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<b>Organization:</b>	<b>Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth, Inc.</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>TeleConnect Georgia for Better Health</b>
<b>Project Type:</b>	<b>Sustainable Broadband Adoption</b>
<b>State:</b>	<b>Georgia</b>
<b>Federal Award:</b>	<b>\$2,462,975</b>

**ABOUT THE PROJECT**

To address poor health and lack of high quality health care in rural Georgia communities, **Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth** is proposing a training and outreach program for residents and healthcare providers to improve health and healthcare delivery in the state's 91 designated "counties of persistent poverty." Leveraging the strengths of state government agencies, the private sector, and educational and nonprofit organizations, the project proposes targeted outreach to economically vulnerable populations including African American and Hispanic communities, low-income residents, senior citizens, and at-risk youth to address poor health and lack of high quality health care.

The project plans to connect community-serving institutions, like hospitals, schools, public health departments, and physicians' offices by expanding the applicant's current open access telehealth network to 67 additional community anchor sites. The partners plan to raise awareness of the benefits of broadband for healthcare through several outreach campaigns and training for rural physicians, non-physician practitioners, and school nurses.

TeleConnect Georgia for Better Health also proposes to:

- Provide computer skills and broadband training to as many as 5,800 residents over the life of the project, offering approximately 5,800 training hours focusing on online connectivity, career building, community resources, and education.
- Engage project partner University of Georgia's Department of Housing and Consumer Economics to measure the adoption impact on program participants.

**ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY**

Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth, begun in 2005 and fully incorporated in 2007, is the leading organization in Georgia focused on increasing access to healthcare through the innovative use of technology including telemedicine, health information exchange, and telehealth. It is a non-profit entity with significant experience with federal funding regulations and requirements.

**PROJECT PARTNERS**

- Georgia Department of Community Health
- Morehouse School of Medicine
- Georgia Public Web, Inc.
- Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission
- Home Town Health, LLC
- The Georgia Association for Primary Health Care
- Strategic Healthcare Partners, LLC
- Georgia Association of Community Service Boards, Inc.

Data provided in the project description is based on information supplied by the applicant. An executive summary of this application can be found on [www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandusa](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandusa).

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