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John Heard, District 4



**Special Called Meeting  
Gwinnett Legislative Delegation  
County Services Pre-Session Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, December 10, 2013 – 8:00 AM**

**Present:** Charlotte J. Nash, Jace Brooks; Lynette Howard; Tommy Hunter  
**Absent:** John Heard

Staff from Gwinnett County Public Schools, Gwinnett Technical College, Gwinnett County Government, View Point Health, and the Gwinnett County Board of Health made presentations to the local legislative delegation on their funding needs for 2014.

There was **No Official Action Taken.**



# GWINNETT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

A HEALTHY, PROTECTED, AND PREPARED COMMUNITY

# GWINNETT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Louise Radloff, Chairperson

Mike Mason, Mayor of Peachtree Corners, Vice Chairman

Charlotte J. Nash, Commission Chairman

Alvin Wilbanks, Superintendent, Gwinnett County Public Schools

Dr. Earl Grubbs, Emergency Room Physician

Dr. Alan Bier, CMO, Gwinnett Medical Center

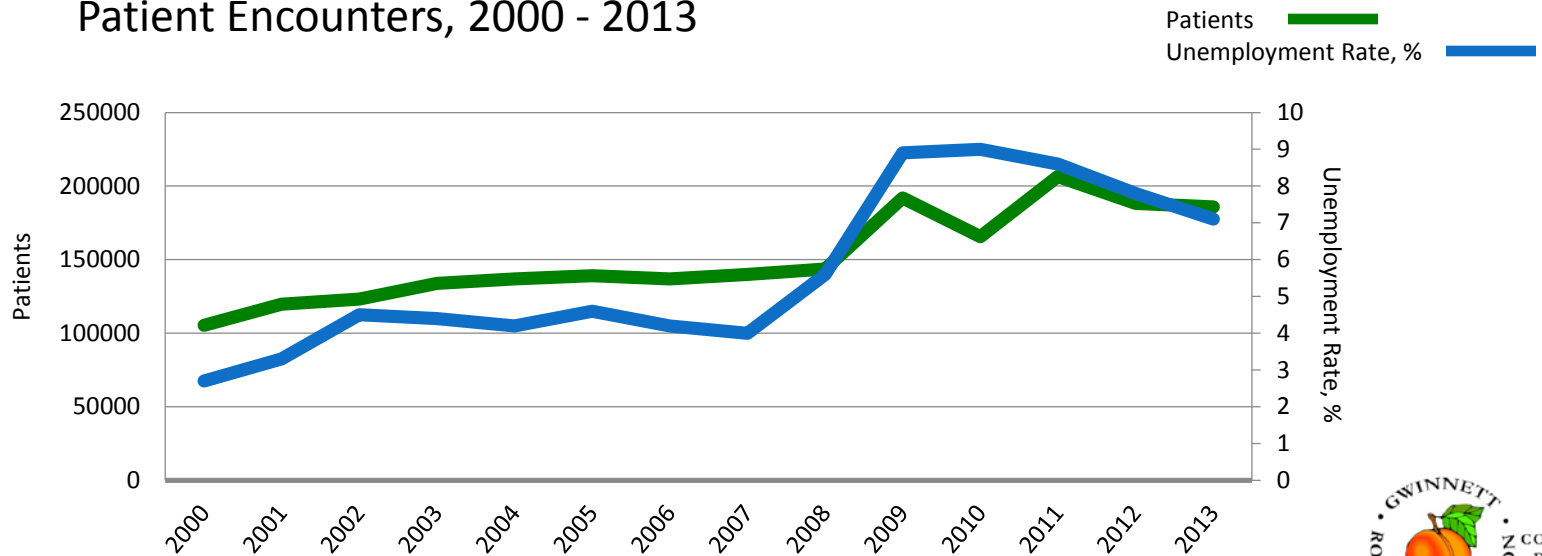
Libby Anderson, Consumer Member





# WHO WE ARE

## Preventive Clinical Services Patient Encounters, 2000 - 2013







# WHO WE ARE

## Travel Clinic and Immunizations



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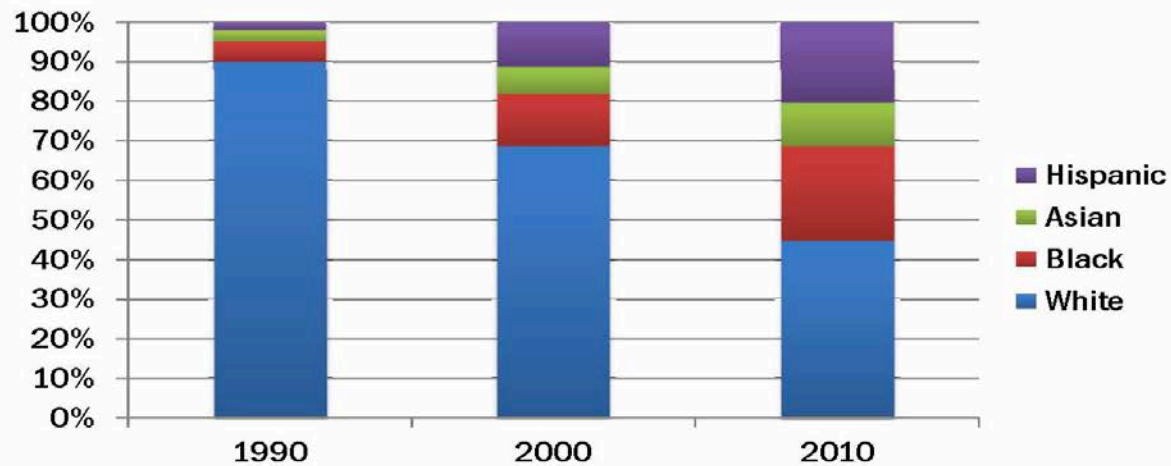
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- Central America
- Asia
- South America



# THE FUTURE



## Gwinnett's Diversity

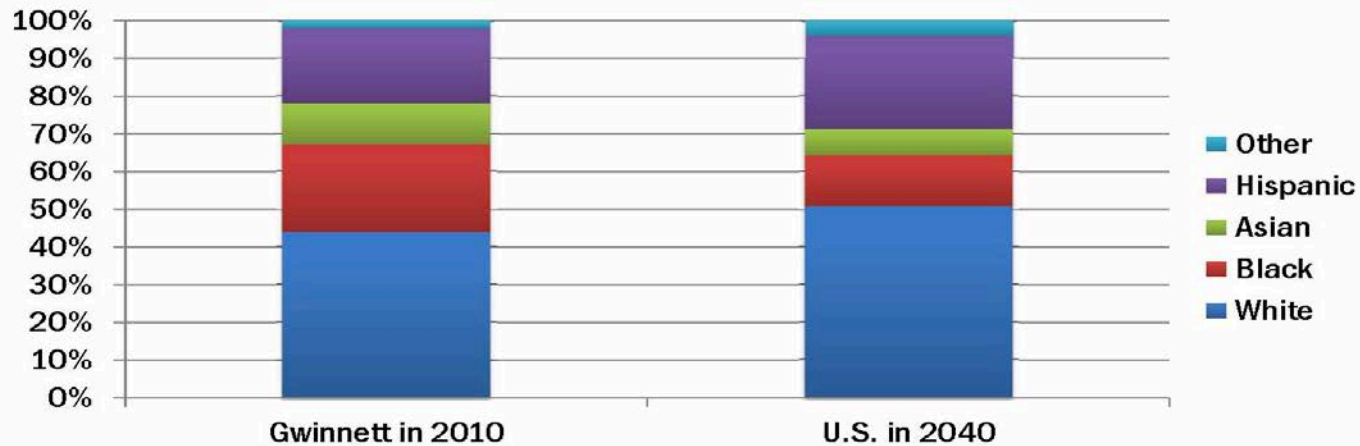


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Gwinnett Chamber



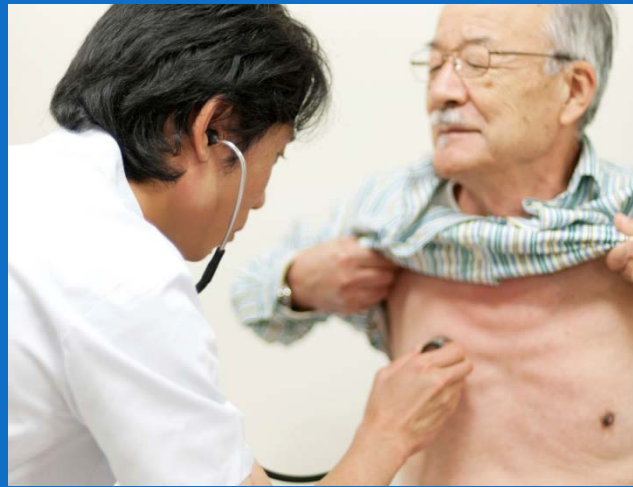
## Diversity Today and Tomorrow



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Dr. Dan Kaufman, President & CEO, Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce



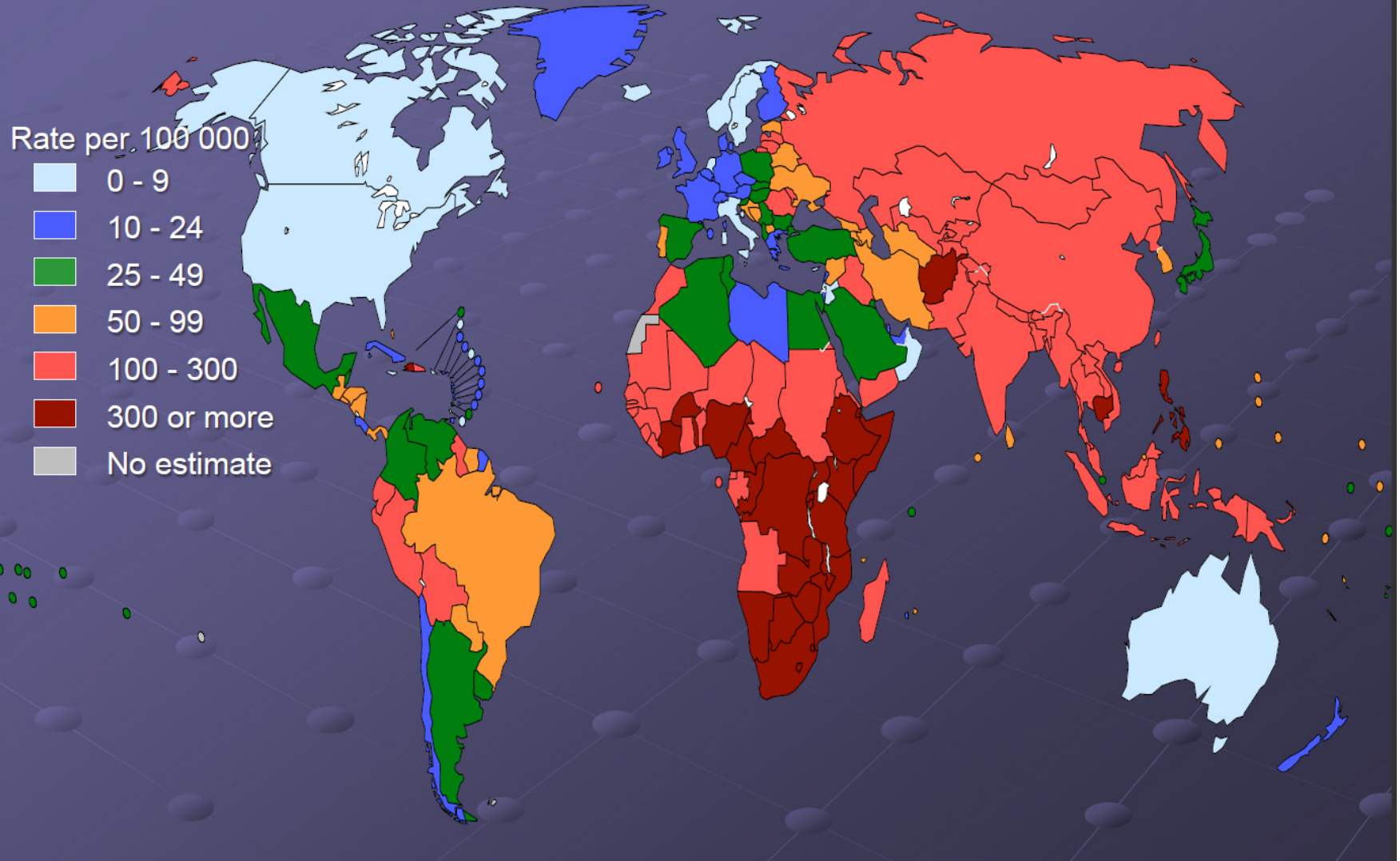


# THE IMPACT OF TUBERCULOSIS





# Estimated TB incidence rates, 2013

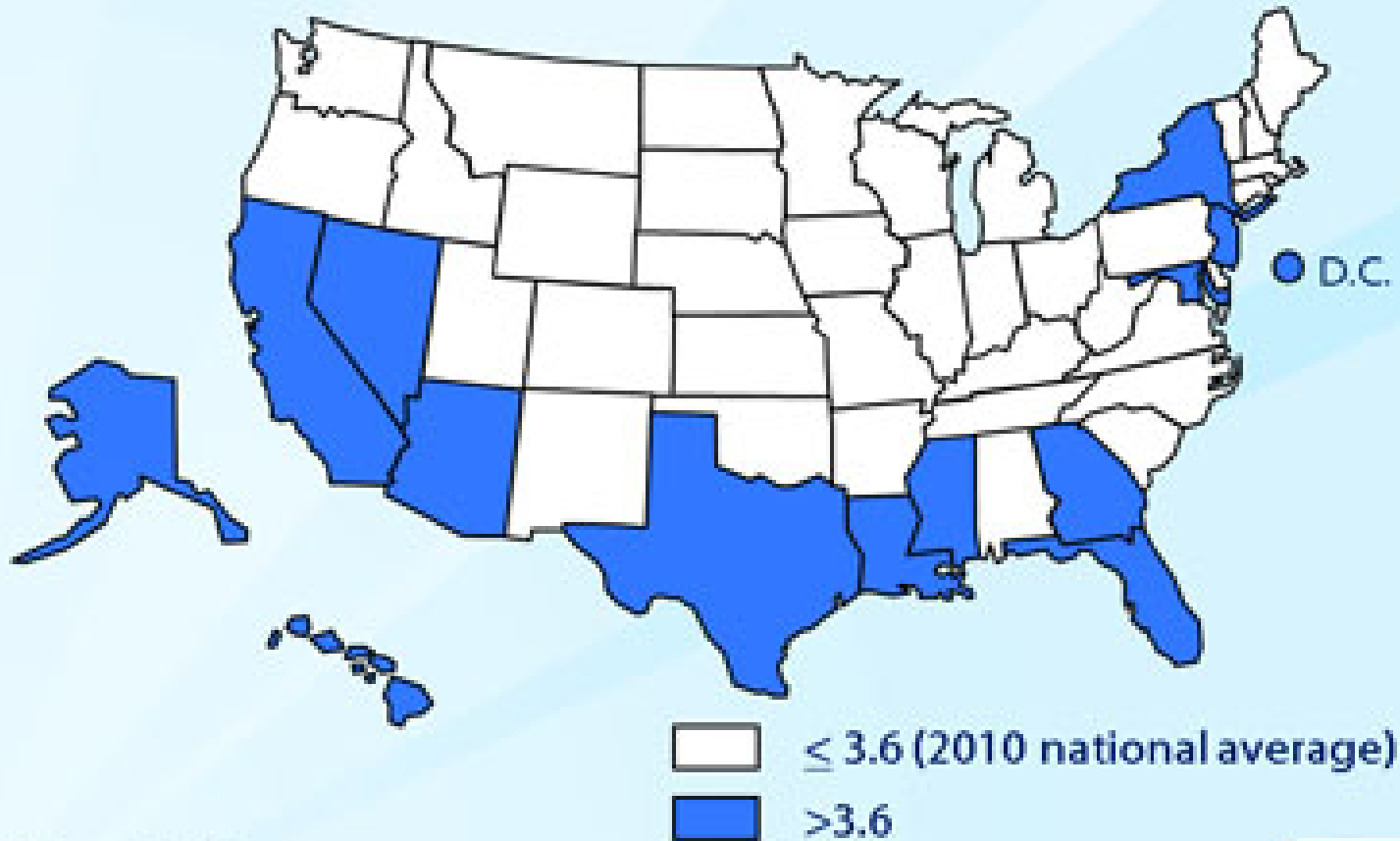




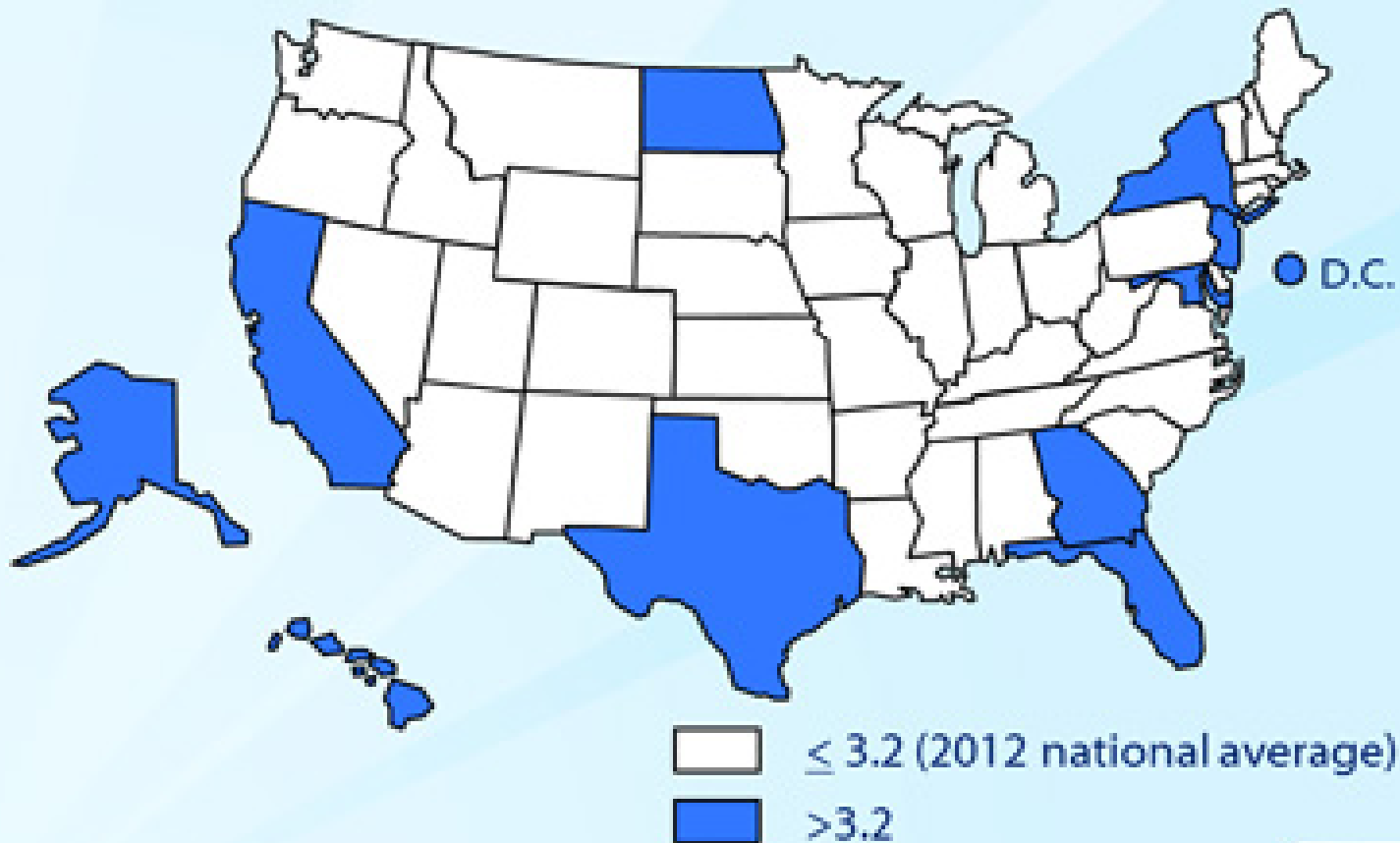
# **IMMIGRATION-RELATED TUBERCULOSIS IN THE UNITED STATES**

- **About 1 million annual legal immigrants**
- **30 - 40% have latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI)**
- **Pool of infected individuals increases by 300-400K per year**
- **2% - 5% risk of disease: 6,000 – 20,000 future cases per year**
- **Over 60% of U.S. TB occurs in the foreign-born**

## TB Case Rates,\* United States, 2010



## TB Case Rates,\* United States, 2012



\*Cases per 100,000.





# WHO WE ARE

## Epidemiology

- Gwinnett 2012 Tuberculosis case rate is 4.1 per 100,000
  - Georgia rate is 3.5 per 100,000
  - National rate is 3.2 per 100,000
- Average of 20 contacts investigated for each suspect and confirmed TB case
- 14,182 total TB related encounters in SFY 2012

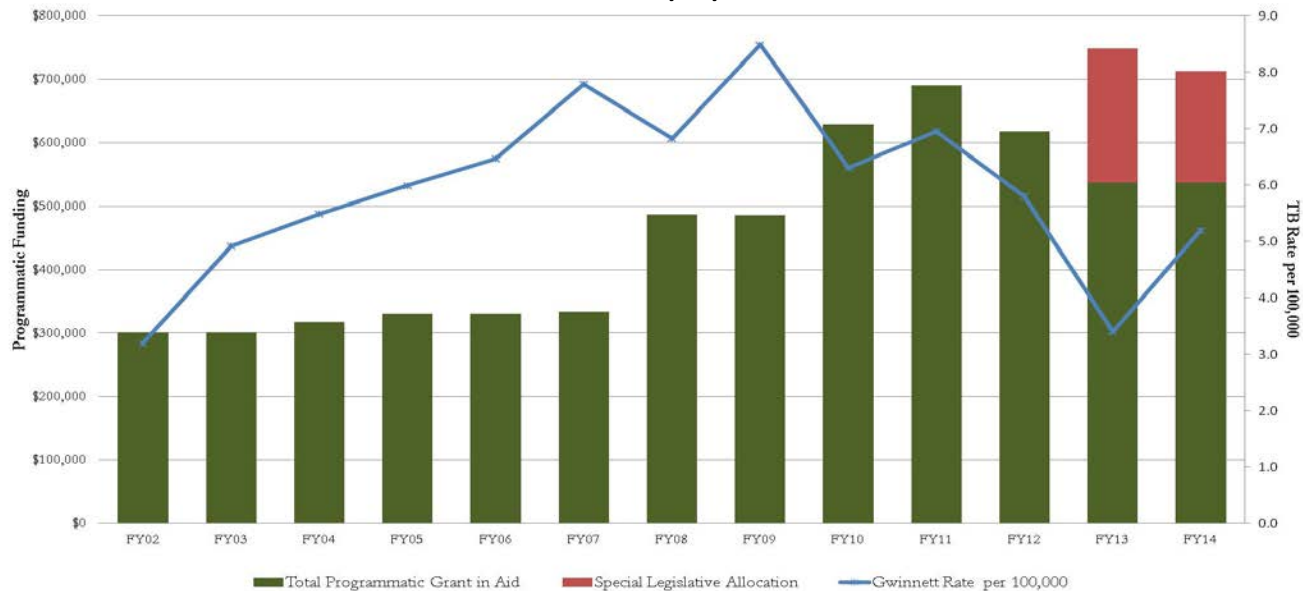


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## Epidemiology

### Tuberculosis Program Funding / Active Disease Cases

As of 11/20/13





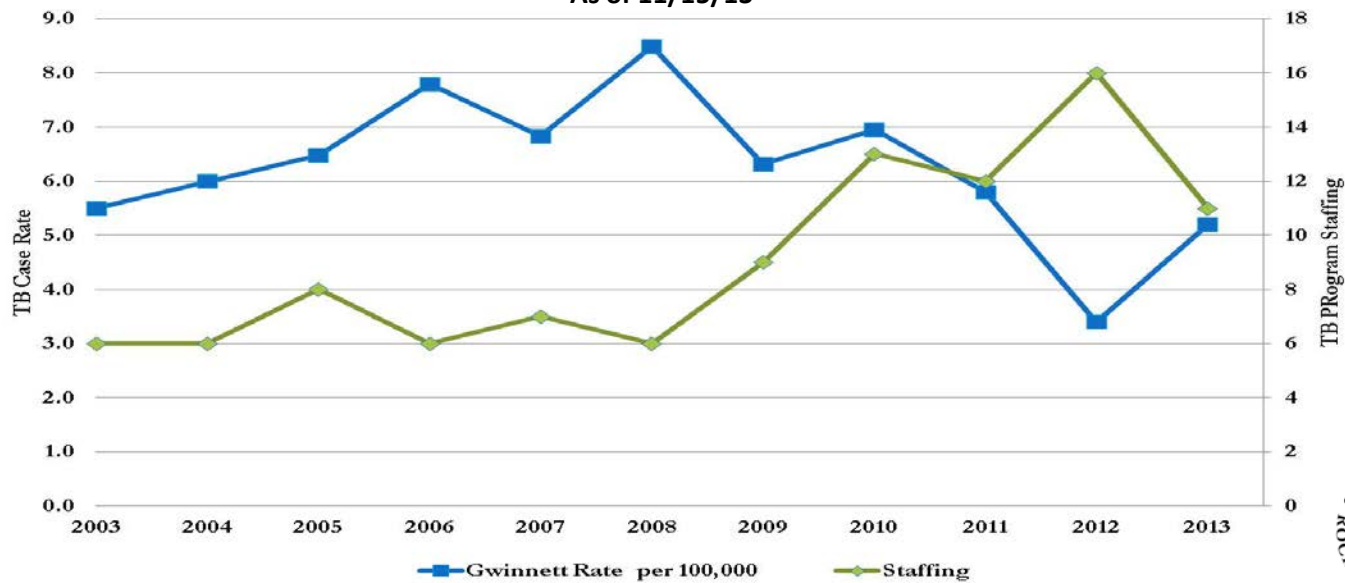


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## Epidemiology

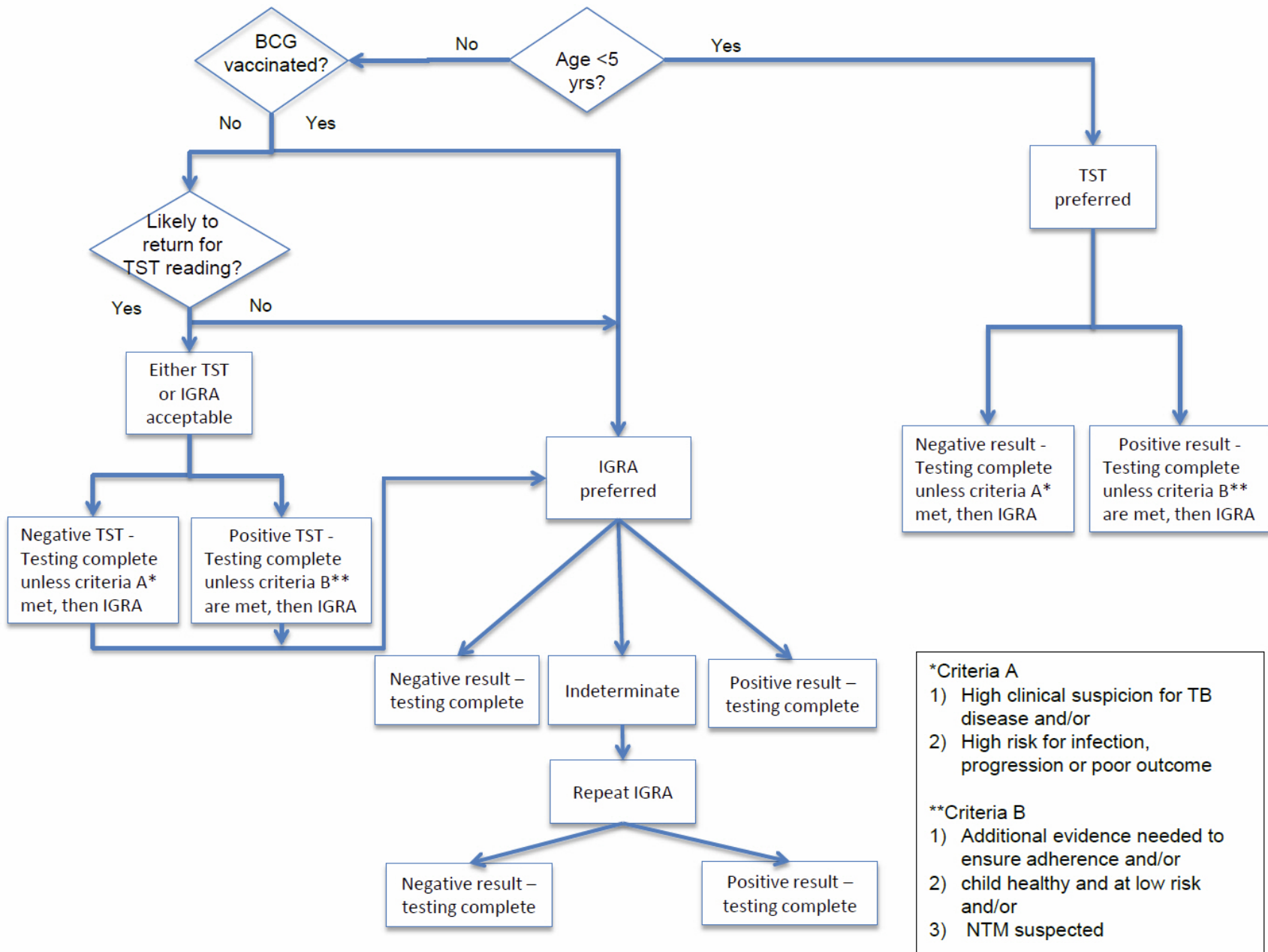
### Tuberculosis Case Rate Compared with Program Staffing

As of 11/15/13



# HOW OFTEN SHOULD A TST BE GIVEN?

- **Must separate previous risk from on-going risk**
- **Receipt of foreign visitors from high prevalence countries into the home was a risk factor for one California study for a positive TST in a child – no data on the adults**
- **Frequent problem: summer trips abroad “Sharing the air with indigenous people.”**
- **For foreign travel, wait 3 months until after return**



# IF YOU NEED US

|   |                              |              |
|---|------------------------------|--------------|
| Health Director                           | Lloyd M. Hofer, M.D., M.P.H. | 770-339-4260 |
| District Administrator                    | Jim Griffin                  | 770-339-4260 |
| Program Director                          | Connie Russell               | 678-442-6865 |
| Public Information Officer                | Karen Shields                | 678-442-6909 |
| Environmental Health                      | Joseph Sternberg             | 678-376-3217 |
| Epidemiology                              | Alana Sulka                  | 678-442-6905 |
| Bioterrorism/Emergency Preparedness       | Mark Reiswig                 | 678-442-6914 |
| Director of Nursing and Clinic Operations | Linda Davis                  | 678-442-6864 |
| Buford Health Center Manager              | Janice Puckett               | 770-614-2413 |
| Lawrenceville Health Center Manager       | Scott Speir                  | 770-962-5139 |
| Lilburn WIC Clinic Manager                | Julie Alvarez                | 678-924-1951 |
| Norcross Health Center Manager            | Natasha Kimsey               | 770-638-5759 |

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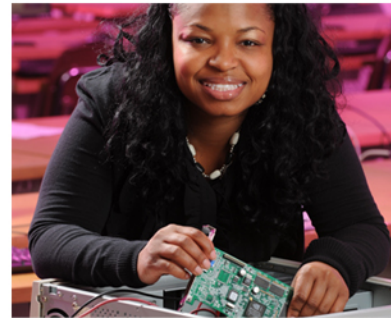








*RELEVANT KNOWLEDGE NOW*



## **Higher Education in Gwinnett County Economic and Community Development**

A unit of the Technical College System of Georgia





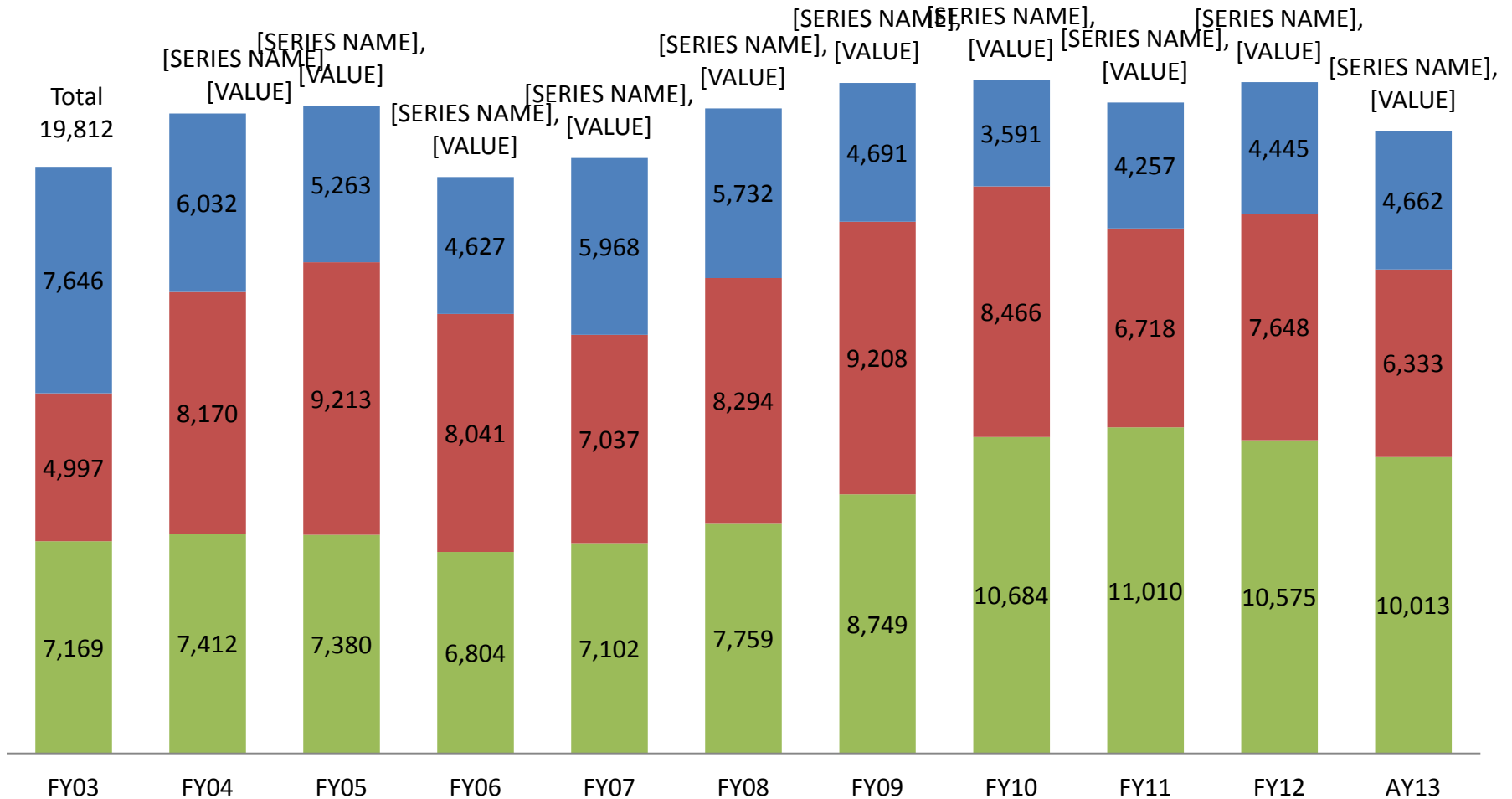
## Our Mission

Advance the knowledge of individuals  
to enrich lives and develop workforce  
opportunities through campus and  
distance learning



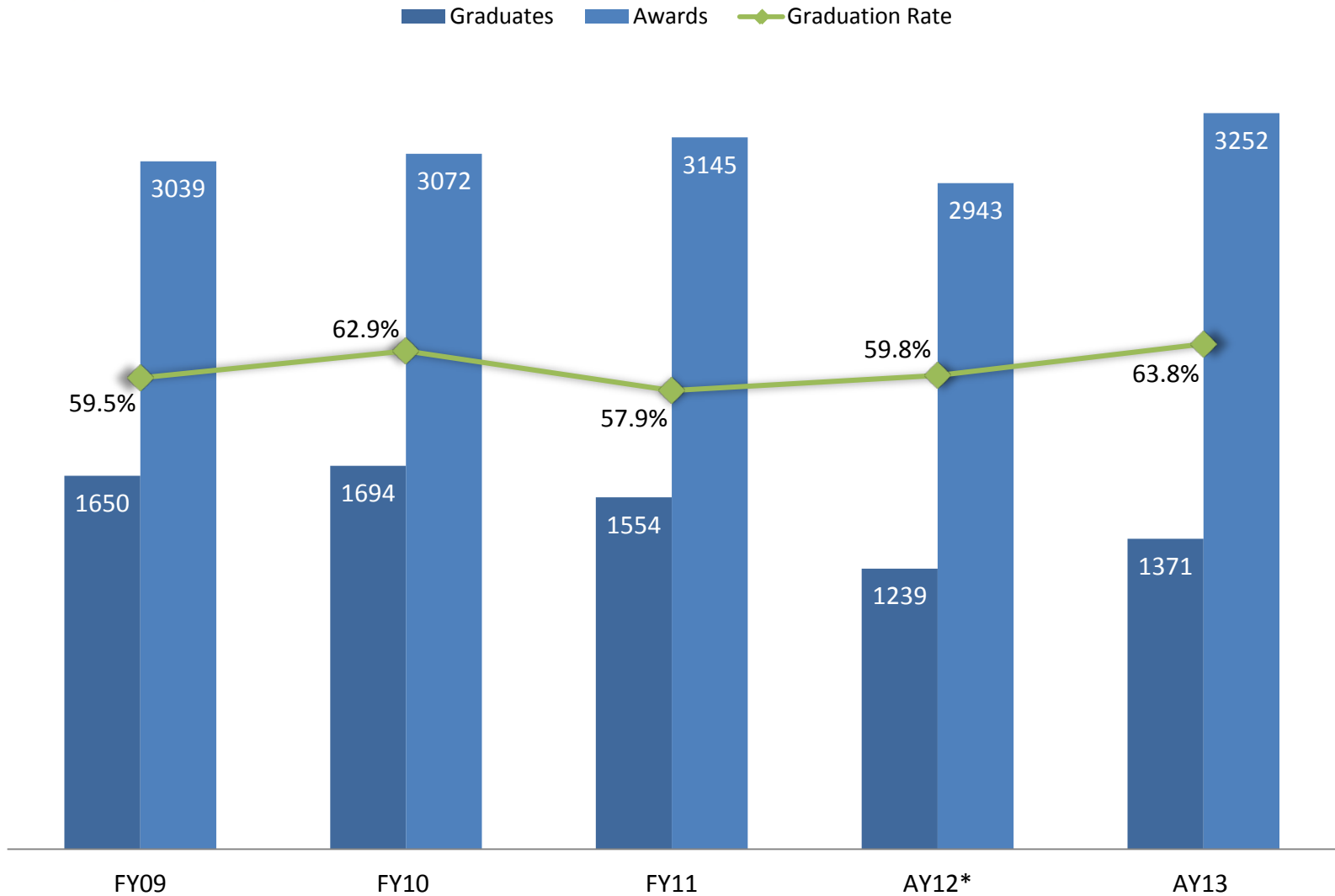
# Campus Enrollment FY2009 - AY2013

■ Credit Enrollment    
 ■ Adult Education Enrollment    
 ■ Continuing Education Enrollment



Data Source: KMS DC185 and Internal Department Reports

## Graduates, Awards, and Graduation Rate FY2009 - AY2013



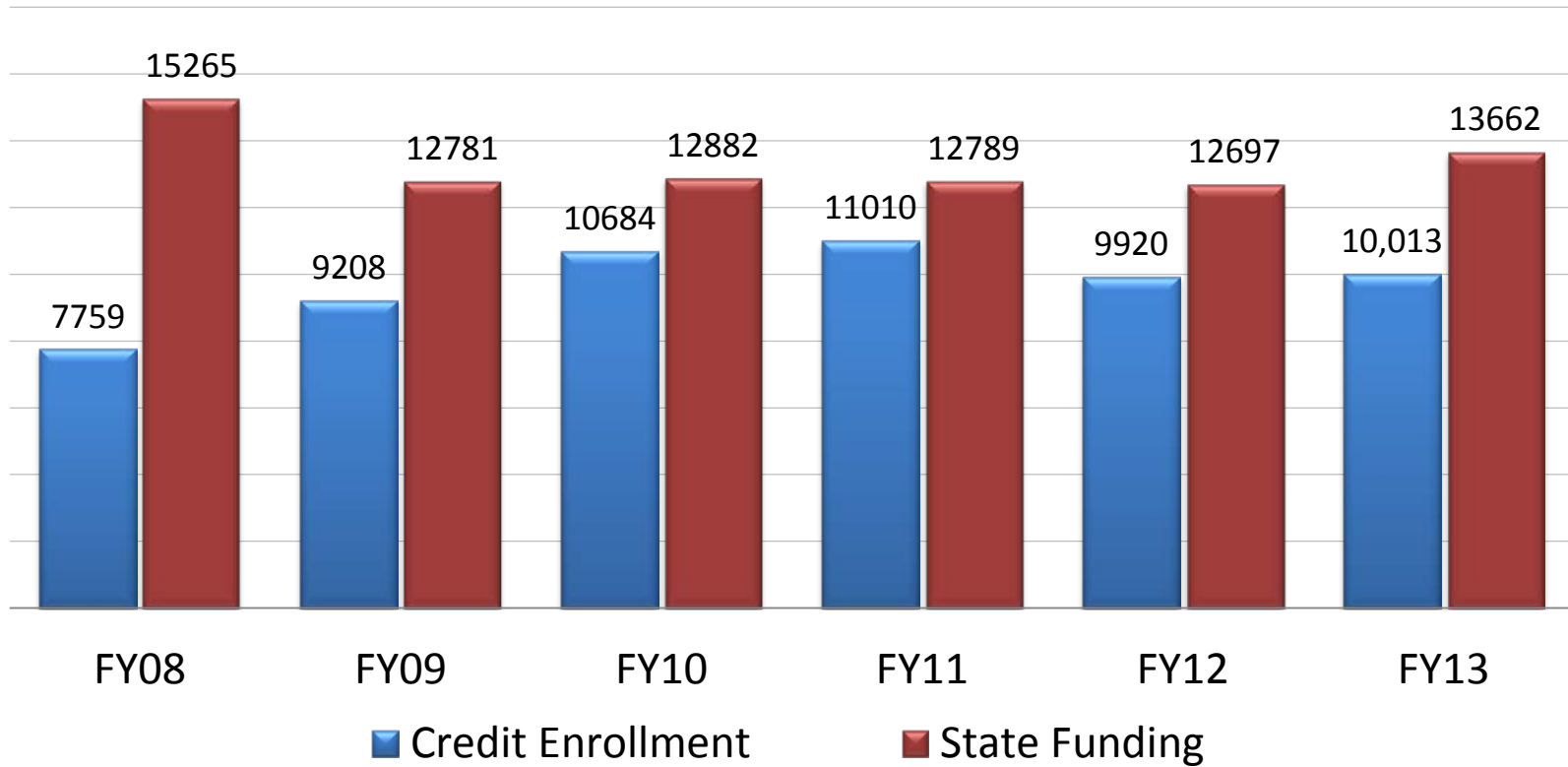
\*AY12 does not include summer transition quarter for AY13 comparison purposes

Data Source: KMS Reports DC275, DC198, CR263

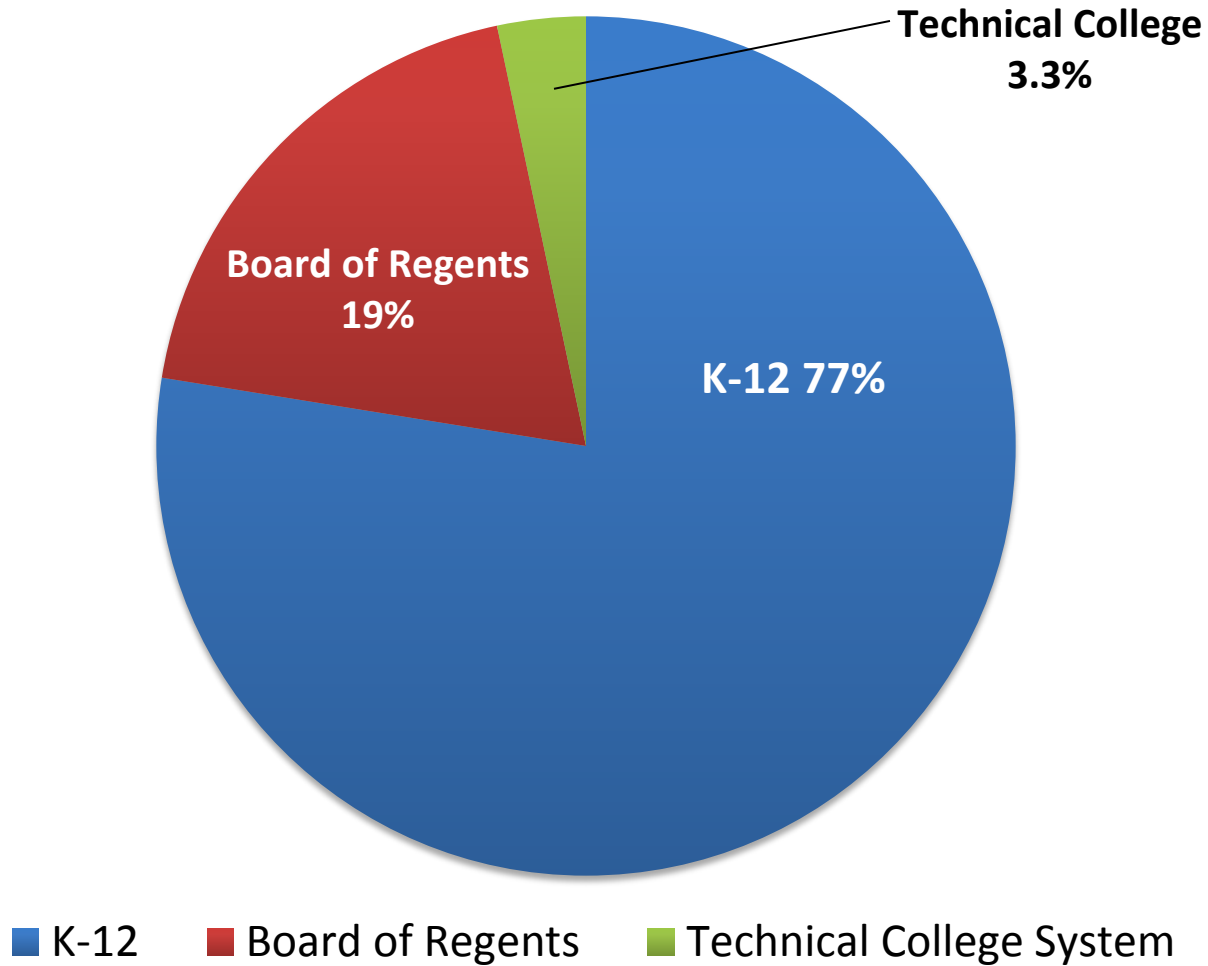


# Gwinnett Tech's Enrollment Funding

Gwinnett Tech's Enrollment Funding Comparison



# Georgia's Education Budget





## TCSG Legislative Priorities

- Increase Full-Time Faculty to Support Student Success
- Increase Strategic Industry Workforce Development Grants to Support Job Growth
- Increase Adult Education Faculty to Support Student Success



## Impact at GTC if TCSG Legislative Priorities Are Met

- Six additional FT faculty (\$566,000) that would reduce our percentage of PT faculty
- Additional HOPE dollars for Early Education programs (\$206,000) to cover full tuition/fees for 83 Early Education students in certificate and/or diploma programs
- Increase number of FT Adult Education teachers to 20% would equate to \$1,500,000 (20 FT teachers)





## The Year Ahead at GTC

- Implement Next Step in Academic Completion Model (Student Success)
- Continued Analysis of Workforce Needs / Update Economic Impact Data for Gwinnett & North Fulton
- Expand Enrollment Growth in Key Employment Sectors through New Academic Programs/Options
- Begin Construction of North Fulton Campus
- Complete Redesign of Student Services Model

# View Point Health – a public authority created by the Georgia General Assembly in 1993

## Vision

*Building healthy lives and healthy families through high-quality comprehensive care*



## Mission

*To promote overall health and improve quality of life by ensuring the delivery of effective behavioral and physical health care that meets the needs of communities we serve*

*Board of Directors appointed by County Commissioners of Gwinnett, Rockdale and Newton Counties*

## **View Point Health**

### **Board of Directors:**

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#### **Gwinnett County:**

- ❖ *Beauty Baldwin*
- ❖ *Commissioner, Lynette Howard*
- ❖ *Gail Macrenaris, **Chair***
- ❖ *Col. Donald Pinkard*
- ❖ *Louise Radloff*

#### **Rockdale County:**

- ❖ *Chairman, Richard Oden*
- ❖ *Shayne Nolden*
- ❖ *Ed Pierce*
- ❖ *Dr. Doreen Williams*

#### **Newton County:**

- ❖ *Chairman, Keith Ellis*
- ❖ *Curtis Gallman*
- ❖ *James Johnson*

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*David O. Crews, CEO*  
*Jennifer Hibbard, COO*



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*Health*

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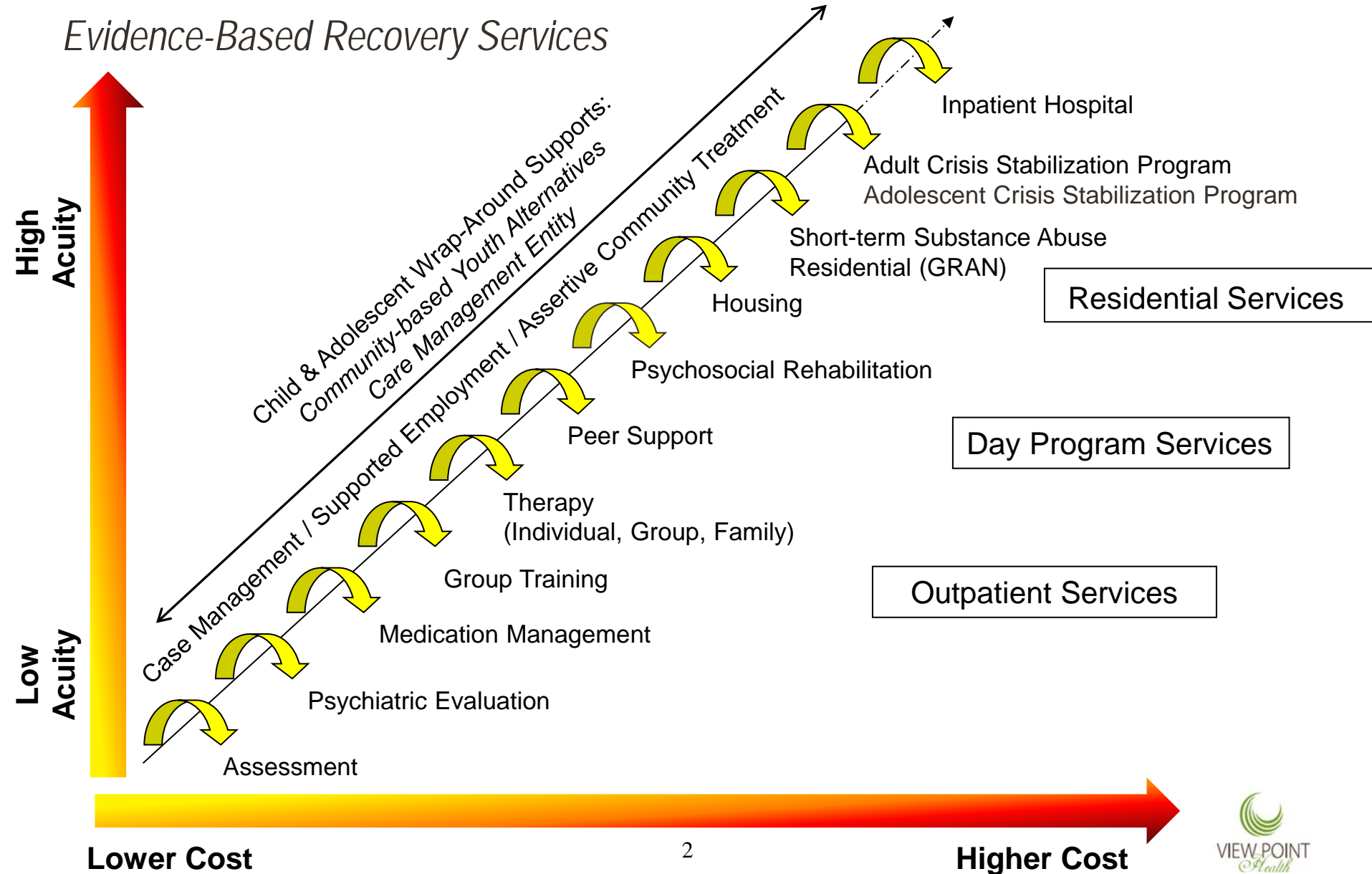
A Total Care Perspective

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## Organizational Overview

# View Point Health

## Evidence-Based Recovery Services





# View Point Health *(Data is for 12 months from 3/1/12 through 2/28/13)*

## *Who are our clients?*

- ✓ Uninsured/Underinsured
- ✓ Insured
- ✓ Low-Income Medicaid
- ✓ Peachcare
- ✓ Aging/Elderly Medicare
- ✓ Veterans

| <b>Disability</b>             | <b>Adults<br/>(&gt; 19)</b> | <b>Children<br/>(&lt;19)</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Behavioral Health             | 7,702                       | 888                          | 8,590        |
| Substance Abuse               | 1,372                       | 109                          | 1,481        |
| Developmental<br>Disabilities | 85                          | N/A                          | 85           |

Note: Clients duplicated across disability

# Integrated Care

(678) 209-2411

- Four Corners Primary Care
  - Satellite location at Lawrenceville Center
    - 2 exam rooms
  - Co-located next door to Norcross Center
- Support
  - Grant funding from Walton and Jackson EMC's to supplement co-pays, medication and lab costs.
- Need
  - Funding is limited, cost is still a barrier for some clients



# Gwinnett Re-Entry Intervention Program

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- Gwinnett Reentry Intervention Program (GRIP) is a collaboration between the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Department and United Way in an effort to reduce the number of incarcerated individuals returning to jails or prisons.
- Several community organizations partner with GRIP to provide services needed to help individuals transition back into society after release from detention. Many of these people are repeat offenders and lack services like housing, healthcare, and income, which make it nearly impossible to thrive in society.
- GRIP Services include:
  - Transitional Housing and Case Management
  - Connection to mental and primary health services
  - Employment assistance services
  - Screening and application for benefits (SSI/SSDI, Food stamps)
  - Financial Literacy courses



# Court Services



| County                       | Year Established | # of Clients Served |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Gwinnett DUI Court           | 2005             | 162                 |
| Gwinnett Drug Court          | 2007             | 115                 |
| Rockdale DUI Court           | 2007             | 47                  |
| Gwinnett Juvenile Drug Court | 2012             | 8                   |
| Gwinnett Mental Health Court | 2012             | 37                  |
| Rockdale Drug Court          | 2013             | 22                  |
| Newton Drug Court            | 2013             | 22                  |
| Newton Mental Health Court   | 2013             | 1                   |
| Court Services               |                  | 1741                |



# Accountability Courts



- **Gwinnett Drug Court** - 129 Graduates, 15 Drug Free Babies Born, 89% Employment Rate, Retention Rate- 73.8%, Recidivism 5 years after graduation- 23.7%, 2012 UDS Results- 44 positives out of 5,280 screens- 0.8%
- **Gwinnett DUI Court** - 287 Graduates, 4 Drug Free Babies Born, 91% Employment Rate, Retention Rate- 87.9%, Recidivism 5 years after graduation- 13.4%, 2012 UDS Results- 29 positives out of 7,439 screens- 0.39%, Spanish Speaking Group also
- **Rockdale DUI Court** - 66 Graduates

# 2014 Legislative Agenda

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- **Governor's Criminal Justice Re-Entry Initiative**
  - The State Re-entry Task Force of the Governor's Office of Transition, Support, and Re-entry
  - Re-entry and Recidivism Reduction Committee of the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform
  - Support the re-entry of former inmates with behavioral health challenges into community life
  - Advocate for increased funding for housing, employment, and service delivery
- **Amended FY14 and FY15 Appropriations Act**
  - Additional funds in FY15 to enhance or expand mental health services and community developmental disability services
  - As well as prevent community services funding reduction and expand Medicaid reimbursed services to behavioral health clients.
  - Pay increase for staff – No cost of living adjustments since 2008

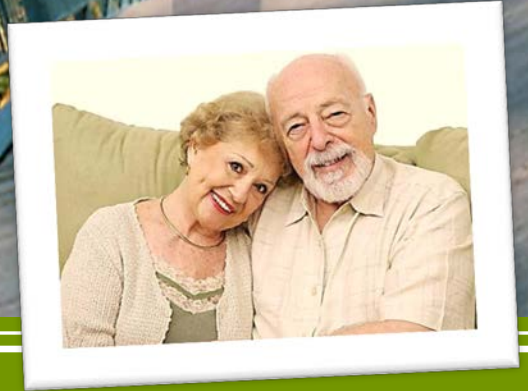
# Questions & Discussion

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# 2014 Chairman's Proposed Budget





# 2014 Budget Summary

- ✓ Tax Digest – slight growth
- ✓ Millage Rate Assumption – same as 2013
- ✓ Increased Healthcare Costs – 9.2%, \$3.9 million
- ✓ Compensation – 3% market adjustment, \$8.0 million
- ✓ Total decision package requests - \$7.6 million
- ✓ Legislative/External Impacts - \$1,269,135
- ✓ 2014 SPLOST

# 2013 Adopted Budget Compared to 2014 Proposed

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| YEAR | Operating Budget | % CHG | Capital Budget | % CHG | Total Budget    | % CHG  |
|------|------------------|-------|----------------|-------|-----------------|--------|
| 2014 | \$1,027,144,302  | -7.1% | \$485,589,602  | 18.8% | \$1,512,733,904 | -0.09% |
| 2013 | \$1,105,379,813  |       | \$408,642,284  |       | \$1,514,022,097 |        |



# 2014 General Assembly Gwinnett County BOC Proposed Legislative Agenda



December 10, 2013

## Technology User Fee

- *Implement a technology user fee, as a surcharge to each fine imposed, unless the surcharge is prohibited by general law.*
- *Technology user fees will pay for computer hardware maintenance, installation, and training; software maintenance, development, etc.*



## Sexual Offenses – Increase Penalties of Current Laws

- *Modify State law to increase penalties for sexual offenses (prostitution, pimping, and keeping a house of prostitution)*

## Population Bill

- **Elections – OCGA 36-82-1 (Dates of elections for bonded debt)**

## Property Tax Bills – Electronic Notification

- **Bill Summary: *Modify the current law to allow the Tax Commissioner to email property tax bills to property owners.***

## Clerk of Court – Clerk Retirement Fee Impact

- **Bill Summary: *Revise the current law to increase civil case filing fees to correct disparities in county budgets created by HB 487 (2009 General Assembly).***



## Elections Law

- *The Secretary of State's Office is not planning to present a review of the entire elections code to the General Assembly in 2014.*
- *Specific sections that are needed for clarification purposes for election officials will be submitted.*

## Dig Law

- *Legislation has been put on hold due to possible changes coming from the Federal government*

# Oppose

- **Any legislation that limits local government authority regarding cell phone antenna collocations and the siting of new cell towers**
- **Any legislation prohibiting Inter-basin Transfers (IBT)**

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# Comments/Questions

