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At the Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services, we believe your involvement and support is vitally important to the future of Gwinnett. Our growing county needs people like you to join with us as we reach out to those in need. Who does the Gwinnett Coalition help? Citizens who need to locate a particular service in the county. A family left homeless and in need of shelter and food. A juvenile in trouble at home, at school or with the law.

To address the many issues facing the county and to meet the needs of a growing Gwinnett, the Coalition has created councils and committees comprised of more than 1,000 health and human service providers, business leaders, parents, youth and dedicated volunteers. Each council helps identify needs and develop results-oriented solutions.

The Coalition relies on the involvement of both business and everyday citizens who want to improve the well-being of our community. Each year we sponsor a CEO Breakfast, where the county's most prominent individuals come together to discover new ways to get involved in growing a greater Gwinnett. Your support will make a difference, whether it comes in the form of a one-time financial contribution or involvement as a volunteer.

Our mission is simple—we help people help people in Gwinnett. We hope one day our services become unnecessary, but the reality is that as Gwinnett grows so do the health and human services needs of our community. We are excited about our future together, confident that with your help we can continue to say about our county: "Success Lives Here." Call us at 770.995.3339 to learn more about opportunities to make a difference. Get involved in growing a greater Gwinnett today!

Ellen Gerstein

Ellen Gerstein, Executive Director

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What would you do if someone you know...

...is being abused by a spouse or family member.

...is homeless and needs immediate help.

...is abusing drugs or alcohol.

...is a juvenile in trouble at home, at school, or with the law.

If you live in Gwinnett County, the Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services is here to help with situations like these. By making a call to the Gwinnett Helpline at 770-995-3339, residents can talk to experienced volunteers who can help locate the type of service the caller needs.

The Helpline is only one of the many activities and services provided through The Gwinnett Coalition.

Our Mission

The Coalition is a non-profit organization created to provide residents the help they need in combating these and other dilemmas facing our community. The Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services was formed nearly a decade ago through the efforts of the United Way, concerned residents and business owners in Gwinnett.

Our mission is simple — to create public and private partnerships that will facilitate collaboration that improves the well-being of the community. The Coalition identifies required needs and resources, plans solutions and promotes community action to meet many needs in our area.

The Coalition also serves as an advocacy group for health and human services issues, promoting consensus building among agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals throughout Gwinnett County.



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The Gwinnett Coalition
For Health and Human Services



A PICTURE OF GWINNETT TODAY

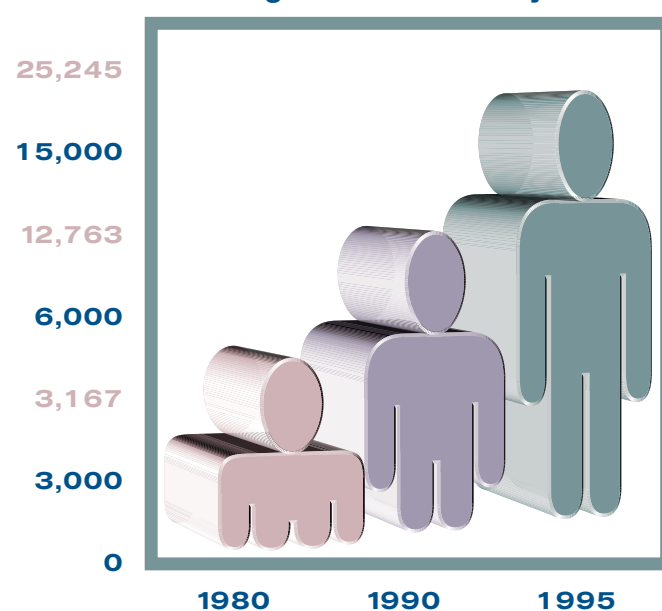
Drive anywhere in Gwinnett, and you'll see evidence of our dramatic growth. While we are proud to be one of the fastest-growing counties in the nation, we must consider: how do we meet the needs of a population that has more than tripled in less than 20 years?

One by-product of our growth is our ever-increasing diversity. Gwinnett County has many faces. Facets of our diversity go beyond the demographic of race. While the average family income in Gwinnett is more than \$70,000 a year, pockets of poverty still remain.

The needs of all families are priority one for the Gwinnett Coalition. In a recent survey, nearly 20% of Gwinnett County students reported living in a single-parent household. Single parents deal with the constant pressures of limited time and resources. The adage "it takes a village to raise a child" is more poignant today than ever before.

Rich or poor, married or single, majority or minority, the needs of our diverse population must be addressed if we are to ensure the Gwinnett of tomorrow maintains the measure of success we enjoy today. A growing Gwinnett has signaled the time for action and committed involvement by people helping people.

Gwinnett Households Living Below the Poverty Rate



A VISION FOR TOMORROW

The picture of Gwinnett today has inspired a vision for tomorrow that begins with collective effort. Concerned and caring citizens formed the Gwinnett Coalition to identify and meet the needs of a growing Gwinnett—needs that most people either don't know exist or don't know how to address. The need for quality healthcare, daycare, family counseling and educational services can be expected to grow right along with the population. We want to be a part of the solution, and we'd like for you to catch our vision for the Gwinnett of tomorrow.

Imagine a community coming together to take care of its own. Picture healthy families and individuals involved in a myriad of ways. Hear the testimonies of lives changed by a call to the Coalition's Helpline. Meet the family helped through the Gwinnett Housing Resource Partnership. Know there is one place where coordinated care comes together in Gwinnett. See people helping people in need through the Coalition. Feel good about Gwinnett and a future marked by prosperity, success and compassion.

FOCUS AREAS

- Strengthening Communities
- Strengthening Resources
- Strengthening Families
- Improving Communication
- Positive Youth Development



PROGRESS TO DATE

Since its inception just a decade ago, the Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services has made a dramatic impact in our county. In fact, it was the Coalition's commitment to strengthening families, supporting youth and building community that led the Atlanta Regional Commission to name the Gwinnett Coalition as a Vision 2020 model. Among the initiatives for which the organization has been praised:

- Gwinnett county's first comprehensive human services needs assessment
- Five-year plans for human services in Gwinnett
- A comprehensive youth health survey
- Gwinnett Neighborhood Leadership Institute
- Gwinnett Housing Resource Partnership
- Gwinnett Helpline
- Health and Human Service Centers

HELPLINE/Success Story

One of the challenges the Coalition faced early on was the coordination of care among the numerous health and human service organizations in Gwinnett. No quick reference for the various helping organizations existed. So the Gwinnett Coalition, together with the support of many volunteers and the generosity of donors, started the Helpline. The Gwinnett Helpline uses a computerized database of more than 1,000 agencies

and organizations in Gwinnett and metro Atlanta. Each year, the number of calls made to Helpline has increased, evidence that the service is a vital tool for expanding need in our community.



HOUSING PARTNERSHIP/Success Story

In 1998, nearly 3,000 people were without shelter in Gwinnett County. The Gwinnett Coalition has taken steps to provide for these homeless individuals and families. We want to build and strengthen communities where residents can live in affordable housing. To accomplish this task, the Coalition chartered the Gwinnett Housing Resource Partnership, which then purchased and renovated a 190-unit apartment complex. The new building helped provide transitional housing assistance for Gwinnett's often-overlooked homeless population.

"People helping people— that's what we're all about at the Gwinnett Coalition."



PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

Together, we can help meet the needs of a growing Gwinnett. The Gwinnett Coalition wants to provide you with the opportunity to work in or contribute to an area that you are passionate about.

A few options for involvement—

- **Financial or in-kind contributions** keep our non-profit agency operational. Without the generosity of donors, we would be unable to continue our work. Every contribution helps the Coalition fulfill its mission.
- The Gwinnett Coalition's Helpline is in operation five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Volunteers** are needed to answer phone lines and assist callers.
- **Active participation** on a specific committee to address one of the Coalition's focus areas: strengthening communities, strengthening resources, strengthening families, improving communication or positive youth development.

Whether you are a concerned resident or a business owner looking for an effective way to improve our quality of life, come be a part of people helping people through the Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services.

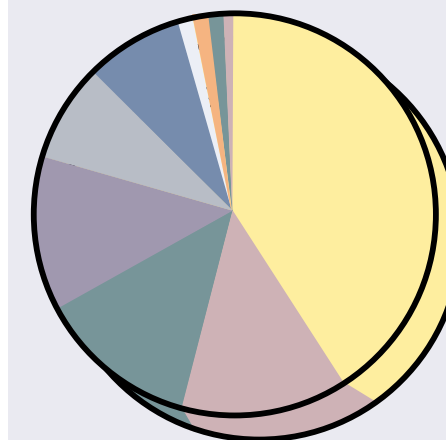
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By The Numbers: Financial Summary

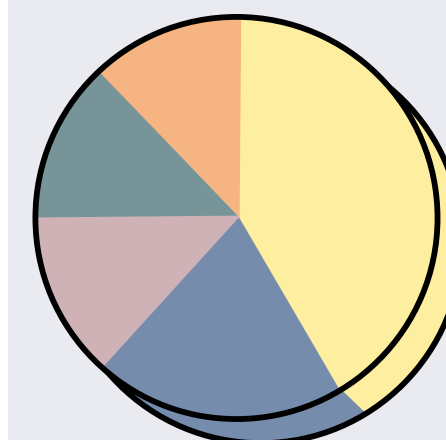
The Gwinnett Coalition works hard to make every penny count!

REVENUE TO THE GWINNETT COALITION FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN 2000



Interest Income	\$3,000
Gwinnett Co. Health	\$5,000
Gwinnett Hospital	\$5,000
Gwinnett Co. Board of Education	\$6,000
Corporate Donors	\$35,718
United Way	\$36,000
Gwinnett County	\$48,620
Family Connection	\$50,000
GNLI	\$50,000
Inkind Donation	\$175,540

GWINNETT COALITION EXPENSES FOR 2000



General Operating	\$47,400
Family Connection Grant	\$50,000
GNLI	\$50,000
Salaries/Benefits	\$92,138
Inkind Donation	\$175,540