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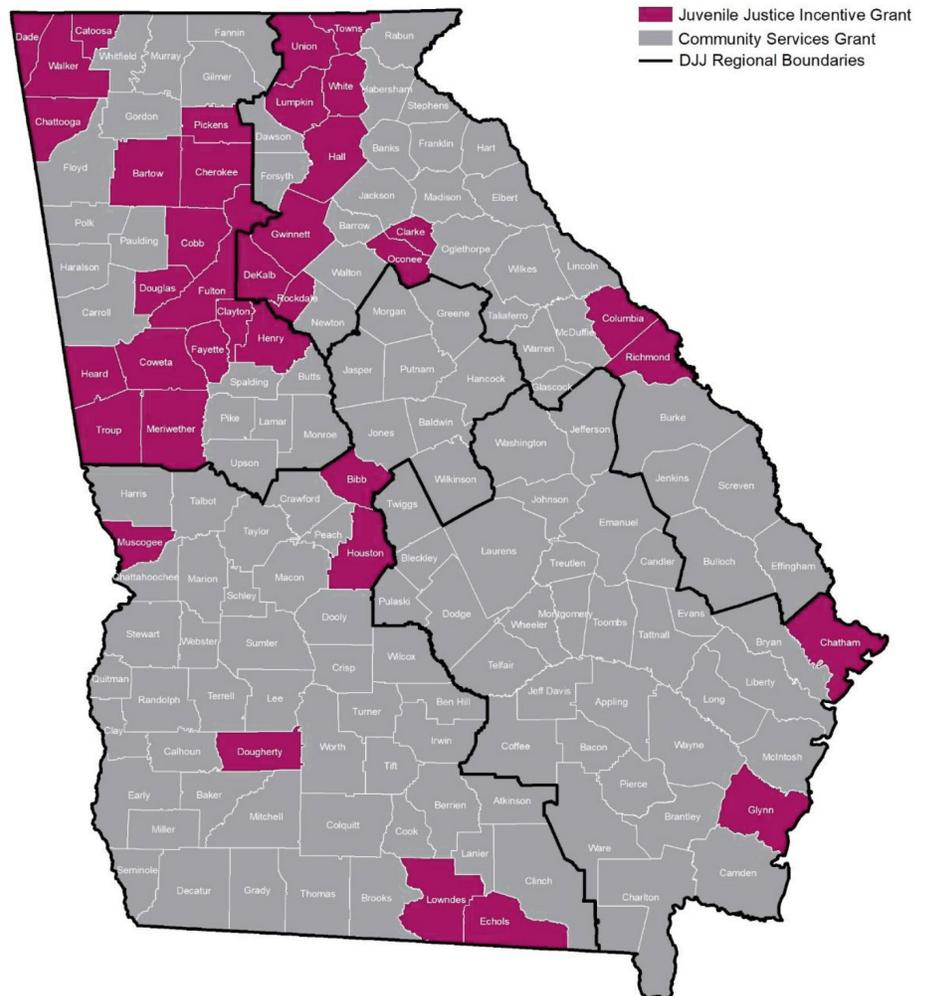
SUPPORTING FAMILIES, STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES.

# Helping Counties Succeed:

## EBA and the Georgia Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant *(Through FY19)*

EBA supports families and strengthens communities through the high-quality implementation of evidence-based programs. With backgrounds in social services, juvenile justice, evidence-based programs, information technology, and human resources, EBA's multi-disciplinary team brings years of experience in evidence-based program implementation and management.

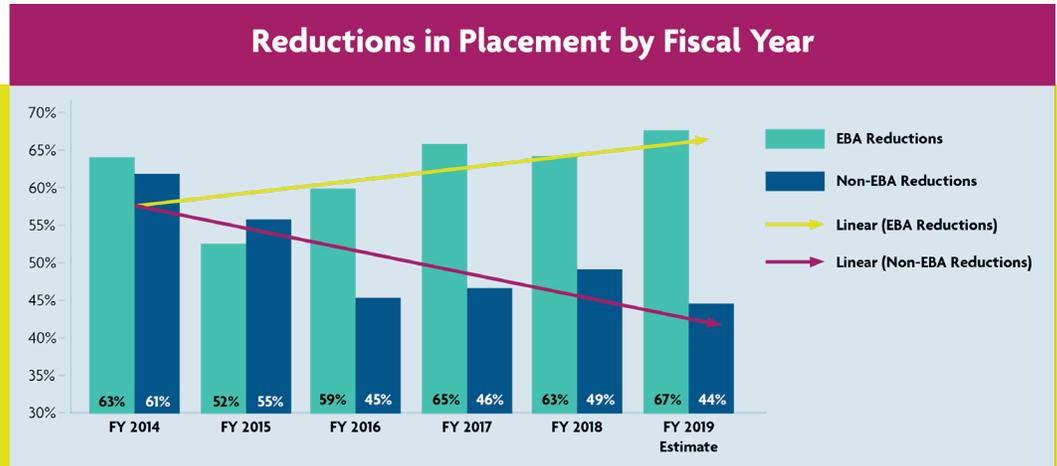
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**Background:** In FY 19, the Georgia legislature continued its investment in evidence-based programs (EBPs) for at-risk youth through the award-winning Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program (JJIGP). As a result, Georgians continue to see reduced reliance on juvenile incarceration statewide. Under JJIGP, counties can choose to implement evidence-based programs independently or to partner with Evidence-Based Associates (EBA). Counties that chose to partner with EBA, an organization focused on the high-fidelity implementation of evidence-based programs, saw large decreases in placement rates and significant reductions in juvenile recidivism.

## Reductions in Juvenile Commitments: FY 2019

**56%** overall average reduction of juvenile commitment to DJJ statewide, compared to 2012



**67%** average reduction of juvenile commitment to DJJ for counties supported by EBA

**VS.**

**44%** average reduction of juvenile commitment to DJJ for counties not supported by EBA

**For the fourth year in a row, counties that chose to partner with EBA to implement EBPs have seen far greater reductions in out-of-home placement (i.e., juvenile incarceration rates) compared to counties going it alone.**

EBA’s technical assistance and performance management package — designed to improve “real world” results with at-risk youth and their families — helps county agencies to identify the most appropriate evidence-based programs, implement them with high fidelity to the program requirements, and manage challenges to sustainability (such as high turnover rates among front-line staff and ‘drift’ from treatment model standards). EBA is a recognized national leader in implementation support.

*“We have been very pleased with the implementation support provided by EBA. The counties appreciate the subject matter expertise that EBA brings as well as their ability to troubleshoot in real time. We are seeing historic reductions in commitments by the courts in the counties where EBA has set up shop.”*  
 - Joe Vignati, Assistant Commissioner, Georgia DJJ

## RECOGNITION

In 2017, the **JJIGP was recognized as a National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) Outstanding Program** for its innovative approach and effectiveness in implementing programs that rehabilitated youth while working with their families. See <https://bit.ly/2zi0xXN> for the announcement.

## PROGRAMS

Throughout the life of the program, EBA and its community-based service provider partners have served youth and their families through the following evidence-based programs:

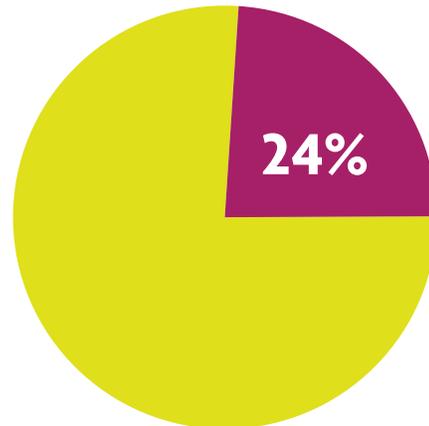
- Functional Family Therapy (FFT)
- Aggression Replacement Training (ART)
- Multisystemic Therapy (MST)
- Strengthening Families Program (SFP)
- Thinking For a Change (T4C)

## QUALITY ASSURANCE

- All program components are delivered in strict adherence to all prescribed fidelity measures and administrative recommendations.
- Evidence-based programs are implemented by experienced and effective clinical staff trained and certified in the respective models (EBA coordinates and monitors all staff training).
- All facets of implementation are rigorously managed, including management of referral protocols, performance data collection and monitoring, and fiscal oversight.

## RESULTS

The overall recidivism rate for EBA programs is 24%. The recidivism target is 40% or lower.

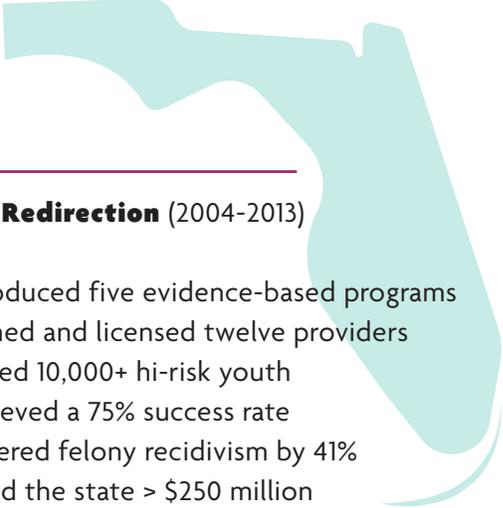


## 10:1 COST SAVINGS

- Since first awarding grants to participating counties in 2013, the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program has directed **more than \$50 million to support evidence-based programs throughout the state**, with strong evidence of a solid 'Return on Investment' to taxpayers.
- In 2013, the Pew Foundation estimated that placement in a DJJ correctional facility cost the state of Georgia approximately **\$85,000 per bed per year**. The cost for a youth and family to participate in an intensive, in-home evidence-based program averages less than **\$8,500 per youth**.

# EBA Projects At A Glance

Our work in Georgia is only one of EBA's statewide projects.



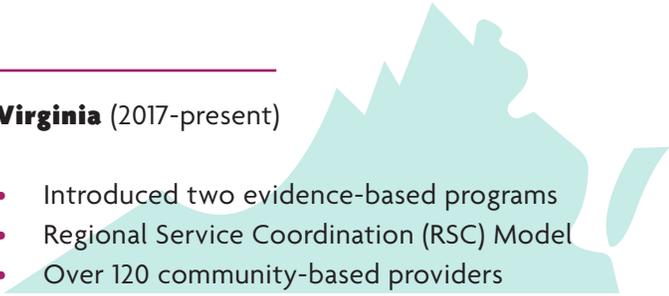
## Florida Redirection (2004-2013)

- Introduced five evidence-based programs
- Trained and licensed twelve providers
- Served 10,000+ hi-risk youth
- Achieved a 75% success rate
- Lowered felony recidivism by 41%
- Saved the state > \$250 million



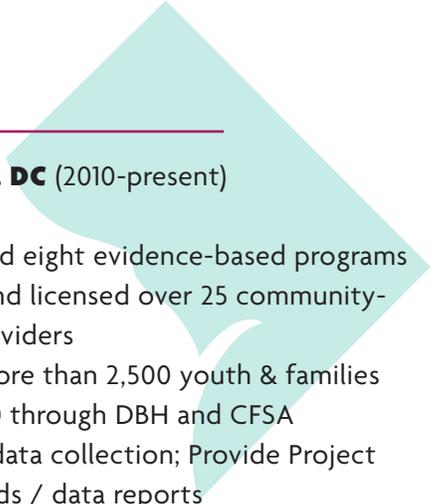
## Georgia (2013-present)

- Introduced five evidence-based programs
- Partnered with 13 counties
- Trained and licensed four local providers
- Served 3,000+ youth & families
- Reduced juvenile placements by 31% more than those without EBA's support



## Virginia (2017-present)

- Introduced two evidence-based programs
- Regional Service Coordination (RSC) Model
- Over 120 community-based providers
- More than 1,800 youth & families served
- Helped the state close its largest Juvenile Correctional Center (Beaumont JCC)



## Washington, DC (2010-present)

- Introduced eight evidence-based programs
- Trained and licensed over 25 community-based providers
- Served more than 2,500 youth & families since 2010 through DBH and CFSA
- Oversee data collection; Provide Project Dashboards / data reports

**\*EBA is now helping states prepare for implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA).**

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