

# THE EXTENSION **ANNUAL REPORT 2025**



*Find Your Place*



the  
**EXTENSION**

The solution for homelessness & addiction





## *The Extension is an extremely unique organization.*

Our work of guiding individuals through the process of recovery creates a ripple effect, changes that may seem small gain momentum and spread out, touching every part of our community. It's not a change that happens alone. Those new beginnings get passed along to family members, handed off the next generation, and forever point to the day when an Extension supporter connected with an Extension resident and gave and received together even without knowing each other's name.

We are all necessary pieces of the puzzle; we are all called to find how our strengths work together to create a bigger picture. Whether through serving hot delicious meals, organizing a resource drive, or talking with a friend about the stigma of addiction. I hope you can see yourself reflected in this report and all the parts you've played this year.

When you find that place where your strengths are valued, where you are supported in your weakness by your community, where sameness vastly outweighs differences, that is the place where the pieces fall into place and the bigger picture becomes clear, where the whole becomes greater than the sum of its parts. That is the place where families are healed and recovery thrives.

What you see in an Annual Report is a point in time. It can never tell the whole story because the story doesn't have an ending.

**We need you to find your place.**

Tyler M. Driver  
Executive Director





## Mission

Our mission is to facilitate a transformation that empowers individuals and communities experiencing homelessness and substance use challenges to engage in a process of change and recovery.

## Vision

Our vision is to advance our replicable model of success in our community and beyond for the prevention, intervention, and treatment of substance use challenges for those without the ability to pay.

## Accreditations

- Described by the American Society of Addiction Medicine as Level 3.1, Clinically Managed Low-Intensity Residential Services
- Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
- Licensed by the Georgia Department of Community Health
- Conformed to the mandates of the Georgia Department of Behavior Health and Developmental Disabilities AD Semi-Independent Residential Services
- 4 Star Organization on Charity Navigator





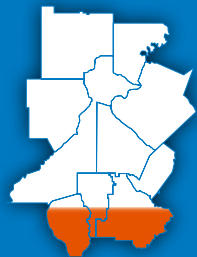
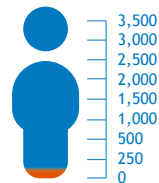
# The Need



## IN THE UNITED STATES

According to the 2024 United States National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), out of 342.4 million Americans, **48.4 million Americans** aged 12 and older battled a substance use disorder in 2024.

**IN 2025, THE EXTENSION** received **3,613** Pre-Screen Assessments. We were able to admit **153 clients** into our program.



## IN METRO ATLANTA

According to the United States NSDUH, of the 6.4 million individuals in the Atlanta Metro area, **350,000 persons** aged 12 or older were classified as having a substance use disorder in the past year.

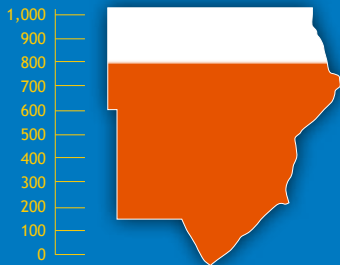


**THE NEED IS GREAT.**

**OUR DEDICATION TO THE SOLUTION OF RECOVERY MUST BE GREATER.**

## IN COBB COUNTY

To bring it home, according to the Georgia Department of Public Health, there were **796 overdose deaths** in Cobb County from 2020-2024.



*"At The Extension, I learned that there is so much more beauty in life than I ever imagined -  
and I deserved it. I deserve to live a good life."*



# Our Program

Our program recognizes that each individual brings unique strengths, needs, abilities, and preferences to their journey. By combining individuality with evidence-based interventions, and well-defined standards of care, individuals served by The Extension will experience the best possible recovery outcomes. Our residents follow a rigorous individual treatment plan that is reviewed every 30 days by our clinical team. The program is divided into phases, with services tailored to the needs of the individuals in each phase of the program.

## ORIENTATION PHASE (first 30 days)

- Group Training: 17 hours weekly
  - Group Counseling: 7.5 hours weekly
  - Individual Counseling: 1 hour weekly
  - Peer Support: 7.5 hours weekly
- Total: 33 hours weekly**

## PHASE I (60-120 days)

- Group Training: 8 hours weekly
  - Group Counseling: 2.5 hours weekly
  - Individual Counseling: 1 hour weekly
  - Family Counseling: 1-2 hour weekly
  - Peer Support: 7.5 hours weekly
- Total: 20 hours weekly**

## PHASE II (120 days)

- Group Training: 6 hours weekly
  - Group Counseling: 5.5 hours weekly
  - Individual Counseling: 1 hour weekly
  - Family Counseling: 1-2 hour weekly
  - Peer Support: 6.5 hours weekly
- Total: 20 hours weekly**



## **IN OUR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF CARE,** our clinical team members hold a variety of

licenses and certifications including:

- Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW)
- Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC)
- Medical Physicians
- Psychiatrists
- Registered Nurses
- Certified Addiction Counselors (CAC)
- Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors (CADC)
- Certified Peer Specialists (CPS)
- Certified Counselors-In-Training (CITs)
- Case Managers

## **OUR CLINICAL TEAM EMPLOYS VARIOUS EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES INCLUDING,**

but not limited to:

- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
- Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT)
- Motivational Interviewing
- Experiential Therapy
- Narrative Therapy
- Solution-Focused Therapy
- Cognitive Processing Therapy
- Internal Family Systems
- Rapid Resolution Therapy
- Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)



## **THE EXTENSION IS A WORKING PROGRAM.**

Once residents complete the Orientation Phase, the next step is to find local full-time employment. They continue the rest of the program while working, empowering our residents to learn how to integrate recovery into their everyday life while also building their capacity for responsibility, accountability, and consistency.

**WE ALSO PROVIDE FAMILY AND  
AFTERCARE SERVICES TO HELP  
OUR RESIDENTS TRANSITION WELL.**

We offer monthly Family Workshops for loved ones to learn about substance use disorders, how they can support their loved one in recovery, and how to rebuild broken relationships. The Aftercare program, which is consistent with the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) 1.0 (Outpatient Services) level of care, includes a once-weekly counseling group and a monthly individual counseling session facilitated by a licensed or credentialed clinician. In addition, program participants receive random drug screenings and receive peer support services from a Certified Peer Specialist.

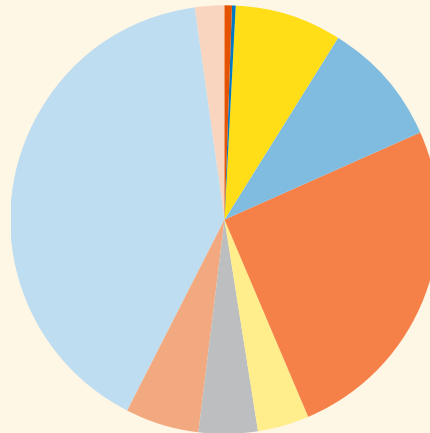




# Our Resources

Each dollar given to The Extension is treated as an investment, given freely in good faith to the service of those in need and for the betterment of our community. Generously sharing your own resources bonds you to the miracles happening daily within our walls. Every donor becomes a partner, a member of The Extension family, moving together with us towards our mission.

## FUNDING SOURCES



- Churches \$26,824
- Civic Groups \$10,300
- Businesses \$355,133
- Foundations \$407,185
- Individuals \$1,089,497
- United Way \$2,240
- Capital Campaign \$168,591
- In-Kind Gifts \$180,676
- Rehabilitation Housing Fees \$243,650
- Government Grants \$1,732,708
- Investments & Other Income \$94,863

**Total: \$4,311,667**



*"One of my favorite parts about The Extension is the volunteers. They were always so kind and excited to see us.*

*They listened to us and showed us unconditional love, which I had never experienced before. Now as an alumnus, I love going back and serving dinner.*

*I get to tell the residents that I sat exactly where they are and show them the same love that I received."*



# Our Community

There is no doubt that we wouldn't be here today as the leading addiction treatment provider in Georgia for those without the ability to pay without our community. It has been through decades of faithful support that has allowed us to flourish and expand. Our Board of Directors have always guided us on the right path, navigating challenges, naysayers, and overcoming the odds to accomplish what we believe in.

Volunteers have had no less impact on our organization. An average of 25 nights per month, dinner is prepared and served by volunteer groups. They have shown up consistently through all seasons, not just providing physical nourishment, but by sitting down and eating with our residents, giving encouragement, lending a listening ear, and building relationships.

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**3,613**  
Pre-Screen  
Assessments



**153**  
Clients  
Admitted



**58**  
Successful  
Transitions



**1,300+**  
and counting  
Alumni since 1987

**We invite you to find your place with The Extension.**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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