



Southern Circuit  
Accountability Courts  
Colquitt, Lowndes & Thomas Counties

# PEER PROGRAM

## WHAT IS IT?

**PEER STANDS FOR "PEOPLE ENTERING EARLY RECOVERY" AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO TRAIN, ENDORSE AND EMPLOY ACCOUNTABILITY COURT GRADUATES SO THEY MAY BECOME AN INTEGRAL COMPONENT OF THE EXISTING LCAC TEAM AND ASSIST WITH THE DAILY FUNCTIONS OF THE PROGRAM.**

**PEERS ASSIST BY HELPING TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS. PEERS PROVIDE A PERSPECTIVE MOST TEAM MEMBERS COULD NEVER SHARE. PEERS ARE REAL-LIFE EXAMPLES THAT SHOW ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS WORK. THEY ARE PEOPLE WHO CAN TELL THEIR STORY AND SHARE HOW FAR THEY HAVE COME. THIS SPEAKS MUCH LOUDER THAN A NUMBER ON A SHEET OF PAPER.**

## BUDGET DETAILS

- **COMPLETELY FUNDED THROUGH A FEDERAL GRANT**
- **AMOUNT \$7500**
- **NO CASH MATCH**
- **WILL BE USED TO EMPLOY ONE (1) PROGRAM GRADUATE TO WORK WITH THE LCAC PROGRAM**
- **TERM 3-1-25 THROUGH 6-30-25**

## BACKGROUND

**THE PEER PROGRAM WAS STARTED IN FY22 IN COLQUITT COUNTY GEORGIA AND WAS THE BRAIN-CHILD OF CASE MANAGER, HEATHER KING. THROUGH A SERIES OF STATE GRANTS THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN EXPANDED TO INCLUDE THOMAS COUNTY (FY24-25) AND NOW WITH THIS NEW FEDERAL GRANT, WE HAVE THE CHANCE TO BRING THIS EXCITING PROJECT TO LOWNDES COUNTY.**