OPIOIDS IN GEORGIA

Some facts:

According to SARA (Substance Abuse Research Alliance) in Georgia, 77% of rural counties have limited, or no access to an evidence-based practice for opioid use disorder.

Opioids, primarily prescription pain relievers and heroin, are the main driver of drug overdose deaths. Of the 1,307 overdose deaths in 2015 in Georgia, 900, or 88% were due to opioids.

In Georgia:

There were 549 opioid drug overdoses in 2015 (This is a tenfold increase from 1999).

There are 29 counties where drug overdose rates outpace the US average.

Georgia ranks in the top 11 states with the most prescription opioid overdose deaths.

Number of Drug Overdose Deaths Related to Opioids including Heroin in Georgia, 2001-2015

Source: Office of Health Indicators for Planning (OHIP), Georgia Department of Public Health.
In District 4: The use of all opioids is increasing each year. The counties with the highest fatal overdose deaths are Carroll and Henry counties.

Data Source: https://oasis.state.ga.us/