

Adult Mental Health Services and the ADA Settlement



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**U.S. V. GEORGIA SETTLEMENT
TARGETS AND COMPLIANCE**

Behavioral Health Targets Under the Settlement

Provision	FY 2011		FY 2012		FY 2013		FY 2014		FY 2015	
	Target	Compliance	Target	Compliance	Target	Compliance	Target	Compliance	Target	Compliance
Crisis Line (no date)	1	Yes								
ACT Teams	18	Yes	20	Yes	22	Yes				
Intensive Case Management Teams	1	Yes	2	Yes	3	Yes	8	Yes	14	Yes
Supported Housing Beds	100	Yes	500	Yes	800	Yes	1,400	Yes	2,000	Yes
Bridge Funding (annual)	90	Yes	360	Yes	270	Yes	540	Yes	540	Yes
Supported Employment	70	Yes	170	Yes	440	Yes	500	Yes	550	Yes
Community Support Teams			2	Yes	4	Yes	8	Yes		
Case Management Services			5	Yes	15	Yes	25	Yes	45	Yes
Crisis Stabilization Units			1	Yes	2	Yes	3	Yes		
Peer Support Services			235	Yes	535	Yes	835	Yes		
Crisis Service Centers					1	Yes	3	Yes	6	Yes
Mobile Crisis Services (counties)					91	Yes	126	Yes	159	Yes
Crisis Apartments					6	Yes	12	Yes	18	Yes

Findings from the Independent Reviewer

“The accomplishment of these milestones is of tremendous significance. It demonstrates that the State has implemented substantive structural and programmatic changes in its delivery of community –based supports for individuals with a serious and persistent mental illness. Although the community-based system for this group of individuals will continue to require diligent attention and consistently adequate resources, there is now a solid foundation upon which to continue to build for the future. Achievement of this level of systemic reform in six-years should be recognized and applauded.”

Independent Reviewers Year Six Report; United States of America v. The State of Georgia Civil Action No. 1:10--CV--249--CAP Submitted By: Elizabeth Jones, independent reviewer, September 19, 2016

ADA Settlement ACT Compliance Achieved

“DBHDD’s ongoing studies of the effectiveness of its ACT programs continue to demonstrate that admission into ACT services has resulted in a significant change, a decrease, in the baseline average number of days spent in inpatient services at both six and twelve months after admission into ACT services.”

Report of the Independent Reviewer In the Matter of United States of America v. The State of Georgia
Civil Action No. 1:10--CV--249--CAP Submitted By: Elizabeth Jones, independent reviewer, March 24,
2017

Targets by Service: Assertive Community Treatment 22 Contracted Teams

Provider	Region
Avita Community Partners • Cobb-Douglas Community Service Board • Highland Rivers Health	1
Advantage Behavioral Health Systems • AmericanWork • River Edge Behavioral Health Center	2
Fulton-DeKalb: Grady Health System (3) • Georgia Rehabilitation Outreach (2) • View Point Health (2)	3
Aspire Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Services • Behavioral Health Services of South Georgia • Georgia Pines Community Service Board	4
AmericanWork (2) • Gateway Behavioral Health Services	5
AmericanWork • McIntosh Trail Community Service Board • Pathways Center	6

Total enrolled in ACT as of March 31, 2017: 1,606

The independent reviewer's consultant on ACT confirmed that the 22 ACT teams implemented under the settlement agreement continue to meet fidelity standards of the Dartmouth Assertive Community Treatment model (Year Six Report);

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ADA Settlement Agreement: Supported Employment

“...the State exceeded its obligation by providing Supported Employment services to 1,314 individuals with serious and persistent mental illness.”

Independent Reviewer's Year Six Report; United States of America v. The State of Georgia Civil Action No. 1:10--CV--249--CAP

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ADA Settlement Targets by Service: Supported Employment

	Total Enrolled	Employment Rate
FY 2014	1,093	45.5%
FY 2015	1,219	46.6%
FY 2016	1,314	48.5%
FY 2017	1,372	47.6%

Supported Employment Providers

Provider	Region
Avita Community Partners • Briggs & Associates • Cobb-Douglas Community Service Board • Highland Rivers Health • Lookout Mountain Community Services	1
Advantage Behavioral Health Systems • AmericanWork • Oconee Center • River Edge Behavioral Health Center • Serenity Behavioral Health Systems	2
Briggs & Associates • Community Friendship, Inc. • DeKalb Community Service Board • View Point Health	3
AmericanWork • Behavioral Health Services of South Georgia • G & B Works, Inc.	4
AmericanWork • Gateway Behavioral Health Services • Pineland Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities • Unison Behavioral Health	5
AmericanWork • Briggs & Associates • McIntosh Trail Community Service Board • New Horizons Behavioral Health • Pathways Center	6

ADA Settlement Targets by Service: Case Management

DOJ target 45 case management positions

Exceeded: 52 ADA case management positions

Fiscal Year	# Served (Settlement Population)
FY 2014	769
FY 2015	1,278
FY 2016	1,625
FY 2017 (to date)	1,732

ADA Settlement Targets by Service: Intensive Case Management

DOJ target met: 14 ADA intensive case management teams

Fiscal Year	# Served (Settlement Population)
FY 2014	903
FY 2015	1,450
FY 2016	1,639
FY 2017 (to date)	1,654

ADA Settlement Targets by Service: Community Support Team

Settlement Compliance: 10 CST teams, exceeded target of 8 CST teams

Provider	Region
Highland Rivers Health Avita (2)Community Partners Lookout Mountain Community Services	1
Advantage Behavioral Health Systems Serenity Behavioral Health Systems	2
Aspire Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	4
Pineland Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Community Service Board of Middle Georgia	5
Phoenix Center Behavioral Health Services	6

ADA Settlement Targets by Service: Community Support Team

FY 2014 target: 10 CST teams, exceeded target of 8 CST teams

Fiscal Year	# Served (Settlement Population)
FY 2014	242
FY 2015	286
FY 2016	321
FY 2017 (to date)	354

ADA Settlement Targets by Service: Peer Support Services

Settlement Target: Provision of peer support services to 835 people meeting ADA Settlement Criteria

2,700+ people meeting ADA settlement criteria have participated in peer support services, which include:

- Peer Mentoring, Peer Support
- Peer Support Wellness & Respite Centers
- Forensic Peer Mentor

ADA Settlement Targets by Service: Crisis Services

Service	
Mobile Crisis Response	Statewide access
Crisis Respite Apartments	24
Crisis Stabilization Unit	22
Behavioral Health Crisis Center	8

May 27, 2016 Approval of an Extension to the DOJ Settlement Agreement

- ACT fidelity for all 22 teams
- Assess need for supported housing
- Supported housing capacity building
- 50% scattered, not congregate housing
- DBHDD-DCA MOU, unified housing referral process, capacity building,
- Maximize Section 811, Housing Choice Voucher, and Georgia Housing Voucher for target population

Supported Housing

Settlement Extension Targets

- Georgia Housing Voucher and Bridge Funding

Target	Current Status
By June 30, 2017, an additional 300 individuals served via bridge funding (for a total of 2,400)	4,111 persons have been supported via bridge funding
By June 30, 2017, an additional 275 individuals will receive the GHV (for a total of 2,633)	3,823 persons have been supported via the GHV

Targets by Service: Supported Housing and Bridge Funding

Settlement Agreement Extension targets met

- Prior living status of individuals currently receiving the Georgia Housing Voucher

Referral Source	Number	Percent
Homeless	2,521	55%
Other Residential	600	13%
Hospital/CSU/BHCC	539	11%
Jail/Prison	228	5%
Other/Family/Friends	663	14%

Supported Housing and Bridge Funding

Settlement Extension Targets

- Determination of Need for Supported Housing
 - Housing Need and Choice Survey

Phase I total completed surveys: 2,706	649 (24%) needed supported housing at time of survey
Phase II total completed surveys: 817	358 (44%) needed supported housing at time of survey

Supported Housing and Bridge Funding

Continued focus:

- Strengthening partnership with the Department of Community Affairs (DCA); resource maximization, unified referral process
- Educating providers on permanent supported housing options
- Increasing collaboration with law enforcement/criminal justice system
- Enhanced data/information technology (IT) processes

Program Sustainability

2010-2015 original Settlement Agreement

2015-2016 one year of monitored post-Settlement compliance

2016-2018 Settlement Agreement Extension

- **NO decreases in funding/operation of Settlement Services**
 - Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)
 - Community Support Team (CST)
 - Case Management (CM)/Intensive Case Management (ICM)
 - Supported Employment (SE)
 - Crisis Respite Apartments (CRA) – these have expanded
 - Mobile Crisis Response (MCR)
 - Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU)
 - Behavioral Health Crisis Center (BHCC)
 - Peer supports – these have expanded
 - Georgia Housing Voucher (GHV)- continues to expand

More Information



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