



# Georgia Perspective: Establishing an RRT

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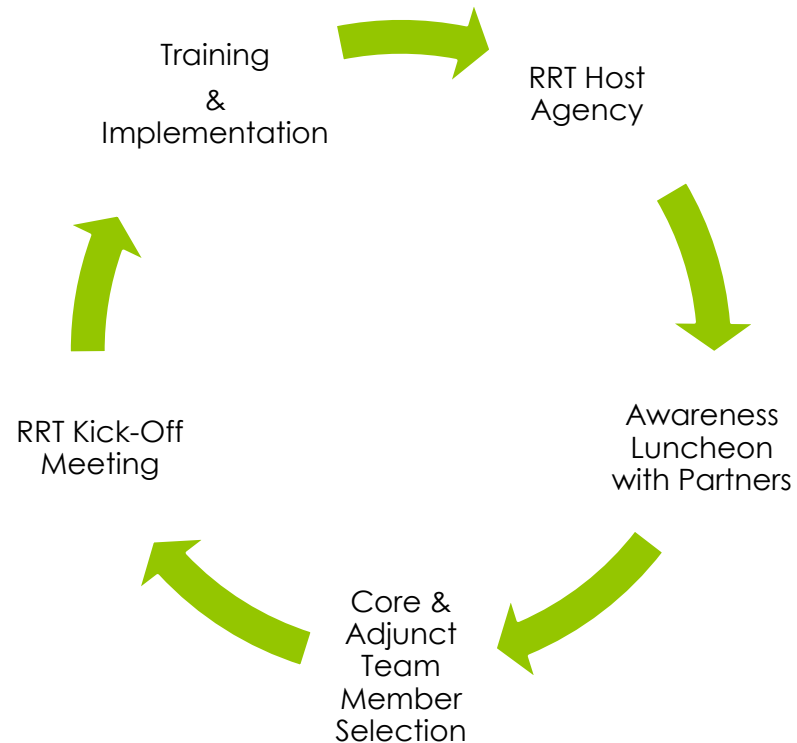
# Tools for Building a RRT

1. Building a Foundation
2. Mentoring
3. Personnel
4. Command Structure
5. Security
6. Equipment (Resource Typing)
7. Planning & Implementation

**The Journey begins...**

# Building the Foundation

1. Partnerships
2. Communication
3. Coordination
4. Structure



# Mentoring



## **Building the Foundation**

- NC is our Mentor State: paired like-states together
- FoodShield: document sharing
- Best Practices documents
- Webinars/Teleconferencing
- Annual Face-to-Face meeting

# Personnel

- RRT Program Manager (Food Safety)
- RRT Associate Program Manager (Emergency Management)
- Epidemiologist (Public Health cost-share)
- RRT Core Members (GDA Food & Feed)
- RRT Adjunct Members (SMEs: Agency Partners, Food Safety Task Force Members, Academia, local governments)

# Partner Agencies

- FDA
- Georgia Public Health: Epi, PH Lab & Environmental Health
- Georgia Dept. Natural Resources, EPD
- USDA FSIS
- CDC
- Georgia Food Safety Task Force Members

# Command Structure

- NIMS 100, 200, 300, 400, 700 & 800
- All-Hazards Approach: other Ag Divisions fill Command Roles so Food Safety Division members and partners can respond.
- RRT Core Members
- RRT Adjunct Members
- We chose to go this route for sustainability reasons. Major point for FDA.

# Security

- Safety Officer
- Safety Plan:  
analysis with risk  
assessment
- Site Review:  
include exits
- Inform Staff



**Proper Equipment  
& Plan**



# Equipment



- Resource Typing—What do you have, what do you have, what do you have?

# Planning & Implementation

- 3 Year Grant Deliverables
- Excel Spreadsheet:
  - Personnel
  - Planning
    - Meetings
    - Mentorship
  - Communications
  - Training (Personnel, Regional Lab Exercise, Regional EMAC Exercise)
- **Sent to key RRT Leadership Members**

# Questions



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