



LINCS UP

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ABOUT LINCS UP

Linking Individuals Needing Care for Substance Use Disorders (LINCS UP) is a Peer Recovery Coach program that supports ED + hospital patients with linkage to a broad range of recovery resources. Available virtually and in-person, the PRCs continue working with patients after they are discharged from the hospital to provide ongoing support. The program primarily supports patients within the Grady Memorial Hospital and will soon be expanding to Emory Midtown.

UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS

- *American College of Medical Toxicology (Vancouver, BC) April 2025, College of Problems on Drug Dependence June 2025: Patients With Substance Use Disorders Seen By Peer Coaches Have Fewer 90-Day ED Revisits Compared To Usual Care*
- *Society of Academic Medicine May 2025: Assessing Implementation, Reach and Impact Beyond the Clinical Trial. Long-acting injectable buprenorphine in incarcerated ED patients with opioid use disorder*



A MESSAGE FROM JOE CARPENTER, LINCS UP PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

I am thrilled to share with you that we have been awarded funding by the Georgia Opioid Abatement Trust to sustain the LINCS UP program at Grady and expand to Emory Midtown over the next two years. This is an amazing testament to the hard work our peer coaches have put in over the last two years. We have also been awarded funds to provide take home naloxone at both hospitals. All told, this adds up to \$1,183,687 that will support our ongoing efforts. Thanks so much for your partnership and support!

LINCS UP DATA- ENCOUNTERS

All encounters from Jan. 2024 to Jan. 2025



ENGAGEMENT RATE

- Overall Engagement Rate: 91%
- Q1 2024: 94%
- Q2 2024: 89%
- Q3 2024: 98%
- Q4 2024*: 92%

We are seeing ~15% more encounters based on revisits



PEER RECOVERY COACH HIGHLIGHT

Meet Ciara

Ciara is one of the LINCS UP Peer Recovery Coaches at the Georgia Council for Recovery. To her, LINCS UP provides an opportunity to support peers in the way she wished she had when she felt lost and defeated. As a Peer Recovery Coach, Ciara explained that she is their ally and will put in all her effort to advocate for them. Recovery isn't always easy; sometimes there are setbacks, and that's okay. Reflecting on her journey, Ciara remarked, "You never know how you can help others." When she first moved to Georgia, she did not anticipate becoming a peer coach. She explained that she was introduced to the recovery field a few years ago and immediately developed a passion for it. Now, as a peer coach, she uses her relatability to encourage peers to open up to her. Ciara recalls one of the first individuals she assisted on their recovery journey. The peer still checks in with Ciara and it means a lot to her knowing she is able to help someone flourish.



FUNDING UPDATE

Georgia Opioid Abatement Trust – Basics

The Georgia Opioid Abatement Trust is used to support drug addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery services. The trust has granted funding to 128 Georgia-based projects, each aimed at addressing various aspects of the opioid crisis. To find the full news release, [visit this link](#). We have also submitted a grant application to the NIH Justice Community Overdose Innovation Network. If awarded, this five year grant would fund an effectiveness-implementation study bringing virtual peer coaches into three local jails.

RESOURCES

CARES Warm Line: (844)326-5400
2310 Parklake Drive, Suite 540, Atlanta, GA

Georgia Sky: (470) 287-3381
1810 Water Place, Unit 180, Atl GA 30339

Dekalb Crisis Center: (404) 294-0499
450 Winn Way, Decatur, GA 30030

Recovery Village: (470) 990-9483
11725 Pointe Pl, Roswell, GA 30076

Grady MAOT Clinic: (404)616-3976
10 Park Place 2nd Floor, Atl GA 30303

QUOTES FROM OUR PEERS

"... I really do appreciate what was offered to me. I would say I even look forward to the phone calls...I've had a positive experience with [Lincs Up]."

"It's good to know that I have someone there that I can reach out to, that I'm not just going through this by myself."

"...I've been doing this for a long time and I was just at, I guess, my rock bottom. So, I was just very raw and uncut with [PRC]. It's been a very good relationship, started off really strong and that's how it's continued."

