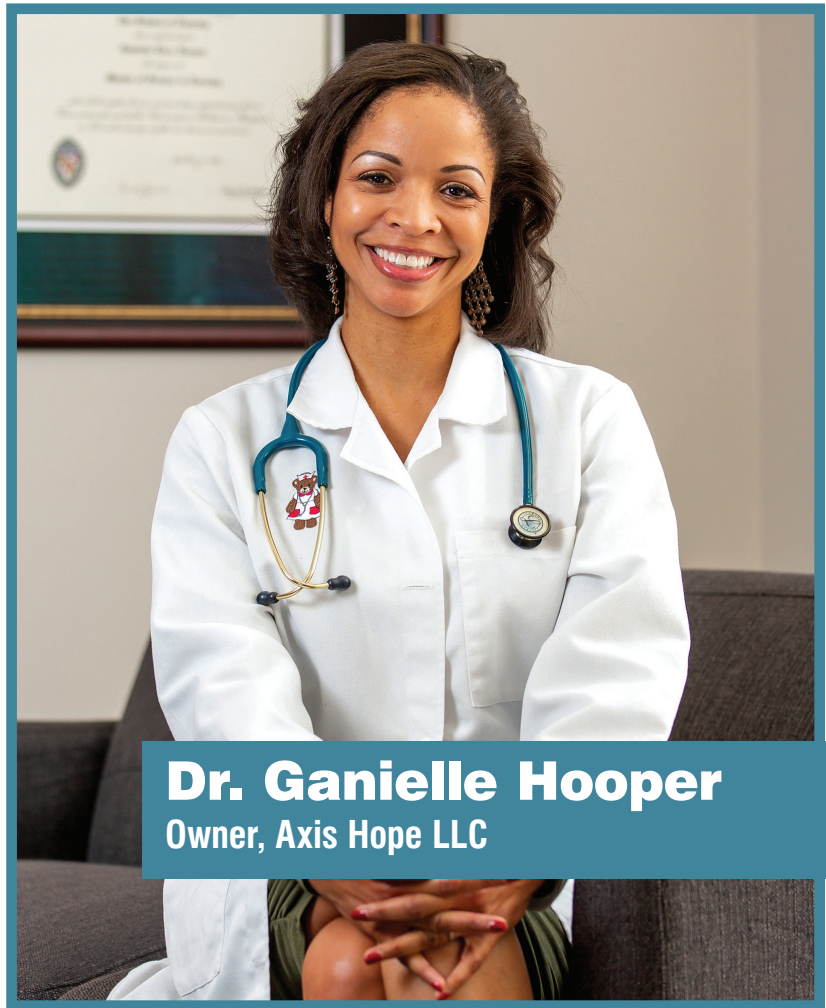


**THE STORY:** I am originally from Atlanta. After graduating from high school, I joined the Air Force so I could travel the world. I returned to Georgia after leaving the active duty military and received my undergraduate degree in Nursing from Georgia State University. I worked as a registered nurse for five years in an Emergency Department, and it was there I was first introduced to the dire need for mental healthcare. To further my career, I pursued a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University and then worked as a pediatric nurse practitioner, providing primary care to infants, children, and adolescents. As my focus shifted from primary care to mental healthcare, I identified a critical shortage of mental health providers and the grave need for the pediatric population to receive mental health treatment. With that need in mind, I earned a doctorate in nursing from St. Catherine University in Minnesota and certification as a pediatric mental health specialist.

Currently, I own and operate the mental health clinic, Axis Hope LLC in East Cobb, where I assess, diagnose, and treat the mental health needs of children and adolescents by developing treatment plans and prescribing medications for symptom management. I specialize in treating anxiety, ADHD, depression, bipolar disorder, and autism. In 2019, I also began teaching at Emory University and Kennesaw State as an adjunct professor. I enjoy giving back to the community whenever I can. I am fluent in Spanish. I am married with four boys, and remain in the military as an officer in the Air National Guard.

**WHY I CHOSE TO LIVE IN COBB:** The quality of the schools and welcoming spirit of the community are why I was drawn to Cobb. I have four sons, so I understand the importance of receiving quality education. The people in Cobb County are kind, warm-hearted, and really value civic connections. I could not imagine living any place else!

**WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?** I love knowing that I am in a position to assist a person with turning things around in their life. The best compliments I hear are "I have my daughter back" or "I have my son back, thank you!" It is so rewarding to make a positive impact with these children and believing I can possibly help guide them down a healthier path of life.



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Owner, Axis Hope LLC

**LEISURE TIME:** I enjoy cooking, traveling, and reading. I hope to see more of the world next year; and I always look forward to spending more time with my family!

**BEST ADVICE:** Ensure you carve out some time for self-care. It is just as important that you are mentally, emotionally, and physically stable first, before you can begin to help someone else.

**WHAT'S NEXT?** Next for me is expanding my practice to adults and providing therapy to my patients, in addition to what I am currently providing. I love learning and will stay current on evidence-based practice, which includes attending conferences and lectures around the world. I hope to continue spreading the word about mental health with some speaking engagements as well. Ultimately, I would like to offer mental health services in neighboring states (via telemedicine) to provide care to those who have limited access to mental health treatment. I love connecting patients to mental health resources and see myself doing that for the next 30 years!