



ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION

The Athens-Clarke County Police Department is proud to announce the founding of the Mental Health Collaboration. This program is supported partially through federal grant funded program that includes partnerships with ACCPD, CCSO, Advantage Behavioral Health and UGA's Fanning Institute. The project (grant) seeks to examine policies, enhance interdepartmental communications, and enhance community support for more effective mental health services. The ultimate goal of the project is to divert individuals with mental health and co-occurring substance abuse issues from the jail to appropriate mental health treatment providers. This is the initial part of a phased program.

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