

Georgia Department of Human Services

Division of Aging Services

Board Presentation

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— VISION —

LIVING LONGER,

LIVING SAFELY,

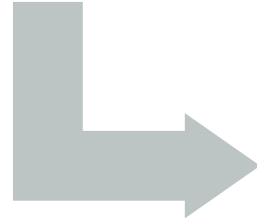
living well



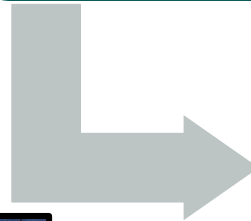
The “bigger picture” of the flow of funding and administration of Older Americans Act services & supports that have the unified goal of creating communities where we are all *Living longer, Living safely, Living well!*



- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services



- Administration for Community Living



- Division of Aging Services

- State Funding, Laws & Regs



- Area Agency on Aging



DHS' Division of Aging Services is the Designated State Unit on Aging

State Units on Aging (SUAs) are designated state-level agencies that are responsible for developing and administering multi-year state plans that advocate for and provide assistance to older residents, their families, and adults living with disabilities.



There are 56 SUAs in each of the 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands.

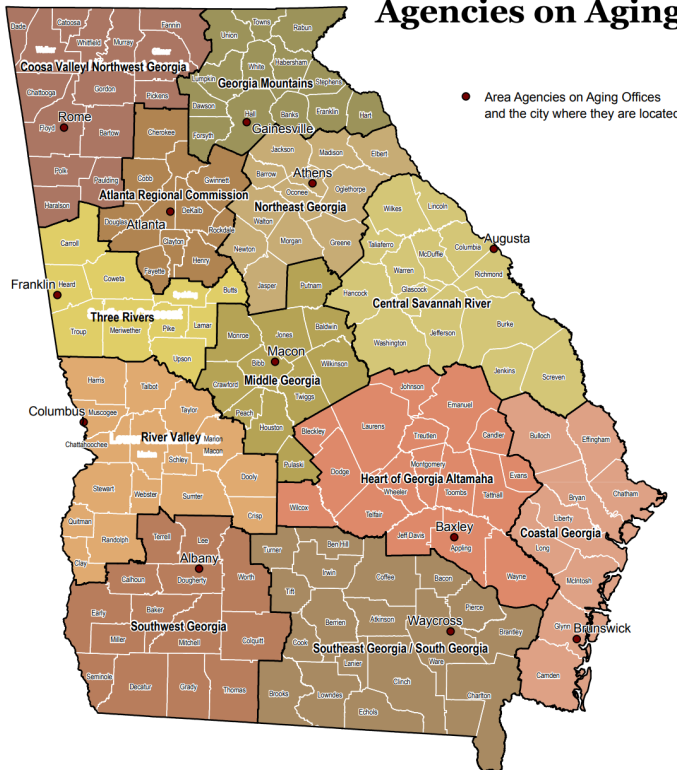
*“State Unit on Aging” is a general term. The units can be called by various names such as Division of Aging or Departments of Elder Affairs.



DAS is the Designated SUA



Georgia Area
Agencies on Aging



The Administration for Community Living

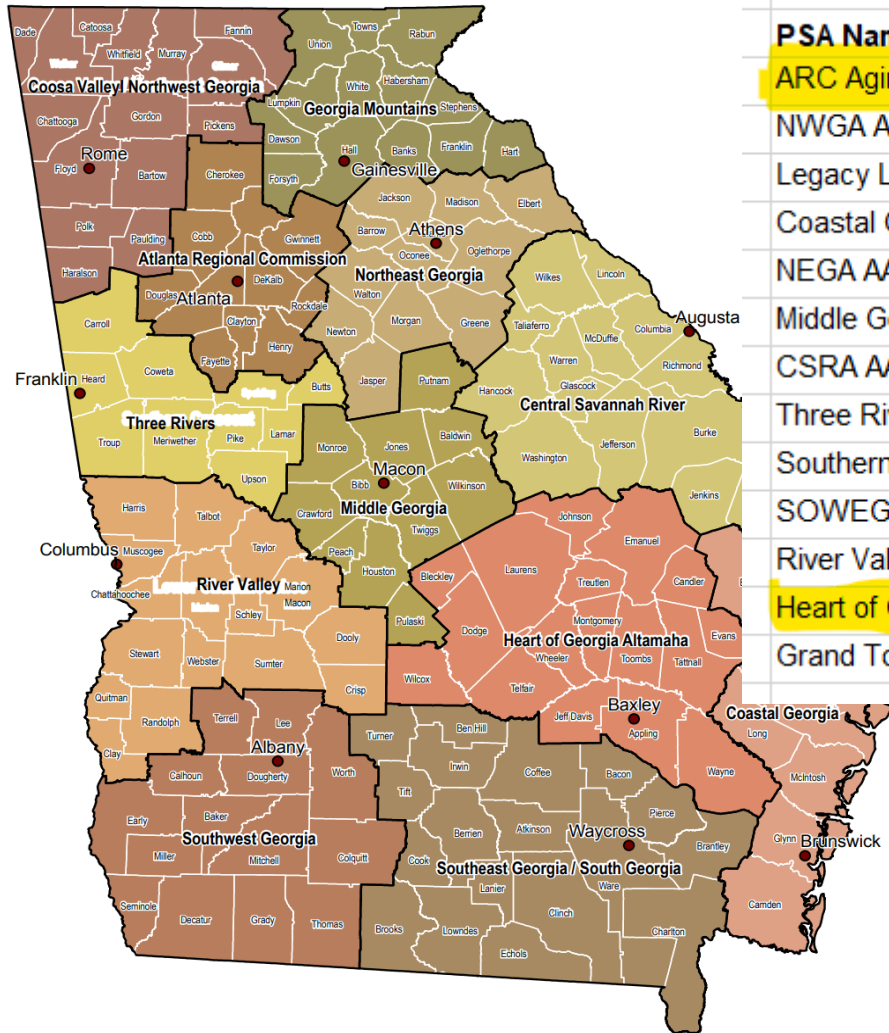
federally funds services and supports – provided primarily by networks of community-based organizations – that allow older individuals and adults living with disabilities to live in the home and community of their choice.

We administer the federal funds to the "local" level via our Planning & Service Areas.

The **Planning & Service Areas (PSAs)** each deliver services tailored to their community... i.e., home & community-based services. Our PSAs are our 12 **Area Agency on Aging** regions.



Planning and Service Areas & 60+ They Serve



PSA Name	2020 Census 60+	% of Total 60+ Population
ARC Aging Division	793,195	38.41%
NWGA AAA	198,857	9.63%
Legacy Link Georgia Mountains AAA	162,082	7.85%
Coastal GA AAA	138,705	6.72%
NEGA AAA	128,490	6.22%
Middle Georgia AAA	111,159	5.38%
CSRA AAA	110,359	5.24%
Three Rivers AAA	108,197	5.34%
Southern GA AAA	85,153	4.12%
SOWEGA AAA	80,991	3.86%
River Valley AAA	79,667	3.92%
Heart of Georgia AAA	68,111	3.30%
Grand Total	2,064,966	100.00%

*The Area Agency on Aging Planning and Service Areas are designated by the DHS Division of Aging Services and may be different from the Regional Commissions



State Plan on Aging FFY 2024 - 2027



**Carl Vinson
Institute of Government**
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Phase 1: Review of Georgia's Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF) - *Completed*

- * IFF meets the requirements of ACL
- * Carl Vinson Institute recommends updating the census data annually in the funding allocation to the AAAs

Phase 2: Facilitate State Plan Hearings and stakeholder input

- * 13 listening sessions via Teams meetings
- * Web survey form on our homepage: <https://aging.georgia.gov/>
- * Input will be used to develop the next State Plan on Aging for Georgia



Programs and Services

Protect the Rights and Safety of Those We Serve

- Adult Protective Services (APS)
- Temporary Emergency Respite Fund (TERF) Unit
- Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCO)
- Forensic Special Initiatives Unit (FSIU)
- Elderly Legal Assistance Program (ELAP)
- Public Guardianship Office (PGO)

Report Abuse/Neglect/Exploitation: 1-866-552-4464 (Option 3)

<https://aging.dhs.georgia.gov/report-elder-abuse>



Programs and Services Cont.

Support Services

- Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)
- GA SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program)/Medicare
- Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)
 - Nutrition and Wellness – Meals, Fitness Classes, Disease Prevention
 - In-Home Services – Respite, Emergency Response Services, Homemaker/Chore Services, Personal Care Assistance
- Caregiving Services
 - Respite, Support Groups, Adult Day Services
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (Kinship Care)
 - Case Management, Respite
- Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)



Access Points



1-866-55-AGING

Option 2 – ADRC

Option 3 – APS Central Intake

Option 4 – Georgia Cares

Option 5 – LTCO

Option 7 – Senior Legal Hotline

<https://www.georgiaadrc.com/>

<https://www.georgiaombudsman.org/>

<http://aging.dhs.georgia.gov/>



Exciting Initiatives (Funded in FY 23 Budget)

- **Dementia Care Specialist Program Launch**

- \$1.25M state funding annually beginning in FY23
- Modeled after a successful program in Wisconsin
- Minimum of one FTE Dementia Care Specialist in each AAA
- Local dementia expert for training across ADRC network
- Catalyst for dementia partnerships in the community
- Community education and memory screening events

- **Expansion of the Georgia Memory Net Program**

- \$3M additional funding annually, beginning in FY23
- Two additional Memory Assessment Clinics and expansion of telehealth options



Additional Funding

- **FY22**

- \$4.2M American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) match that will allow DAS to draw down \$37,993,513 in federal funds for Home & Community Based Services like meals, health and wellness, and caregiver services.

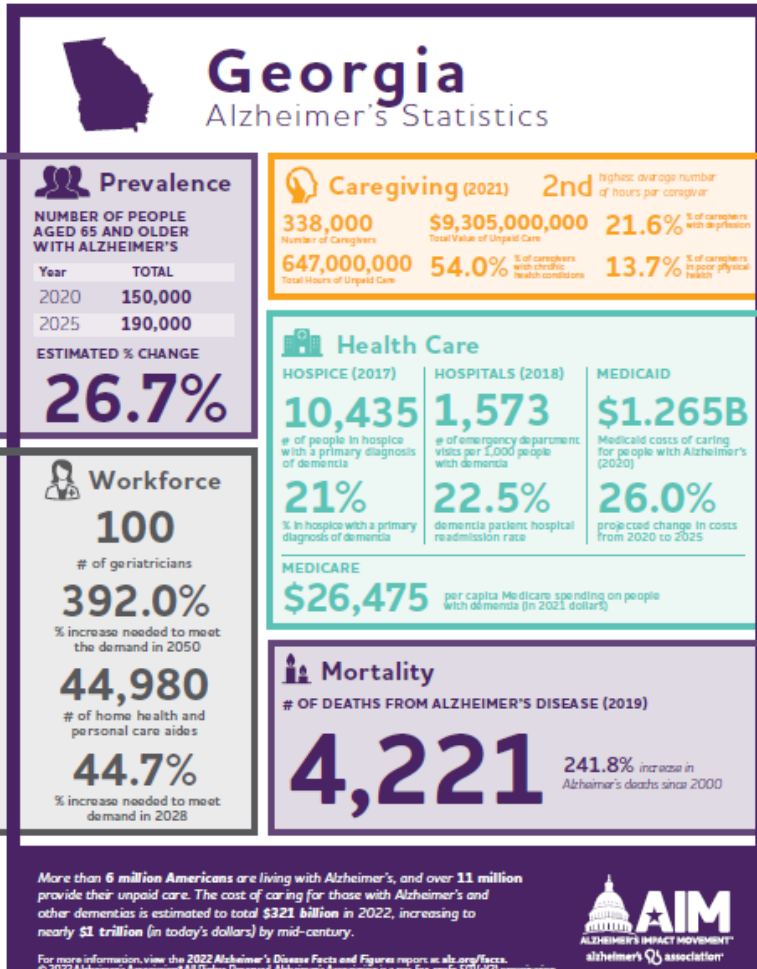
- **FY23**

- An additional \$3.9M for Home & Community Based Services

**These additional dollars will help reduce some of our wait lists. As of April 1, 2022, we had 10,622 clients waiting on 13,700 services.*



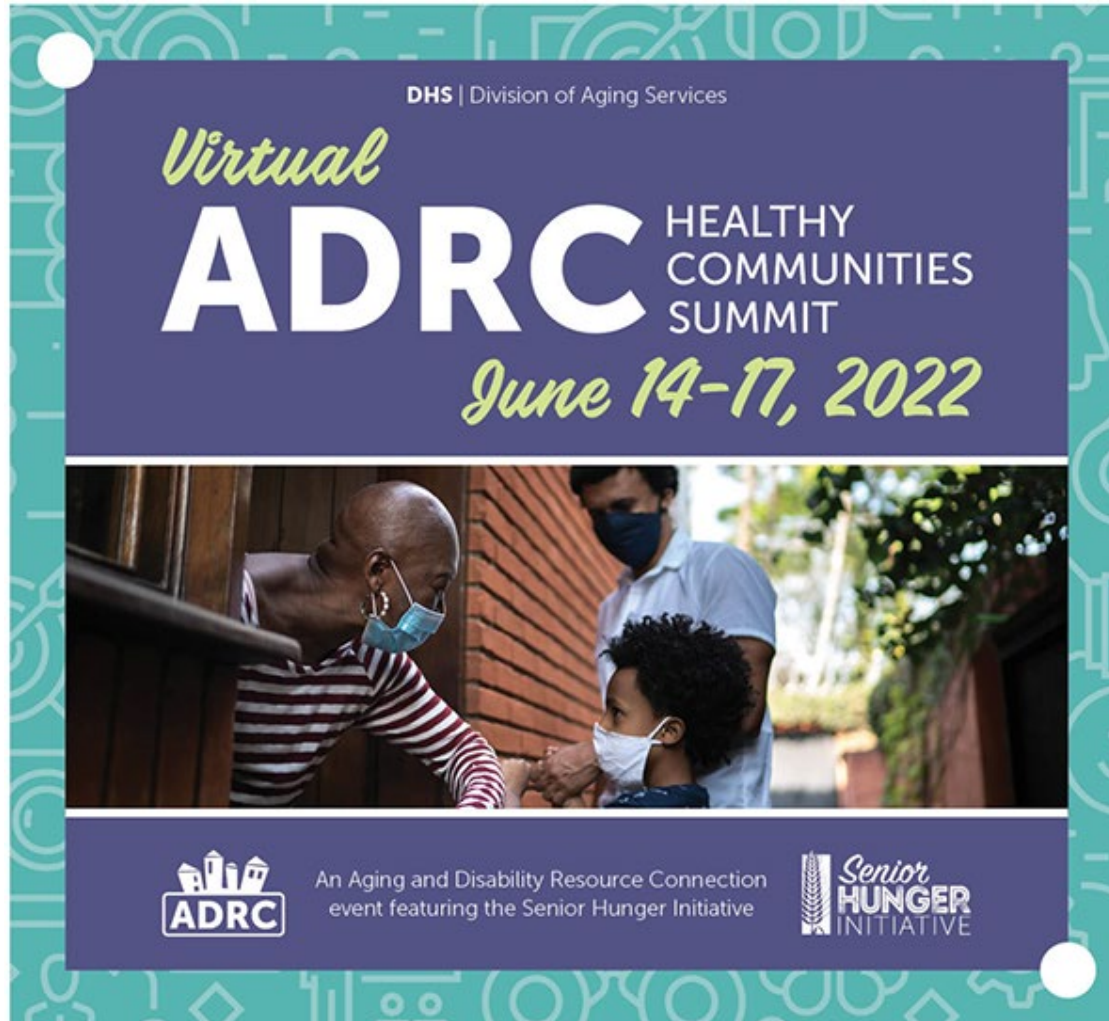
June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month



We are sharing brain health stats, facts about dementia & links to resources throughout the month on social media!



Recent Successful Event!



Our event featured programs daily from 9:30am – 12:30pm and included Sen. Harold Jones on our opening day!

We had 490 people registered for the event and great engagement throughout the programs.



Questions?

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