



New Substance Use Disorder Services for Pregnant and Postpartum Women

The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) and Hope House, Inc. have received funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to create Georgia Strong: Standing Together in Recovery to Overcome and Nurture Growth. Georgia Strong will provide new services to women eighteen years and older living with substance use and other mental health disorders through evidence-based, intensive outpatient treatment services. The purpose of this program is to expand comprehensive treatment, prevention and recovery support services for women and their children in outpatient substance use treatment facilities, including services for family members of both the women and children. Individuals targeted are those who are identified as low-income who have limited access to quality health services.

Hope House has a twenty-six-year history of serving women through residential substance use treatment and is now implementing promising practices for women in an intensive outpatient setting to remove barriers for treatment. Services will include providing intensive case management, transportation, childcare, housing assistance, linkages to OB-GYN, home visits by a nurse and parenting coach, and psychiatric care all while enabling women to get well within their communities. Day, evening, and weekend services are provided by masters level counselors, along with a Licensed Professional Counselor and certified peers.

This program will not only serve women and their families, this opportunity will bring over \$3 million dollars to the state of Georgia and to the Central Savannah River Area over a three year period. Hope House will serve 136 women, 136 children, and 80 families per year during this pilot program. Through Georgia Strong, fifteen social service positions will be created in the community. For every \$1 invested in substance use disorder treatment, tax payers save \$4 in healthcare cost and \$7 in criminal justice costs. With this program, our mothers, daughters, sisters, and community members will continue to get well.

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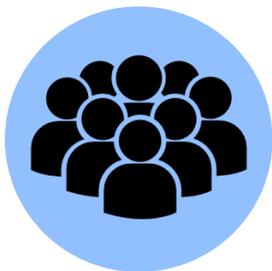
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GEORGIA STRONG

STANDING TOGETHER IN RECOVERY TO OVERCOME AND NURTURE GROWTH



136

WOMEN SERVED PER YEAR



136

CHILDREN SERVED PER YEAR



80

FAMILY MEMBERS SERVED PER YEAR



159

COUNTIES TO BE SERVED

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Through the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Hope House will provide evidence-based, intensive outpatient services for pregnant and postpartum women living with substance use disorders. Treatment is provided by masters levels counselors, a licensed professor counselor, and certified peers, along with case management and childcare.



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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Mission: Leading an accountable and effective continuum of care to support Georgians with behavioral health challenges, and intellectual and developmental disabilities in a dynamic health care environment.

Vision: Easy access to high-quality care that leads to a life of recovery and independence for the people we serve.

HOPE HOUSE, INC.

Mission: Hope House strives to instill self-sufficiency in individuals and families through comprehensive treatment to end the cycles of substance misuse, untreated mental illness, and poverty.

Vision: Hope House envisions a community where women enter long-term recovery for a healthier individual, family, and community overall.



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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Individual and group substance use counseling
- Parenting support and education
- Employment and education assistance
- Family support and education
- Certified peer-to-peer support
- Relapse prevention education
- Intensive case management
- Transportation services
- Information and referral services
- Childcare and housing assistance
- Linkage to OB-GYN and Psychiatric care
- Home visits by a nurse and parenting coach