



ring

**resource
& insurance
navigator group**

Health Insurance Reform

- Georgia has the highest rate of uninsured
- Nearly two million people (1/5 population) are uninsured
 - This includes 1/4 population of working age adults

The Affordable Care Act

- The Individual Mandate states that:
 - All Americans must carry health insurance, with some exceptions
 - Tax penalties will be imposed if no health insurance is purchased (with some exceptions)
- In order to offer health insurance to documented citizens, federal and state health insurance marketplaces have been created
 - Georgia's Health Insurance Marketplace will feature multiple carriers (Blue Cross Blue Shield, Alliant, Kaiser Permanente, Peach State, and Humana)

The Affordable Care Act

- Who's eligible?
 - Individuals and families who don't already have access to an affordable health insurance plan through their workplace (or other coverage such as Medicare)
 - Individuals with pre-existing conditions
- Tax credits will be available for individuals and families making between 100 and 400 percent of the Federal Poverty Level
- Why the ACA?
 - It achieves near-universal coverage
 - The hybrid public-private sector is maintained
 - People are compelled to buy health insurance when healthy
 - This lowers health insurance costs for everyone
 - The tax penalty provides revenue

The Affordable Care Act

- Consumers will be able to compare and contrast various plans and providers in order to find the one most suited to individual needs
- Open enrollment is from October 1- March 31
 - After the first cycle, special enrollment periods will occur every year
- Unfortunately, the marketplace can be confusing
 - Foreseeing this, the government and individual organizations are developing efforts to assist consumers.
 - Navigators and certified application counselors will play important roles in the success of the ACA by assisting consumers with enrollment.

RING of Georgia

- Mission:
 - To build student leaders in universities across Georgia
 - To reduce disparities in health by connecting underserved populations with health insurance and other basic social, medical, and foundational resources
- Health Care Insurance Marketplace: healthcare.gov
 - Opens on October 1st
- RING members will:
 - Provide one-on-one insurance application assistance
 - Manage and participate in health insurance campaigns, advocacy efforts, and media outreach
 - Help underserved populations gain access to foundational resources, such as housing, transportation, and employment

Current Status

- In October, RING was awarded a federal grant via its partnership with Seedco (the Structured Employment Economic Development Corporation)
- Funding will be administered through the Emory-Grady Urban Health Initiative (UHI)

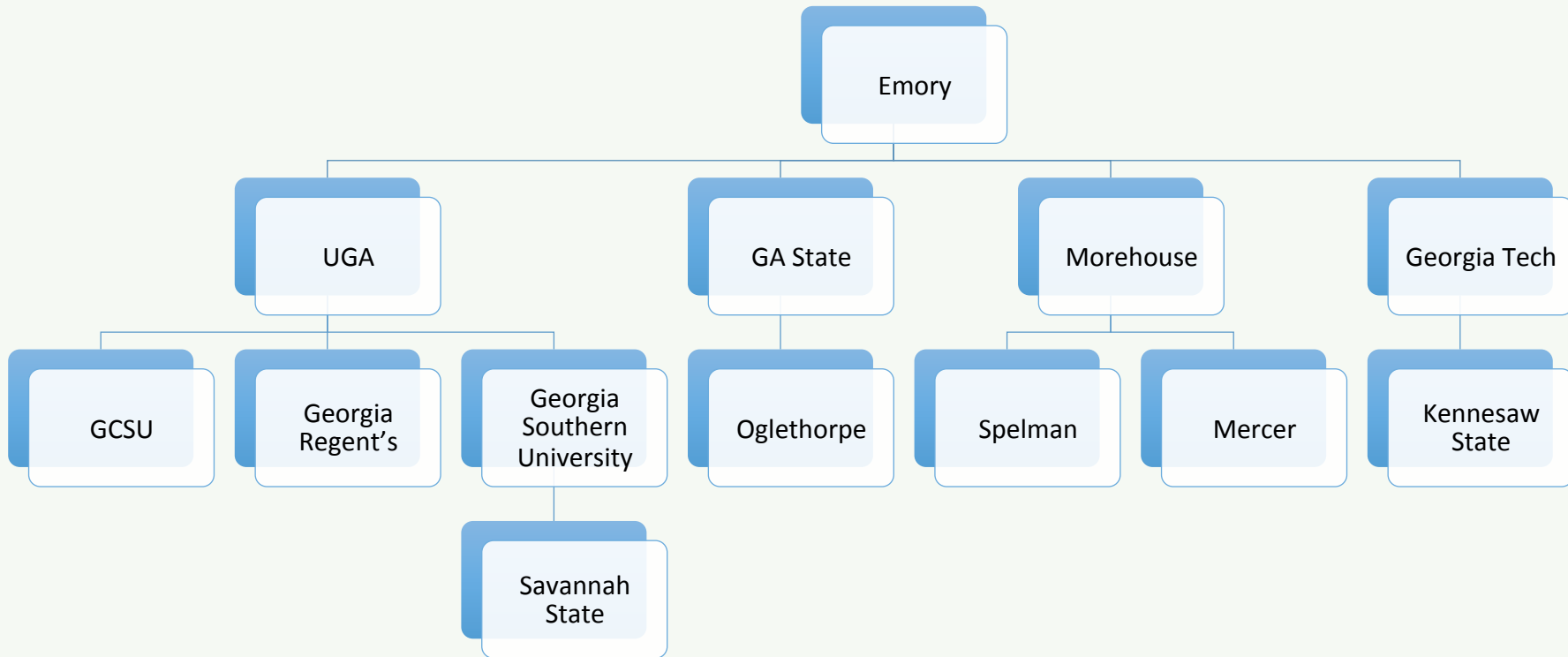
Partners



Future of RING

- RING is a non-profit organization that is working to make a difference across Georgia.
- In order to do so, RING will spread throughout universities and colleges across the state.
- To ensure that the organization develops successfully and with the right resources, expansion will take place in phases.
 - Currently, RING is in the process of becoming a chartered organization at Emory.
 - Concurrently and in the immediate future, RING will spread to four major universities in Ga (UGA, G. Tech, GA State, and Morehouse).
 - Each university will be in charge of overseeing expansion to additional school(s).

A Cascade of Expansion & Training



Future of RING

- Potential Advisory Board members include:
 - John Haupt: CEO of Grady Health System
 - James W. Curran: Dean of Rollins School of Public Health, Co-director of Emory Center for AIDS Research
 - Ruth Parker: Emory University School of Medicine Professor, Associate Director of the Faculty Development Program in General Medicine
 - Cory Labrecque: Scholar at Emory University's Center for Ethics, Co-Director of Catholic Studies at Emory University

Membership Positions

- GBM calendar events
- CAC: Certified Application Counselors
- Project Manager

GBM Calendar Events

- Calendar events will be posted regularly on the website
 - Events include local/statewide community health fairs, walks and other philanthropic activities, college campus recruitment and information sessions
 - RING members will distribute Health and Human Services materials and educate people about the health insurance marketplace (healthcare.gov)
 - 1 calendar event per month is required

CAC Certification

- Certified Application Counselors:
 - Inform consumers about the health insurance system
 - Assist in selecting health coverage based on consumer budget and needs
 - Help consumers enroll via the health insurance Marketplace (healthcare.gov)
- Web-based training and exam
 - Approximately 10 hours of training
 - Valid for 12 months

CAC Certification

- Certified Application Counselors will accompany GBM members to health fairs and other RING events
- Once trained, CACs will:
 - Help with outreach and education efforts
 - Give one-on-one application assistance to consumers via the Health Insurance Marketplace (healthcare.gov)

Project Managers

- 8 project managers will be selected via the general application and interview process
- Project managers will attend executive meetings and be assigned to work with an executive board member
 - The objectives for project managers will be to:
 - Assist with community outreach
 - Network and develop partnerships throughout Georgia
 - Help oversee RING expansion
 - Discover volunteer opportunities and events for the RING calendar
- Project managers will be priority candidates for future executive board positions

What RING Offers You

- Be a part of history
- Gain valuable work experience
- Engage in meaningful volunteer work
- Capitalize on networking opportunities
- Be a part of a unique organization
 - RING is the only organization in Georgia to involve students in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act!

- “What you’re doing here is not going to be important for just this generation, but it is going to be important...for future generations. You’re going to be able to say ‘I changed that. I made a difference. I made this country stronger, made it better’.”

-President Barack Obama

September 16, 2013, during an official White House Conference Call, in which RING of Georgia participated

Application Process

- The application to join RING can be found on the website and must be completed to become a member
 - <http://ringofgeorgia.org/get-involved/>
- After filling out an application, members will be asked to complete a casual Interview
 - 15 minutes with member of executive board
 - Interests, RING participation, ideas/plans for the future

Website

<http://ringofgeorgia.org/>

- Points of Note:
 - Login/Registration will be done for all volunteers, and usernames and temporary passwords will be emailed to new members
 - Events Calendar will show upcoming events and offer signups for volunteer activities
 - Volunteer application is online

Next GBM
Wednesday, October 9
7-9 PM
Location TBA