

Georgia Community Service Boards

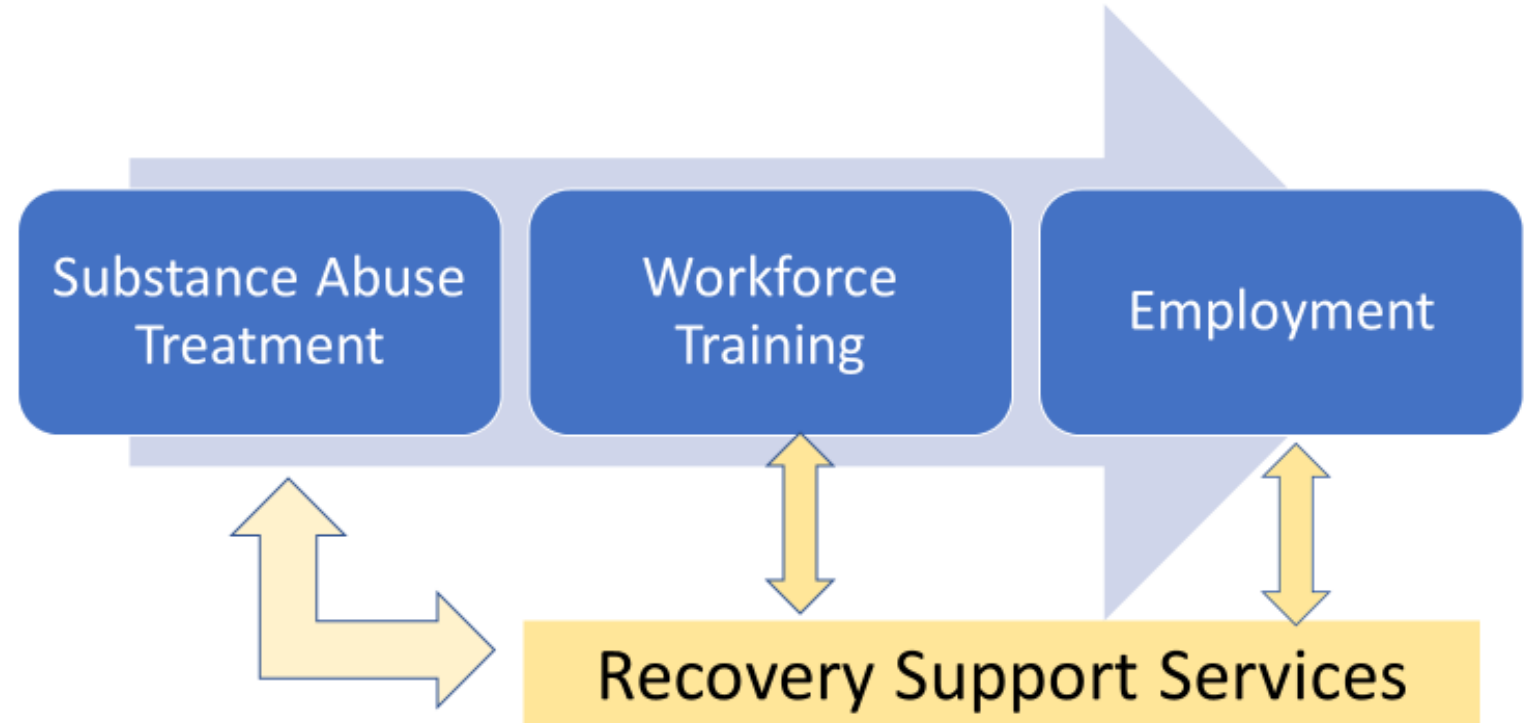
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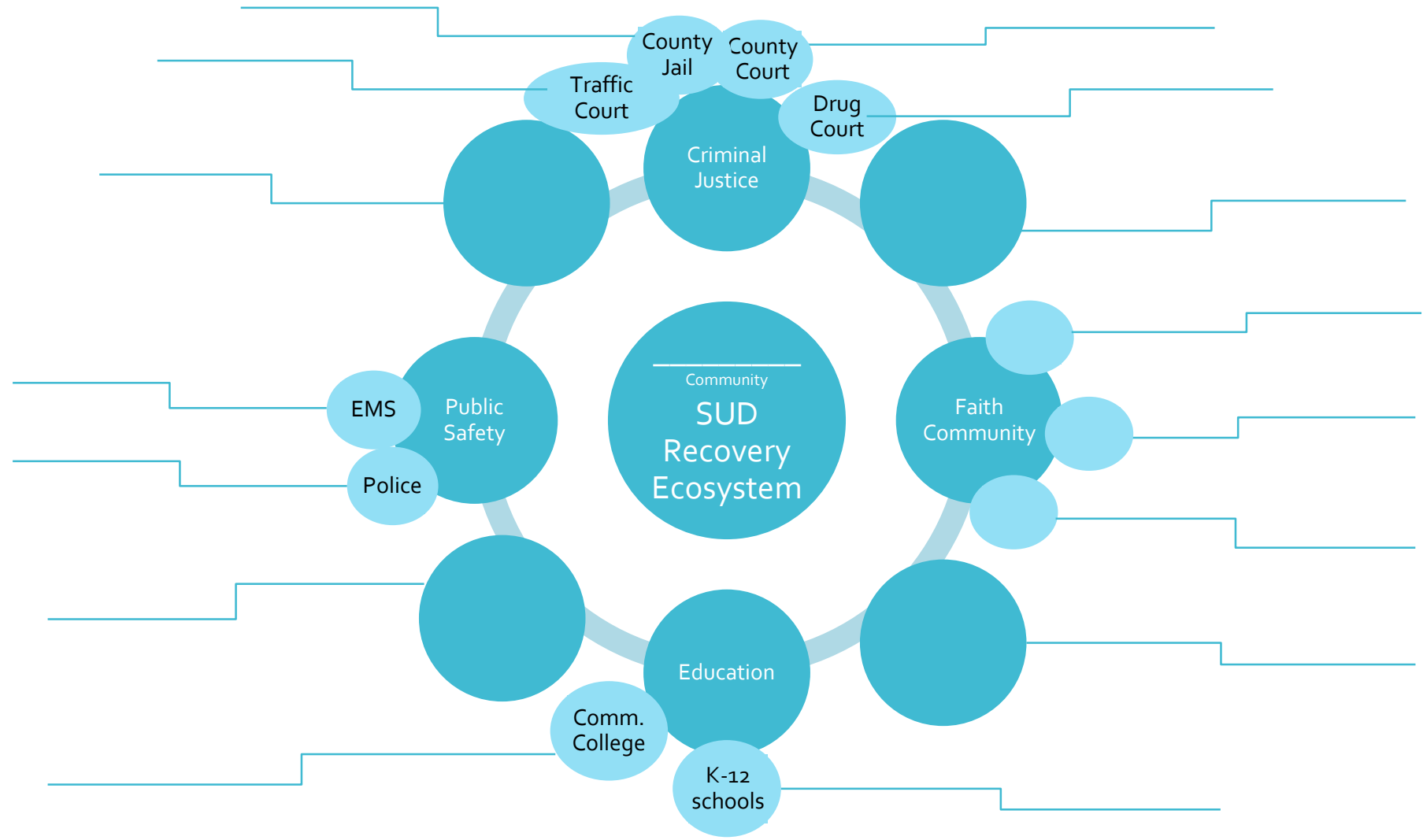
The ARC Recovery Ecosystem Model



Recommendations to ARC's 13 Governors

- Develop a recovery ecosystem model that addresses stakeholder roles and responsibilities as part of a collaborative process
- Develop and disseminate a playbook of solutions for communities addressing common ecosystems gaps and services barriers
- Fund community pilot projects to demonstrate strategies that address common recovery-to-work issues that negatively impact regional workforce and employment gaps
- Map effective best practices in legal diversion programs as well as state programs that incentivize hiring of persons in recovery with criminal records related to drug charges

SUD Recovery Ecosystem Community Resource Map



Organization **Key person** **Contact/Link**

Current CSB Challenges

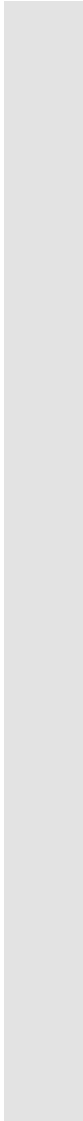

- Investment of crisis funds
- State Health Benefit Plan costs
- Workforce pipeline
- Opioid misuse
- Criminal records as a barrier to employment

Panel
Discussion
with CSB
Leadership

- Mark Johnson, MD, CEO – Gateway
- Dr. Shannon Gordon, CEO – River Edge
- Melanie Dallas, CEO – Highland Rivers
- Kirsten Infinger, OP Director – Georgia Pines

Recommendations:

- Reduce crisis reliance and improve access for Georgians by
 - Supporting the growth of core outpatient services
 - Pass the Georgia PEACH Act to ensure coverage meets parity standards
 - Work with federal partners to include all licensed masters level clinicians in Medicare reimbursement models
- Provide CSBs the same SHBP status as FQHCs
- Support workforce pipeline development
- Ensure equity distribution of opioid misuse dollars
- Enact Second Chance law
- Support making healthcare a priority in Georgia's WIOA



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conversation