



Workforce Development and the Value of Ensuring Access to Quality Health Care

Georgians for a Healthy Future, along with partnering groups Georgia Budget & Policy Institute and the Georgia Rural Health Association invites you to participate in a community conversation centered around how the state is bolstering workforce development, what new opportunities are available through the Affordable Care Act and how business owners, health care providers, community leaders and health care consumers can take advantage of upcoming opportunities to improve health care and access in Georgia.

EVENT DETAILS:

WHEN: Thursday, September 8th, 3PM to 5:30 PM

WHERE: South Crescent Technical College

CONTACT: For questions, please contact Amanda Ptashkin at aptashkin@healthyfuturega.org or at 404-890-5804. To RSVP, click [here](#). While we request RSVP, please note that there is no cost to attend.

SPEAKERS:

Melvin Everson, *Executive Director, Governor's Office of Workforce Development*

Rick Goddard, *Retired Major General USAF, Senior Advisor, 21st Century Partnership, Robbins Air Force Base*

Patty Bentley, *Taylor County Commissioner, District 1*

Tim Sweeney, *Senior Health Care Analyst, Georgia Budget & Policy Institute*

Nancy Peed, *CEO and Administrator, Peach Regional Medical Center*

Charlie Hayslett, *CEO, Hayslett Group LLC., Partner Up for Public Health*

Amanda Ptashkin, JD, *Outreach and Advocacy Director, Georgians for a Healthy Future*

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Statewide perspective on how to bring Georgia back from down economic times
- Local efforts to revitalize and grow Taylor County
- Investing in health care at the state level—from improved health outcomes and community investment, to ensuring a trained and prepared workforce and the upcoming Medicaid expansion
- The role of medical centers, federally qualified health clinics and free clinics in meeting the health care demands of the region
- The growing importance of supporting a strong public health infrastructure as a means to both improve health outcomes but also to help rebuild the local economy

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, September 8.



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