Who *is* Meridian?

2011 Annual Report
To Our Communities

MERIDIAN
Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.
CHOICE • HOPE • RECOVERY

26,154 *lives touched*
13,581 *enrolled in treatment*
293,215 *visits*
$1,773,821 *in uncompensated care*

Meridian *is...* Community

focused, keeping the needs of those we serve the top priority in directing quality care.

Mission

To promote recovery and offer solutions to those facing mental illnesses, addiction and other social challenges

Vision

Choice, Hope, and Recovery are within everyone's reach

Values

- *Partnering* with individuals, businesses, and communities, balancing *efficiency* and *effectiveness* in all we do
- *Diversity* and the right to be respected, self-governing, and accountable
- The right to *choice* in services, housing, and work
- The power of *hope*
- Setting long-term and bold goals, including *recovery*

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Meridian *is*... Leadership

Executive Management

Margarita Labarta, Ph.D.
- President/Chief Executive Officer

James Winters, LCSW*
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Meridian *is...*

Who is Meridian? Doctors? Therapists? Counselors? Case Managers? Nurses? Healthcare?

Yes. All of these.

That's the short answer. Meridian offers a full continuum of care to people across North Central Florida, through its 60 different programs that meet the health and wellness needs of our communities. We employ hundreds of skilled and professional staff across multiple disciplines, including social workers, counselors, LPNs, RNs, and staff Psychiatrists each focused on delivering evidence-based treatment in the most effective and efficient ways possible. Other staff provide the support services that help sustain the gains our clients make in treatment.

We're more than that though... much more. Meridian is alive. Meridian is people. Living, breathing, feeling people. Giving care, nurturing hope, offering choice, fostering recovery. We are your friends, your family, your neighbors. We're in the community, we're in the workplace, we're in the schools... providing services to people who need them, where they need them.

60 million Americans are diagnosed with a mental illness each year, that's one in four of us. Each year, *23.5 million* Americans need treatment for alcohol or drug problems. The odds are that you are affected in some way by mental illnesses or substance use disorders. For that reason, Meridian is not just our staff, or the people we serve, or their families. You, too, are Meridian.

And you are welcome here! Economic times are still tough, resources are scarce, and people need our services more than ever. We all need to work together to support the health and wellness of our community. You can help. Call us for a tour of our facility or connect with us on Facebook.

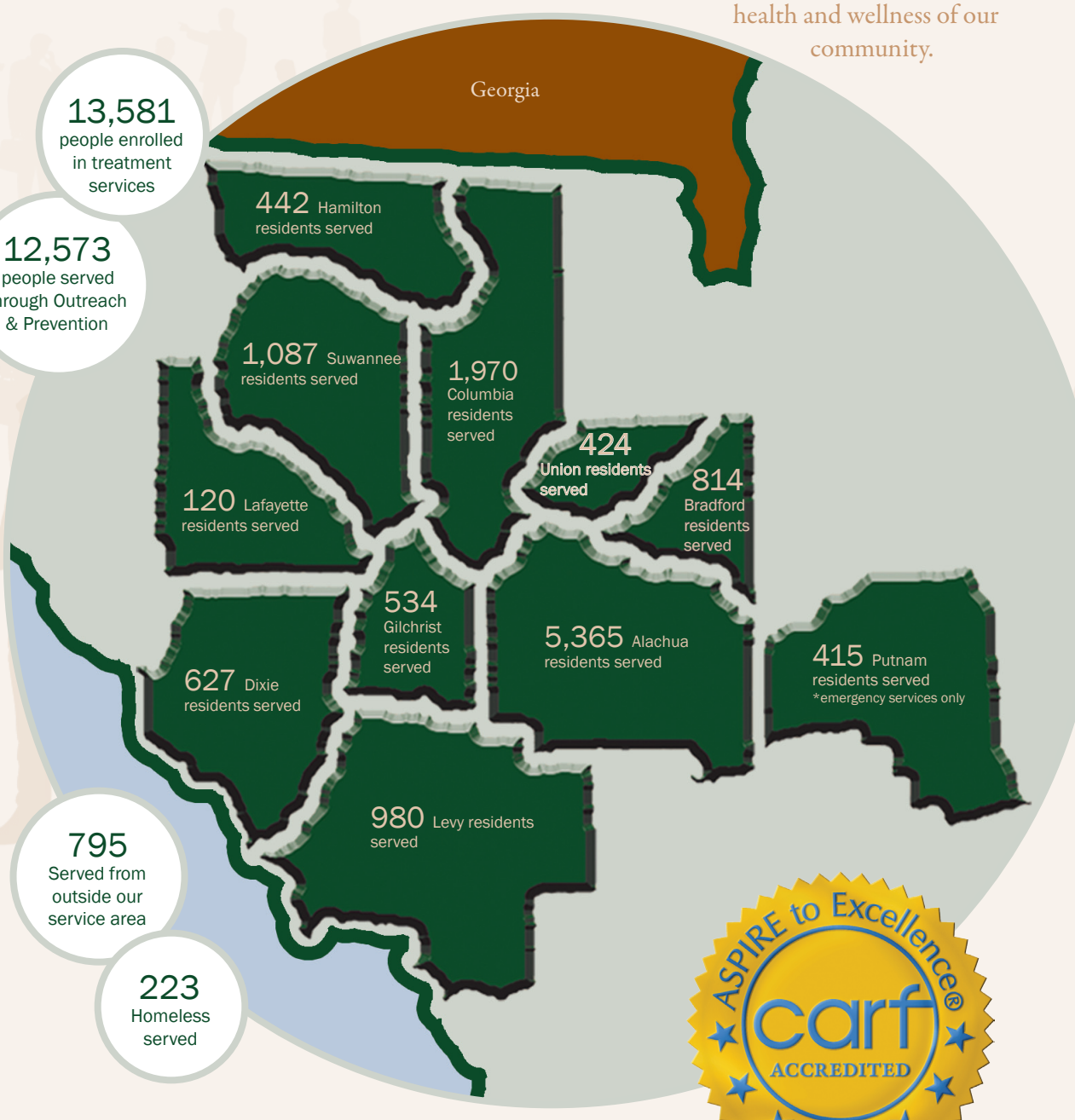
Who is Meridian you ask? We all are.

Maggie Labarta, Ph.D
President/CEO

Sinoma Brown
Chair, Board of Directors

Meridian *is...* There

where you need us, when you need us. From our inpatient crisis stabilization unit to our outpatient counseling, we have the services that support the health and wellness of our community.



13,581 people enrolled in treatment services

12,573 people served through Outreach & Prevention

795 Served from outside our service area

223 Homeless served

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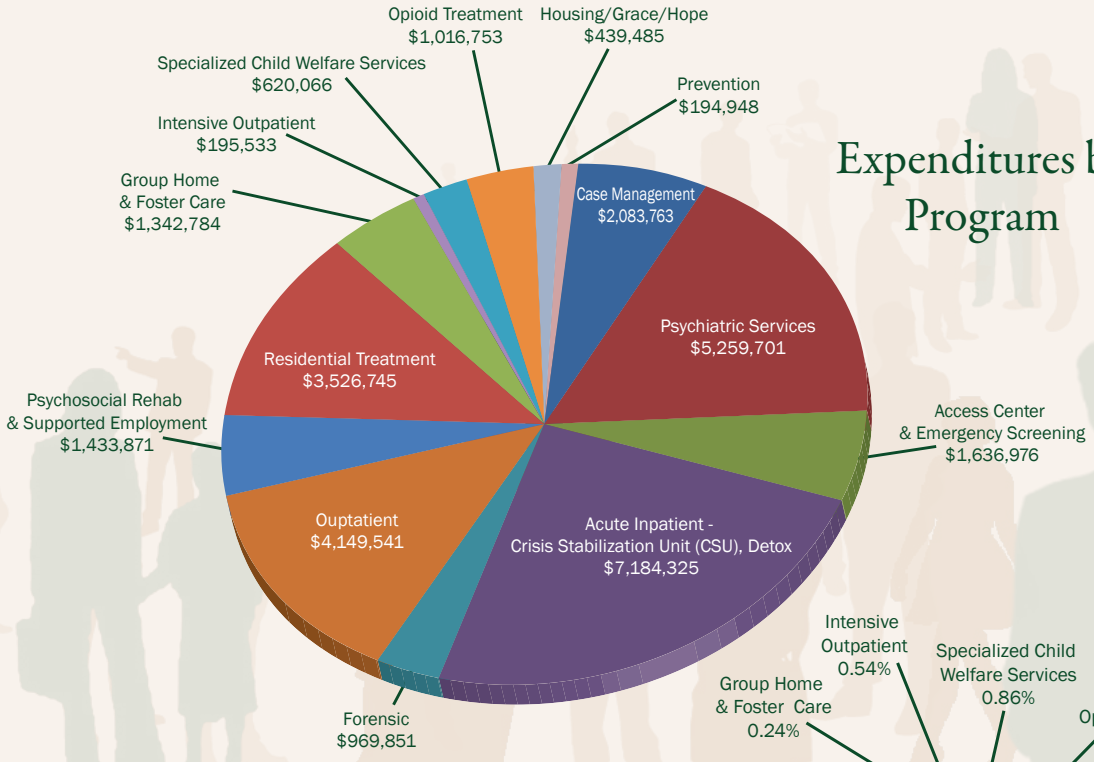
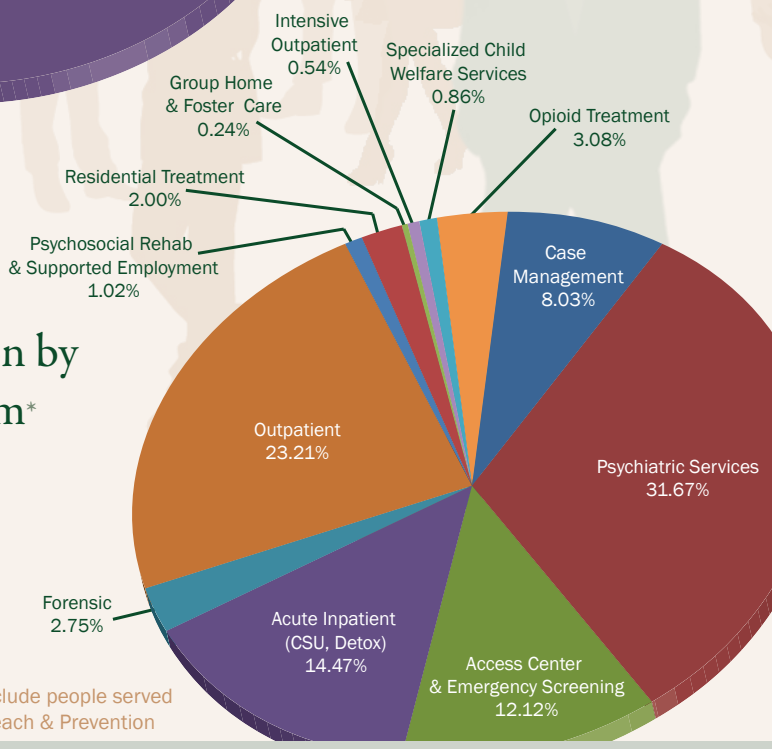
Meridian *is...* Treatment

for individuals and families in need. Our staff, along with our community partners, work tirelessly to offer solutions to the people we serve.

Expenditures by Program



Utilization by Program*



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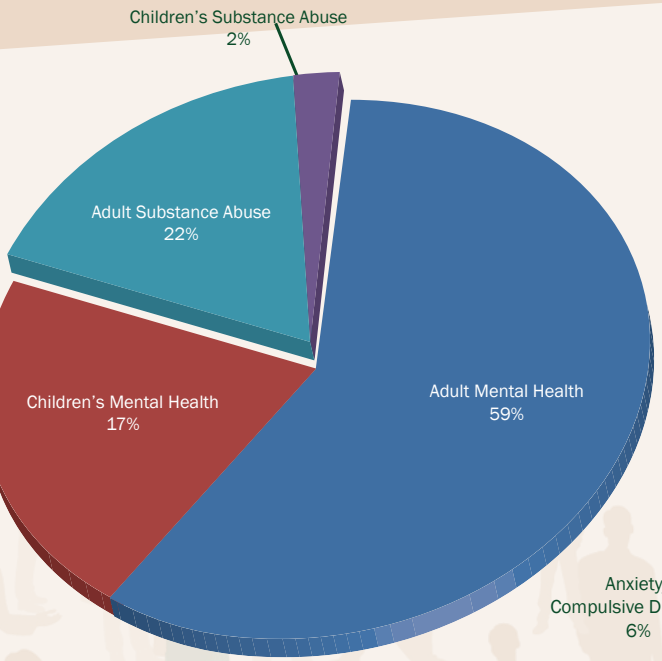
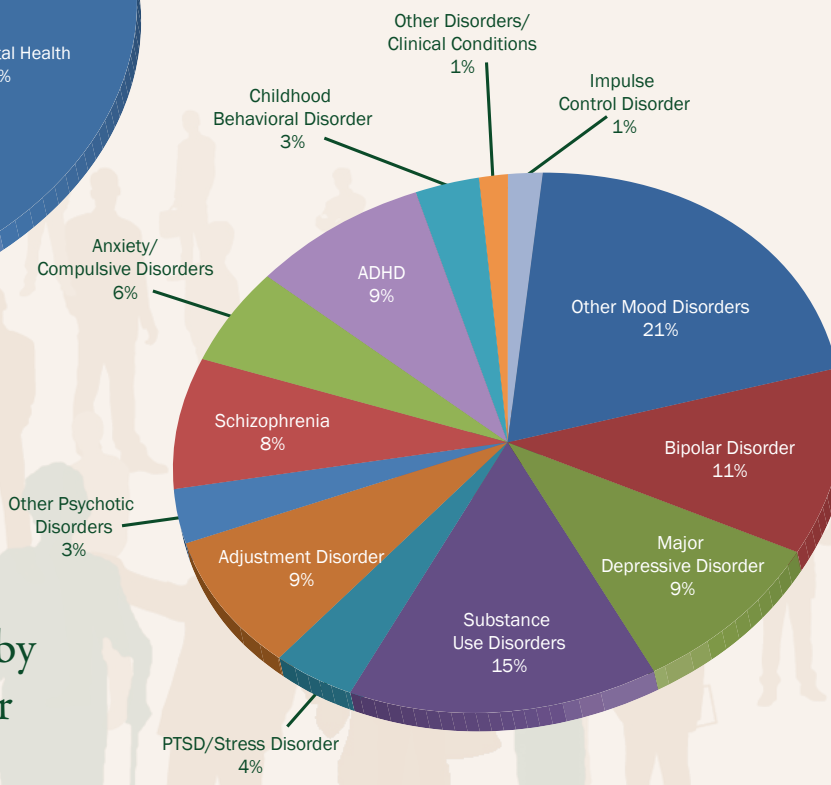
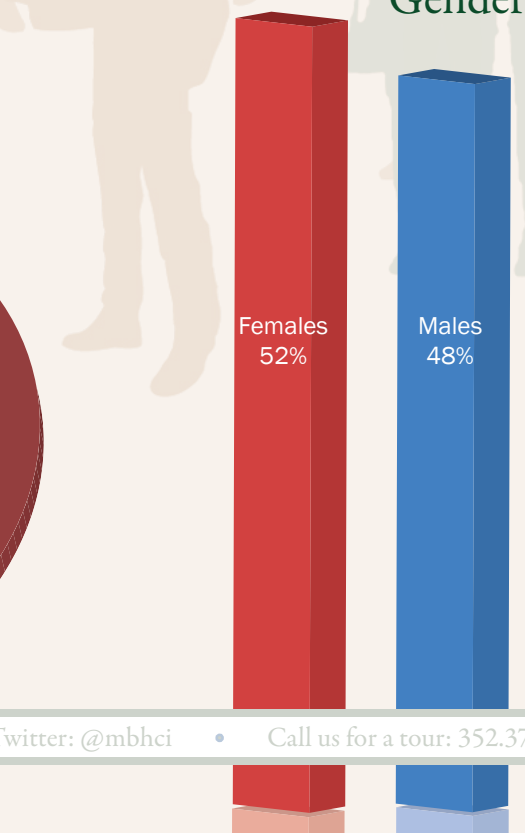


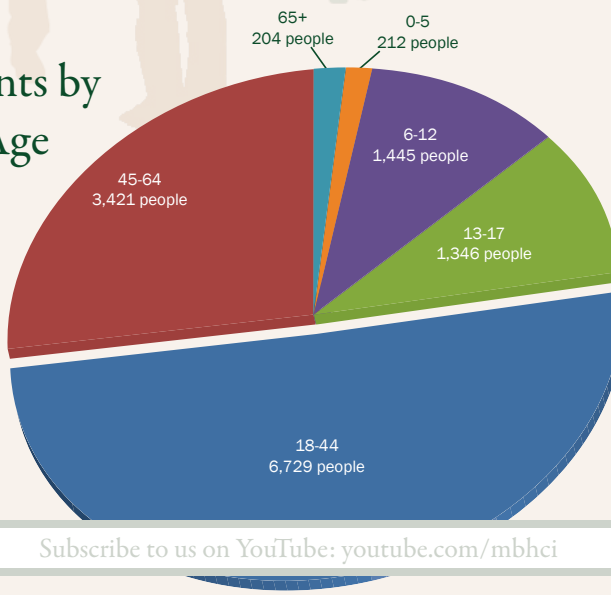
Clients by Diagnosis



Clients by Gender



Clients by Age



Meridian *is...* Recognized

by our community, our peers and our industry for excellence and achievement.

Renee Manning, Counselor III, awarded the *Lifestyle Change Award* from the American Heart Association

Melody LaFlam, CBHT, Prevention Coordinator, awarded *Who's Who in Prevention* award at the Florida Annual Statewide Prevention Conference

Meridian's *Recovery Center Ribbon Cutting and Housewarming* welcomed approximately 100 guests and secured over $10,000 in donations

Kevin Coulson, Director of Marketing, received *Award of Distinction* and *Judges' Award* from the Florida Public Relations Association Local Image Awards for Meridian's Recovery Center Housewarming and Ribbon Cutting

Dr. Lawrence Adu, Chief Medical Officer, is one of eight psychiatrists selected to participate in the 2011 class of the *National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare's Psychiatric Leadership Program*

Kevin Coulson, Director of Marketing, named *TPRA Gainesville's 2010 Member of the Year*

7,280 *days of Service to Meridian*

On June 24, 2011 we celebrated Jim Winters, LCSW, Meridian's Chief Operating Officer, who retired after twenty years of dedicated service to the care of others

Meridian *is...*

Invested

in the health and wellness of our community. Through community support and by supporting our community, Meridian works to ensure that Choice, Hope and Recovery are within everyone's reach.

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Meridian *is...* Grateful

for the generosity of others as we work together to support the health and wellness of our community.

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