

## Care Coordination Treatment

# UNIT

GEORGIA DIVISION OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES

### Overview

- The Care Coordination Treatment Unit (CCTU) formerly known as PRO is a State office function responsible for the facilitation and management of high-end, complex cases of youth in foster care. CCTU is one of eight units under the Placement and Permanency Section of DFCS.

**Placement and Permanency Section Director – Tammy Reed**  
**CCTU Director – James Kizer**

### Mission

- The mission of the CCT Unit is to empower the Division, its youth/families, and partners through education and collaboration; ensuring a holistic and systematic approach to address the behavioral, emotional, medical and therapeutic needs of Georgia's youth.

### Target Populations

1. RBWO Program Designation children/youth: MWO-SMFWO
2. Severe Medically Complex
3. Substance Abuse & Human Trafficking (CSEC)
4. Specialized cases (populations) requiring out of state placement for treatment purposes, hoteling, 5+ placement disruptions and prevention cases
5. PRTF & Acute Hospitalizations
6. Emerging Dependent Adults 18-21 years old with I/DD, Severe MH, BH concerns

**Shirlyn George**  
Program Assistant

**James Kizer**  
Director

**Karsten Hartman**  
Program Manager

**Therapeutic Support Administrator** Vacant

**Matashia Collier**  
Therapeutic Support  
Supervisor (White Team)

**Sandra Wimbush**  
Therapeutic Support  
Supervisor (Blue Team)

**Becky Kane**  
Behavioral Support  
Supervisor

**Dr. Gabrielle Starr**  
Human Trafficking  
Program Coordinator

7 Therapeutic Support  
Specialists  
Regions 7-13

7 Therapeutic Support  
Specialists  
Regions 1-6 & 14

7 Behavioral Support  
Specialists  
North, Metro, South

# Behavioral Support Specialists

To provide oversight and consultation for behavioral management issues for children in the custody of DFCS. Guide DFCS field staff in the identification of appropriate placement resources for children categorized as high-end with complex needs. Provide additional support and oversight to RBWO providers to ensure that children are benefitting from therapeutic interventions and moving towards less restrictive placements.

North District (Regions 1-5) – Jennifer Garth, 1 Vacant  
Metro District (Regions 13 & 14) – William Wynn, 2 Vacant  
South District (Regions 6-12) – Bridgett Miller & Wendy Howard

## Therapeutic Support Specialists

Regionally assigned by DFCS, to engage in intensive practice guidance and consultation to field staff, on cases that require a meticulous level of insight to navigate the complexities within our state systems, policies and regulations. Responsible for immediate and on-going assessment of medical necessity, treatment and discharge planning of inpatient admissions to psychiatric residential treatment facilities, crisis stabilization units and other acute inpatient behavioral or physical health facilities.

### Therapeutic Support Specialists Blue Team

(Supervisor: Sandra Wimbush)

Region 1 – Assada Sanders

Region 2 – Nia Meadows

Region 3 – Malakeia Scott

Region 4 – Julie Edwards

Region 5 – Lakeisha Hampton

Region 6 – Natalie Williams

Region 14 – Toneshia Webber

### Therapeutic Support Specialists White Team

(Supervisor: Matashia Collier)

Region 7 – Latoya Jackson

Region 8 – Hadley White

Region 9 – Deshanda Dow-Ester

Region 10 – Vacant

Region 11 – Kendra Harmon

Region 12 – D. Shante Washington

Region 13 – Ennisia Henderson

### 4 Primary Responsibilities

1. Training and Curriculum Development
2. Data Tracking and Analysis
3. Engaging Partners (Internal and external)
4. Staffing and Technical Assistance on High End Cases

## 7 CCTU Functions

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Review and approve requests for increased program designations at MWO and higher; as well as requests for waivers based on age, number of children (within foster homes), and payment with state funds for temporary assignment out of state, with PRTFs, CSUs, and RBWO providers waiting to be contracted.

Link partners with the necessary clinical services and support resources to ensure stability of children within the community. Connect public and private stakeholders through coordinated systems management to guarantee fluid delivery of child welfare services.

Lead the state through education and action to eliminate human trafficking and the sexual exploitation of children.

Facilitate on-going training and technical assistance for DFCS field staff and RBWO providers to foster better communication and partnership.

Complete random desk reviews, case assessments, and site reviews of RBWO agencies to audit program designations, medication management, and required documentation related to placement matching.

Monitor and track trends associated with admissions, denials, length of stay, and discharges of high-end youth.