

Aligning Community Systems for Optimal Adolescent Health ACSOAH in Macon-Bibb

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, GCAPP and Community Health Solutions are leading the way in a teen pregnancy prevention project for some of the most vulnerable young people in Central Georgia. Working with youth, youth-serving professionals, parents, community partners and leaders, and other youth advocates, GCAPP will impact 3,600 disenfranchised youth throughout Macon-Bibb between the ages of 13-19 years old over the project's three-year period.

Now in it's third year, the project's most immediate objectives are to improve adolescent health in Macon-Bibb by bringing the community together to accomplish the following goals:

- Increase youth connections by building stable and developmental healthy relationships
- Increase youth awareness and access to quality, traditional, and alternative educational career paths
- Increase access to culturally responsive mental health support services
- Increase parental engagement by strengthening parent-child communication
- Empower 3,600 youth by June 30, 2023

Highlights:

- Enrolled **3,300 youth** since inception of the program and on track to surpass serving 3,600 teens
- Established **28 Youth Action Teams**
- Held free Workshops for Parents & Caregivers: **How to be an 'Askable Adult'**
- Hosted the **Macon-Bibb Adolescent Health Fair** in Spring 2022
- Held Youth Empowerment Summit for **300+ youth** in December 2022

Local Community Partners:

- United Way of Middle Georgia
- Communities in Schools of Middle Georgia
- Motivating Youth Foundation
- Lundy Chapel
- One World Link

