

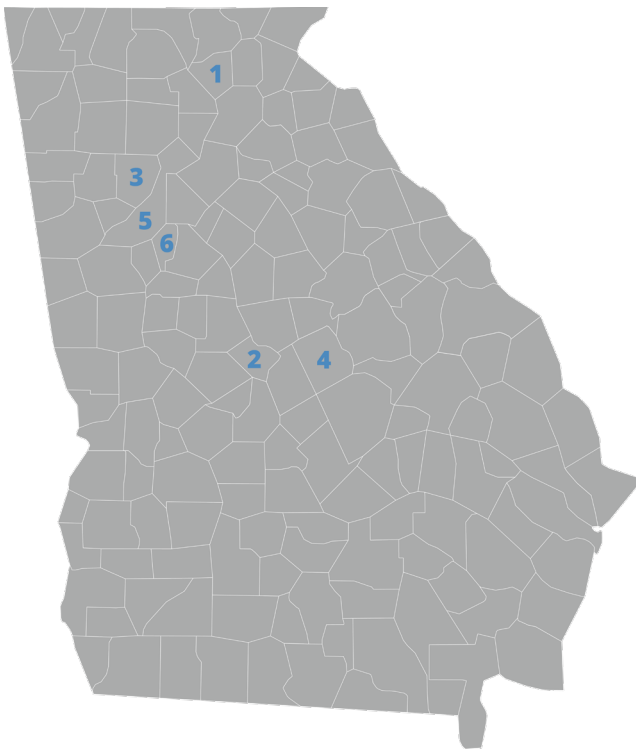


Statewide Health Equity Initiative

Health Opportunity Pilot Communities

The Statewide Health Equity Initiative provides opportunities for communities to grow partnerships and develop and implement upstream innovations that advance health equity and well-being in the state. In collaboration with the Georgia Department of Public Health, and with funding from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Georgia Health Policy Center is supporting six health opportunity pilot communities in Georgia.

The selected communities have established community-led collaboratives working to fulfill a vision for Georgia that overcomes disparities and addresses the vital conditions for health and well-being. These health opportunity pilot communities were selected



based on their plans

to improve access to

the vital conditions for health and well-being, such as affordable housing, basic needs for health and safety, quality education, meaningful work and wealth, and a sense of belonging, that will ultimately strengthen community capacity to advance health equity and well-being.

1. [Community Helping Place \(Lumpkin County\)](#)
2. [Crisis Line & Safe House of Central Georgia \(Macon-Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach, and Twiggs counties\)](#)
3. [Ser Familia \(Cobb County\)](#)
4. [St. John Christian Methodist Episcopal Church \(Wilkinson County\)](#)
5. [Ubuntu Community Catalyst \(South Fulton County\)](#)
6. [YouthServ360 \(doing business as 7 Pillars Career Academy; Clayton County\)](#)

Vital Conditions for Health and Well-Being



Source: Rippel Foundation

Community Helping Place

Location: Lumpkin County (rural Dahlonega)



Big idea: To address “opportunity deficits” in health care, employment, affordable housing, behavioral health care, financial literacy, high-quality and affordable child care, and transportation, this initiative will launch an Opportunity Bus, a transformative mobile services unit that will provide direct client services and referrals, intensive case management, and peer coaching.



Vital conditions addressed:

- Basic needs for health and safety
- Belonging and civic muscle
- Humane housing
- Meaningful work and wealth
- Reliable transportation

Sectors involved: community-based organizations, education, faith community, local government

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Crisis Line & Safe House of Central Georgia

Location: Macon-Bibb County (servicing Crawford, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach, and Twiggs counties in central Georgia)



Big idea: This initiative will create a safe, supportive, and empowering environment with comprehensive services where victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder and dependent adult abuse, and human trafficking can access needed help to escape abusive situations and rebuild their lives. Victims and their families will be provided with centralized intake, navigation, and case management using a survivor-centered approach.



Vital conditions addressed:

- Basic needs for health and safety
- Belonging and civic muscle
- Lifelong learning
- Meaningful work and wealth
- Reliable transportation

Sectors involved: behavioral health, community-based organizations, government, justice, health care, law enforcement

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Ser Familia

Location: Fair Oaks community in Cobb County (metro Atlanta area)



Big idea: This initiative is building capacity for coordinated, wraparound support addressing health care access, mental health, and social determinants of health (youth development, childcare, workforce development, food security, and housing) for locally underserved Latino, Black, indigenous, and other people of color communities.



Vital conditions addressed:

- Basic needs for health and safety
- Belonging and civic muscle
- Humane housing
- Meaningful work and wealth
- Lifelong learning

Sectors involved: after-school care, community-based organizations, education, health care, public health

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St. John Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Location: Wilkinson County (central Georgia)



Big idea: This initiative is intended to build civic muscle through a sense of belonging in the community for all who live, work, and play in Wilkinson County. The initiative also seeks to build momentum among residents to rethink and design together green spaces and other areas that build and sustain a thriving natural world. Some of the strategies include increasing opportunities for health awareness, education and job training, safety and community responsibility, and voting education through multigenerational community events and community beautification.



Vital conditions addressed:

- Belonging and civic muscle
- Thriving natural world

Sectors involved: businesses, community-based organizations, faith community, government, public health, social services

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Ubuntu Community Catalyst

Location: South Fulton County (metro Atlanta)



Big idea: This resident-led collaborative will enable problem-solving and solutions development by providing community members with the tools, knowledge, and connections necessary to drive impactful change, particularly in the community-identified areas of behavioral health, early childhood education, environmental justice, housing affordability, youth development, and workforce and economic development.



Vital conditions addressed:

- Basic needs for health and safety
- Belonging and civic muscle
- Humane housing
- Lifelong learning
- Meaningful work and wealth
- Thriving natural world

Sectors involved: behavioral health, community-based organizations, higher education, social services

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YouthServ360 (doing business as 7 Pillars Career Academy)

Location: Clayton County (metro Atlanta)



Big idea: This initiative seeks to provide a pathway to economic security through a multipronged approach, with humane housing and workforce development at the core. This two-generation approach will provide families with a rapid rehousing program, work-related skills that will enable further income generation, and any additional wraparound services.



Vital conditions addressed:

- Basic needs for health and safety
- Humane housing
- Lifelong learning

Sectors involved: behavioral health, community-based organizations, government, justice, health care, law enforcement

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