



**External Announcement: Barbara Nader-Sims, new CEO for GA Collaborative ASO**

**Barbara Nader-Sims** has been named Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the Georgia Collaborative Administrative Services Organization (ASO) effective December 27<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Nader-Sims will oversee the administration of the Georgia Collaborative ASO, which supports the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) in facilitating the provision of integrated behavioral health and developmental disabilities supports and services to more than 200,000 Georgia residents statewide.

Ms. Nader-Sims, who currently serves in a transformational leadership position with Beacon Health Options, has over 20 years of healthcare experience and a diverse skillset. She has successfully worked to achieve operational goals, objectives and results with a number of clients, including BCBS of Massachusetts, McKesson Solutions, WellPoint, and United Healthcare. In partnership with the DBHDD, Barbara will be responsible for leading the Georgia Collaborative ASO's efforts to ensure individuals receive the support they need for recovery and wellbeing with access to comprehensive behavioral health and developmental disability supports and services.

The Georgia Collaborative ASO comprises three partner companies: The Georgia Crisis and Access Line (GCAL), the Delmarva Foundation and Beacon Health Options. The goals of the Collaborative include:

- Supporting recovery, resiliency and independence
- Enhancing access to community service, ensuring the delivery of quality services to prevent unnecessary care in the most restrictive settings
- Leveraging technology through an integrated, customizable platform allowing core functions to communicate
- Coordinating previously disparate systems to work efficiently
- Improving clinical outcomes and provider performance

Working with the DBHDD network of more than 600 providers, the Georgia Collaborative ASO supports person-centered, whole-health, culturally sensitive supports and services to individuals and their families throughout the state (<http://www.georgiacollaborative.com/>).

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