

The Georgia Professional Health Program is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the well-being of medical professionals in Georgia, providing confidential referral, treatment oversight, and monitoring of potentially impairing conditions, mental illnesses, and substance abuse disorders.

Our goal is to ensure the health of healthcare professionals and to ensure that they are safe to practice in their specialty. Since August 2012, the Georgia PHP has provided services for physicians, physician assistants, and respiratory therapists licensed in Georgia. Governed by a Board of Directors, the Georgia PHP maintains an active relationship with the Georgia Composite Medical Board to ensure the success of the Georgia PHP and its participants.

It is our belief that healthy professionals provide the best healthcare.

For more information on the Georgia PHP, news and events, visit [gaphp.org](http://gaphp.org).



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Our Mission is to improve patient care and safety through early detection, treatment, and management of potentially impairing conditions in Georgia physicians and physicians assistants.

## Our Objectives

- To **Educate** concerned parties, such as hospitals, medical associations, boards, and malpractice carriers about mental health and substance abuse issues among Georgia healthcare professionals
- To promote **Prevention** and early detection of these conditions through lectures, seminars, and other training venues.
- To provide **Intervention** for physicians, physician assistants, and respiratory therapists who need to enter medical care for mental health and substance abuse issues.
- To **Monitor** the status and safety of program participants once primary treatment has been completed.
- To **Coordinate** with and maintain the trust of the Georgia Composite Medical Board in order to balance participant's need for care with public safety.
- To oversee and provide **Quality Control** over the providers who offer treatment for Georgia PHP participants.
- To provide **Resources and Support** for the families of Georgia healthcare professionals monitored by the Georgia PHP.

## The Georgia PHP Leadership

### Paul H. Earley, M.D., FASAM Medical Director

With more than 30 years of experience as an Addiction Medicine Physician, Dr. Paul Earley specializes in the assessment and treatment of healthcare professionals.

Dr. Earley is a nationally- and internationally-renowned speaker on the topics of addiction and treatment and has penned numerous books and articles on the subject, including "The Cocaine Recovery Book" and a chapter focused on addiction among physicians and physician health programs featured in the "Principles of Addiction Medicine," the textbook for the American Society of Addiction Medicine.

His work has been featured in the documentary series "Bill Moyers on Addiction: Close to Home," and he has championed recovery in two appearances on "The Oprah Winfrey Show." Dr. Earley serves as a Fellow of ASAM and has served on the ASAM Board of Directors for more than 12 years.

### Robin McCown Excetive Director

Robin McCown is a healthcare and rehabilitation specialist with more than 25 years of experience in addiction and mental health treatment focused on outreach and referral development.

McCown has served as the Executive Director of the Georgia Chapter of the American Society of Addictive Medicine and a professional outreach co-ordinator for various specialty treatment facilities, also serving on the Advisory Commission of Lawyers Assistance Programs and the North Georgia EAPA Executive Board.