

South Georgia Regional Prevention Coalition

Bleckley, Dodge, Tattnall & Turner counties

Who Are We?

- A regional prevention coalition serving a four county region in rural middle/south Georgia including Bleckley, Dodge, Tattnall and Turner Counties.
- Demographics are similar to many poor, rural and underserved areas of the country and our poverty, illiteracy and child abuse rates are among the highest in the nation.
- High School Graduation rates are among the lowest in the nation.
- Health Indicators are among the worst in the nation.
- All counties are officially designated healthcare professional shortage areas. (HPSAs)

About Us

- Coalition officially formed in January 2000
- We realized that our local collaborative efforts were not working in isolation within our county boundaries – our local strategic plans were very similar to meet similar needs.
- Working together we can achieve more.
- Key Stakeholders have worked together over 15 years – Management Team meets quarterly.

Our Mission

- To work together toward a common purpose of building strong, safe, healthy and drug-free rural communities where all youth and families reach their maximum potential and become productive citizens.

Local School Based Health Centers

- Each year our counties complete an annual needs assessment.
- Results – While our school systems do an outstanding job of educating our students, many of our students still do not have access to regular health care.
- The idea of School Based Health Care Centers was born out of the results of our needs assessment.

Why We Needed to Find A Way to Increase Access to Healthcare

- All four of our counties are officially designated health professional shortage areas (HPSAs)
- Overworked and underfunded County Health Departments in each county.
- Three Rural Hospitals – Two are critical access hospitals.
- One Regional Medical Center
- A few primary care physicians
- 14 School Nurses serving 24 Schools

How Tele Health Helped Us Increase Access

- Acute Care
- Specialty Care
- Mental Health Services
- Training

Overcoming
Challenges/ Meeting
with Success
Protocols
School Nurses
Enrollment in
SBHC
Parental
Consent



Billing/Licensure

- Cost of Connectivity
- StethConnect License
- Physicians Connectivity Fees
- Insurance Paper Work
- Specialty Care Paper Work

Technology & Equipment HRSA Equipment Grant 2012

- Tele Health Carts
- School System Infrastructure
- Physician Offices

Success Stories

Why we do what we do...



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