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BUILDING SUPPORT FOR YOUTH WITH PROBLEMATIC SEXUAL BEHAVIOR THROUGHOUT GEORGIA

LEAPS & BOUNDS NETWORK

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Why we're here



BUILD AWARENESS

Understand statewide systems efforts and goals.



EXPLORE THE NETWORK

Learn about Leaps & Bounds Network supports.



CONSIDER PARTNERSHIP

Review CAC partnership opportunities and training.

A statewide response works when every role sees where it connects.

Sexual behavior exists on a continuum

Not all sexual behavior is problematic, but all concerns deserve an appropriate response.

01

TYPICAL

Developmentally Expected; Possible Redirection/Education

02

CONCERNING

Needs redirection, education, possible intervention

03

PROBLEMATIC

Potentially harmful, may be illegal, likely requires intervention

Why this matters

UP TO

70%

of child sexual abuse cases are committed by a youth.

FAMILIES

Need support

Caregivers need clear, non-stigmatizing guidance.

YOUTH

Need effective intervention

Developmentally responsive treatment can change trajectories.

COMMUNITIES

Need coordination

Shared pathways reduce delay and fragmented referrals.

Multiple entry points for youth with PSB



NO SINGLE AGENCY OWNS THE RESPONSE.

Treatment is often nonexistent, ineffective, or delayed without coordinated support.

CAC coordination changes the family experience

WITHOUT COORDINATION

- Delayed treatment
- Fragmented communication
- Inconsistent referrals
- Family confusion

WITH CAC COORDINATION

- Faster access
- Coordinated referrals
- Family support
- Better outcomes

CAC involvement creates a clearer path for youth and families.

Four Strategic Areas of Impact thru 2028

A durable response requires systems, people, local capacity, and funding to move together.

01

SHIFTING SYSTEMS

PSB Coalition

Statewide protocol

02

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Training Personnel

Expanding expertise

03**

BOLSTERING CAC CAPACITY

Network expansion

CAC readiness

04

SUSTAINABILITY

Fiscal mapping

Long-term support

Responding to growing need across Georgia

State Map

GOALS

Expand statewide equitable access to evidence-based services.

From one program to a statewide network

BEFORE

LEAPS & BOUNDS PROGRAM

LIMITED RESOURCES



AFTER

LEAPS & BOUNDS NETWORK

MULTIPLE CAC PARTNERS

STATEWIDE IMPACT

Shared responsibility. Local reach. One coordinated model.

Network participation strengthens practice and access

01

BEST-PRACTICE TRAINING

Role-specific learning grounded in evidence-based practice.

02

CONSULTATION & SUPPORT

Ongoing guidance for clinical and operational questions.

03

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Stronger local pathways and more coordinated response.

04

PRIORITY ACCESS FOR FAMILIES

Network support prioritizes participating CAC service areas.

The Leaps & Bounds Network

NETWORK

Leaps & Bounds Network Graphic

TREATMENT

FAMILY ADVOCACY

MDT SUPPORT

CONSULTATION

TRAINING

CASE REVIEW

This training focuses on PSB-CBT for ages 7–12

TRAINING FOCUS

7–12

School-age PSB-CBT

The model emphasized throughout this training.

OTHER AGE-SPECIFIC PSB-CBT TRAINING IS AVAILABLE

PRESCHOOL	ADAPTED MODEL	ADOLESCENT
3–6	13–14	MODEL

Available, but outside the scope of this training.

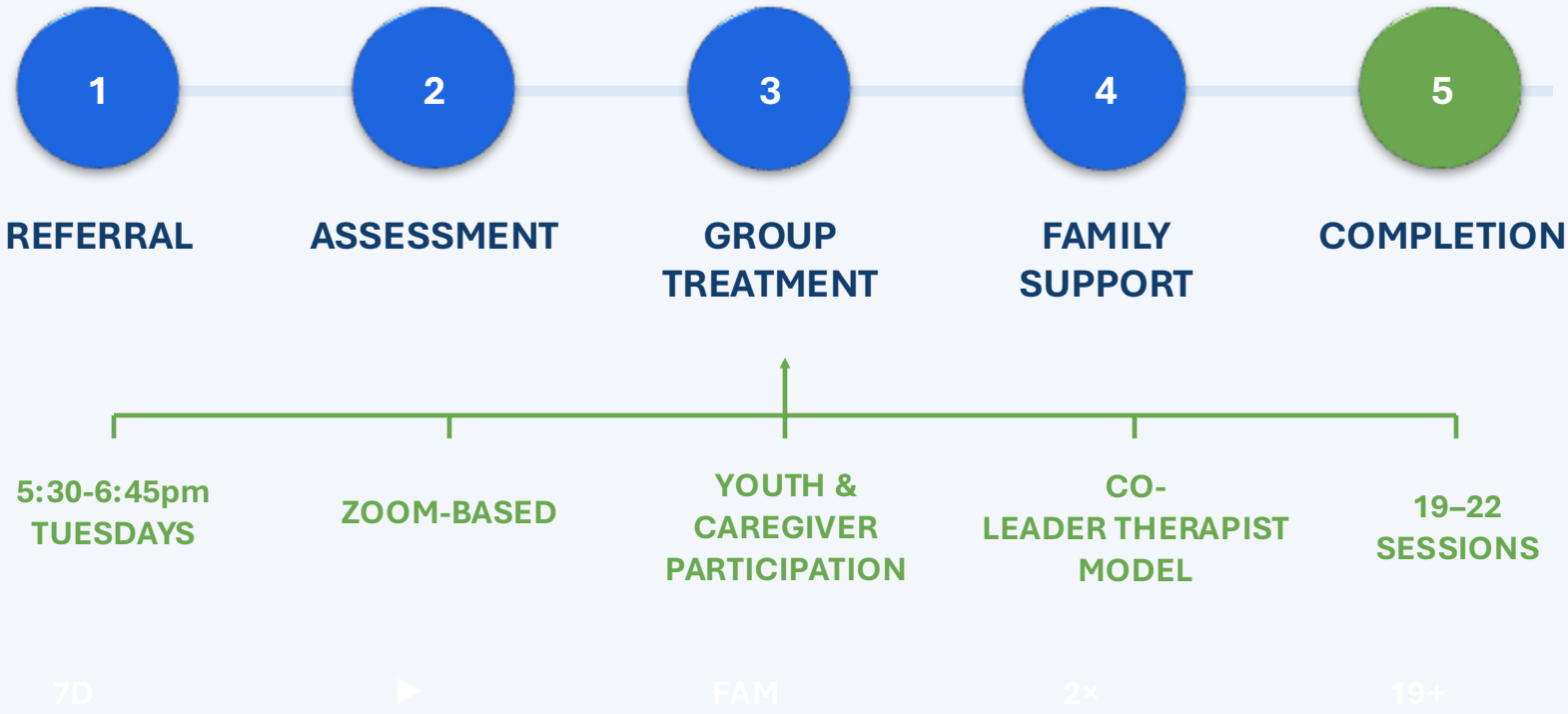
OTHER TRAINING PATHWAYS

Available outside this network

- **PSB-CBT through OU**
- **TF-CBT for PSB-CBT**
- **MST-PSB**
- **PBT-PSB**

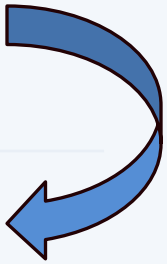
Can support connections to these training opportunities.

Treatment is structured and family-centered

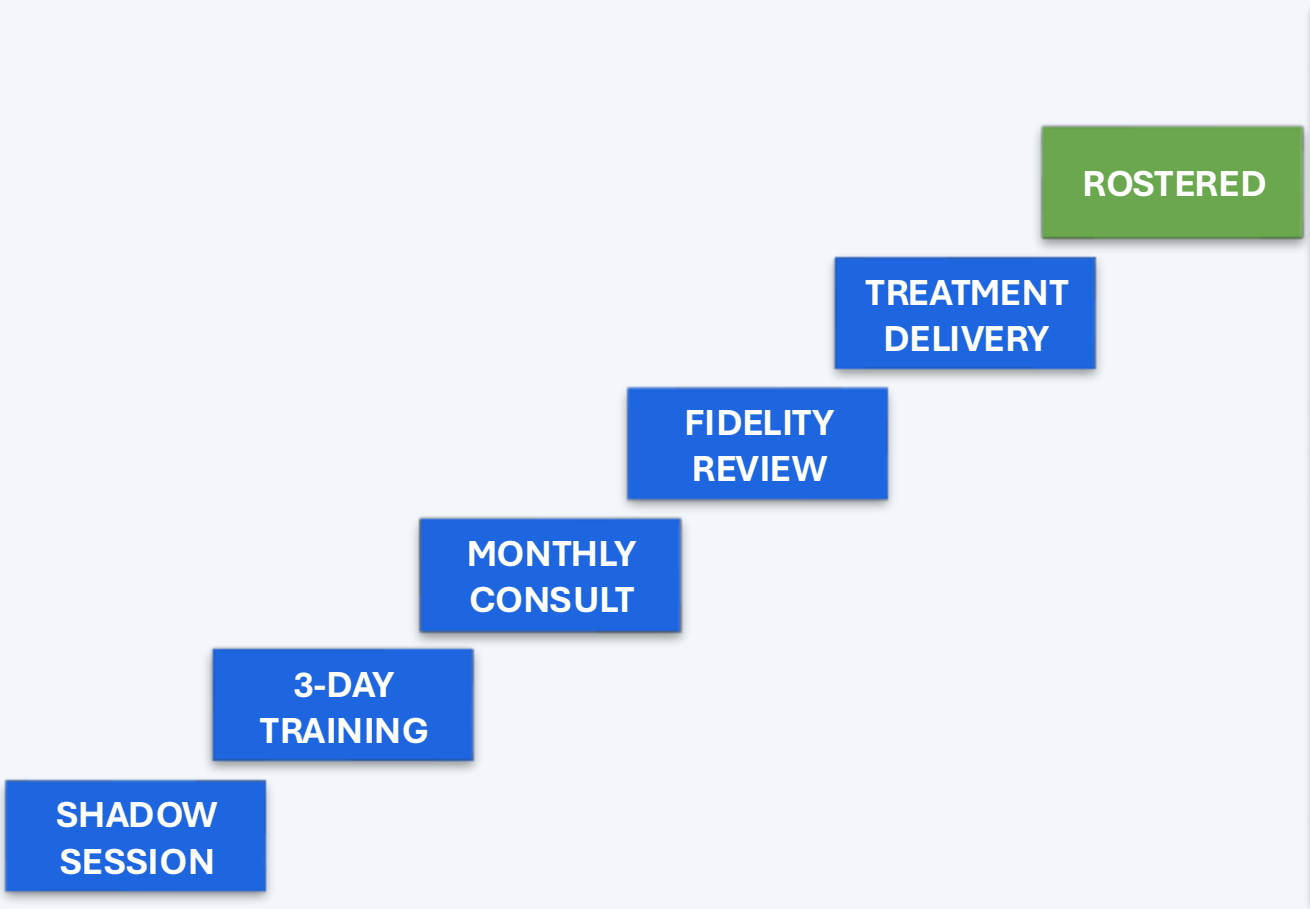


Every CAC role has a defined training path

	ROLE	TRAINING PATH
TH	Therapists*	3-Day PSB-CBT training (see next slide)
FA	Family Advocates	1-Day Advocacy training + Shadowing + Bimonthly Consultation
DIR	Directors	1/2-Day PSB Senior Leader Training + Bimonthly Consultation
FI	Forensic Interviewers	1/2- Day PSB Training + Optional Consultation
DC	Other Direct Care Staff	1/2-day Training + Optional Consultation



PSB-CBT Certification requires practice and fidelity



REQUIREMENTS

12 MONTHS
minimum delivery

4 FAMILIES
completed

80%
consultation attendance

REVIEW
sessions + feedback

Minimum expectations for participation

AGENCY APPLICATION

Submit as an organization

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Define shared responsibilities

LEADERSHIP PARTICIPATION

Engaged CEO/ED

REQUIRED TRAININGS

Complete role-specific learning

SUPPORT FAMILIES FROM YOUR COMMUNITY'S SERVICE AREA

Advocacy, follow-up, safety planning

SUPPORT DELIVERY

Enable YPSB operations

PARTICIPATION IS AN AGENCY COMMITMENT—NOT AN INDIVIDUAL ENROLLMENT.

Three conditions protect quality and sustainability

01

NETWORK-BASED MODEL

PSB-CBT occurs within the Leaps & Bounds Network.

02

AGENCY-WIDE COMMITMENT

Participation is organizational.

03

LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY

Readiness and engagement matter.

You cannot create a stand-alone PSB-CBT program.

Questions CACs have asked

Can therapists participate for less than the full training year?

No

Participation requires a full-year training commitment.

Does everyone from my CAC need to participate?

No

Only direct staff and at least one leader need to participate.

If my CAC is not ready to join the network now, will there be another opportunity?

Likely

Timing will depend on capacity and progress toward deliverables.

Questions CACs have asked

Can CAC interns participate in the training?

Yes

It depends on their CAC role, program type, and expected tenure.

Can CAC contractors participate in the training?

TBD

Contractor eligibility criteria are still being determined.

Are there alternative training options?

Yes

If interested in diffe

Participation starts this fall



Discuss readiness with your CAC team before the interest meeting.

THANK YOU

**Together we can strengthen Georgia's response to youth
with problematic sexual behavior.**

QUESTIONS?

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