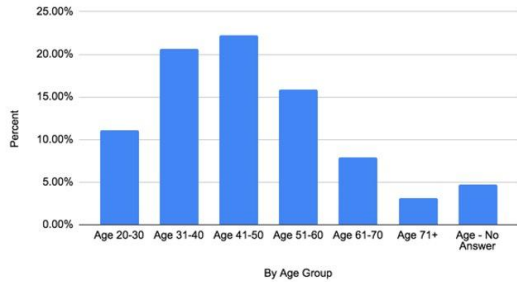
The population includes broadly, the community of Cobb County, Georgia in its entirety; participants in programs are service providers from such fields as health & human services, psychology, education, advocacy, and related support disciplines. These service providers in turn disseminate the knowledge and a shared language is developed through iterative and cross-field dissemination. Engagement happens through many outlets, including our website, monthly newsletters, social media, and digital outlets. We will soon be adding a digital toolkit to our information outlets. The framework for this has been created and we are in the process of adding data and resources to be used by the community. Below is a table showing demographic information from the Child Welfare Training Collaborative sessions.

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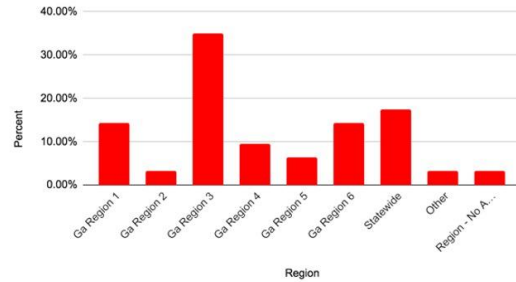


Child Welfare Training Collaborative Sessions

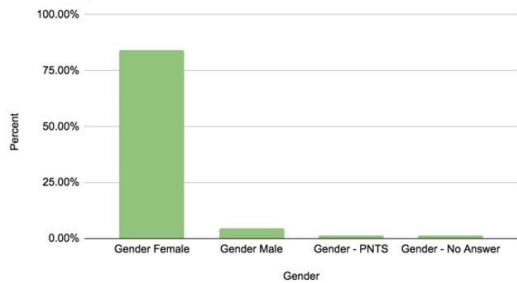
Percent Age by Group



Percent Attendance by Region

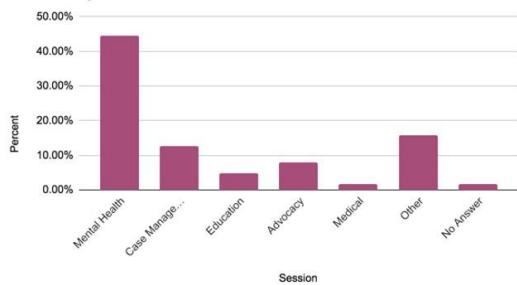


Percent by Gender

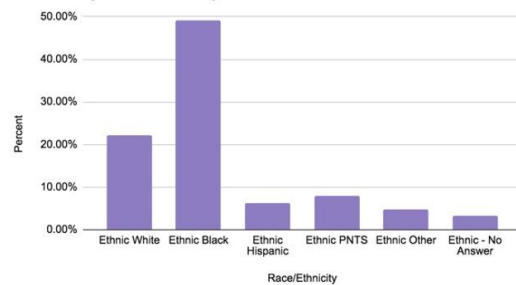


A significant observation made by reviewing this data is the disparity in attendance by gender. A cursory review of our marketing data supports that observation as well. Moving forward, our team of partners will brainstorm ways to mitigate this disparity and increase engagement among males.

Percent by Sector



Percent by Race/Ethnicity



- Please provide an updated evaluation plan and describe what performance measures are being assessed, what evaluation activities have been conducted, a timeline for these activities, any

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results already collected and how these results will be used to inform the coalition's ongoing efforts

- Please also include any lessons learned and barriers experienced

Our program evaluator is currently cleaning and assembling the data into a format that can be analyzed to determine reach and efficacy. We are evaluating the need to add additional surveys to some of the trainings to collect additional data. The process of data compilation is ongoing and evolving. We plan to have substantive reports regarding demographics and reach of the initiative. One of the main barriers faced, as I am sure we all can agree, has been the uncertainties that a global pandemic brings. We started the grant with high hopes of many opportunities for table-top events, but will continue to make decisions best serving the health and safety of our community. Thankfully, many of our trainings and resources are offered via zoom and online platforms, but we take into consideration the zoom fatigue many may be feeling following these last 18 months.

- Please provide an updated financial report and describe how the grant funds have been used YTD vs projected amounts and how any remaining funds will be used
 - Receipts are not needed
 - See attached
- Please identify funding you have received from alternate sources: Federal, State, Corporate, Alternate Private Foundation or Other? Please describe

1. DECAL Trauma-Responsive Grant - \$10,000
2. CareSource Foundation - \$10,000
3. Cobb Community Foundation - \$10,000
4. Cobb EMC Community Foundation - \$1,000
5. United Way of Greater Atlanta - \$24,000
6. In-kind personnel support of Board Chair - \$5,000
7. Ga Family Connection Partnership - \$5,000
8. Cobb EMC Foundation - \$1,000

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- Does your coalition have any communications aimed at the public? (E.g., website, blog, newsletter, social media, public events, etc.) If so, please list all and describe

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- Have you identified successful elements to building a shared language in your region? Please explain.

We are employing a layered method of building a shared language around trauma informed care. First we teach the service providers, some of whom are partners, some of whom are community organizations who may become partners, and some who are community leaders through workshops and other events. These partners, organizations and leaders then disseminate it to those within the community that they serve and with whom they partner. For example, the Children and Family Programs teaches their interns, emerging professionals in the fields of human services, psychology, education and more. These students solidify their understanding by assisting Dr. Garafino, the program director, in assessing existing standards, norms and protocol related to behavior in the school they are deploying their part of the initiative in, learning that school's language around these issues. Then Dr. Garafino and the students manualize the behavioral techniques they will teach the afterschool staff, integrating the trauma-informed vocabulary and defining it in the lexicon developed by the school culture. In this way, the language of trauma-informed care is disseminated to those within the orbit of Dr. Garafino's program.

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- Please attach all marketing materials you are using for webinars, classes, movie screenings, trainings, etc. along with participation at each event.
 - **See attached**
 - Did you do anything in particular with marketing for events that were especially well attended? If so, please share so other regions can learn from your success.

Marketing data is still under analysis and if we find any significant outcomes, we will include it in future reports.

** Please include the Resilient Georgia logo on marketing items going forward. We would like to highlight your work as much as possible and showcase our partnership and belief in your work.*

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