

# U.S. v. GEORGIA SETTLEMENT UPDATE

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- y \*Community Mental Health Services developed: Assertive Community Treatment Teams, Case management, Crisis Service Centers, Community Support Teams, Crisis Apartments, supported employment, peer support, and Georgia Housing Voucher Program.
- y People with Developmental Disabilities started to be transitioned into community homes from state hospitals



y Between 201-2015: Independent reviewer filed reports with the court. Many areas of progress, but problems some areas, including:

- **DD:** People with developmental disabilities languishing in DD hospitals, problems with community services, problems with quality management.
- **Mental Health:** State did not meet Agreement's requirement to have capacity to provide supported housing to any of the 9000 in the target population.
- Extension Agreement signed May 2016
  - Same Target population, same independent reviewer





y Reviewer noted in most recent report, Sept. 2018

- Commitment of Georgia's leadership is a strength
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## y Mental Health -- Independent Reviewer's Recommended Findings of Noncompliance, Sept. 2018: Supported Housing

- “State has not yet achieved capacity to serve the approx. 9000 people in the Target Population who need Supported Housing.”
- Ineffective “linkage” of people to Supported Housing (esp. people being released from jails, prisons, ERs)
- Unified referral process not available at all ERs





Thank you!

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