

# Georgia CTSA: Bridging Medical Schools and a Land-Grant University to Advance Translational Research

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## Shared Goals

- Develop innovative solutions that will improve the efficiency, quality and impact of the process for turning observations in the laboratory, clinic and community into interventions that improve the health of individuals and the public
  - **To improve the translational research process to get more treatments to more patients more quickly**
- Extension – bring vital, practical information to agricultural producers, small business owners, consumers, families, and young people
  - **Through Extension – reach out to offer their resources to address public needs**

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## Emory University, Morehouse School of Medicine, Georgia Institute of Technology, and University of Georgia

- To better engage the large, rural and underserved populations of Georgia
  - A robust extension service that reaches beyond its traditional mission in agriculture, youth, and family health to focus on an integrated systemic approach to health and wellness.
  - Archway Partnership whose mission is to connect Georgia communities with higher education resources to address critical, locally identified community needs.
- Core CTSA Functions
  - Community Engagement & Integrating Special Populations

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## Case-study vignettes

- Pulaski & Washington Counties
  - Archway Partnership and Cooperative Extension
  - Identified need – support health and wellness, improve education
  - Community health worker models for adults and adolescents
- State Office of Rural Health
  - Grant writing seminar
  - 70 participants from across Georgia
- Blue Sky Group Meeting
  - Faculty from Georgia CTSA institutions, Mercer University, and University of Alabama at Birmingham





**Establish & foster relationships,  
find commonalities, address needs**