Georgia Department of Human Services
Division of Aging Services

Combatting Senior Hunger in Georgia

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Vision, Mission and Core Values

Vision
Stronger Families for a Stronger Georgia.

Mission
Strengthen Georgia by providing Individuals and Families access to services that promote self-sufficiency, independence, and protect Georgia's vulnerable children and adults.

Core Values
- Provide access to resources that offer support and empower Georgians and their families.
- Deliver services professionally and treat all clients with dignity and respect.
- Manage business operations effectively and efficiently by aligning resources across the agency.
- Promote accountability, transparency and quality in all services we deliver and programs we administer.
- Develop our employees at all levels of the agency.

Division Vision and Mission

Vision

Living longer, Living safely, Living well

Mission
The Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Aging Services (DAS) supports the larger goals of DHS by assisting older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities and their families and caregivers to achieve safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services Planning and Service Areas

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DHS/DAS Offices
SFY 2017
* = DAS only office
D = DHS office

Effective 7/1/2000
PSA/AAA Names Effective August 2009
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What are the national statistics?

- Meals On Wheels America: More than 10 Million older Americans (16% of older adults or 1 in 6 older adults) face hunger each year. (2017)

- National Council on Aging: Food insecurity rate for all senior households is 8.3% (2015)

- AARP Foundation: we have seen an increase in older adult hunger of 79% between 2001 and 2009

- Georgia is ranked 9th for senior hunger/food insecurity in the nation. (National Foundation to End Senior Hunger 2014)

Work to Fight Senior Hunger

- 2016: First ever Senior Hunger Summit
  - Selected a committee of individuals from across the state to help develop a well rounded summit
  - Used 5 topics to drive the breakout sessions and the post summit work groups
  - Invited speakers from national and local organizations
  - Invited for profit organizations, not for profit organizations, faith community leaders, legislators and members of government, older adults and members of the aging network
  - Post summit working session evolved into the 5 workgroups
  - Support from Georgia's Governor and First Lady

Work to Fight Senior Hunger

- 12 Regional Listening Sessions
  - One session held in each of the 12 planning and service areas of the state aging network with the support of the Area Agencies on Aging
  - Support from North Highland Contractors to conduct the sessions
  - Five primary topics provided prior to the listening session to help develop the conversation
  - The primary topics were used as an outline to guide each session
  - Notes were taken on site via computer, sticky notes and flip charts and followed up with an on line survey
  - Reports from each session are included in the state plan appendices and are reflected in the recommendations

Work to Fight Senior Hunger

- Drafting The State Plan
  - Enlisting an intern
  - Starting with the research
  - Developing a Glossary of terms for better communication and understanding
  - Review and inclusion of the listening session reports and workgroup notes
  - Review of five topic areas and common themes from listening sessions with two conference groups in Georgia
  - Development of multilevel recommendations

Work to Fight Senior Hunger

- Five Topic Areas and Common Themes
  - Meeting the Needs of the Community
  - Health Impact of Senior Hunger
  - Food Access
  - Today's Seniors
  - Food Waste and Reclamation

Partnering with the National Foundation to End Senior Hunger

- Key note at the first senior hunger summit
- Partnership for "What A Waste Program" Pilot in Georgia
  - Three Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)
  - Three Senior Centers per AAA
- Expanded Partnership and the What A Waste University
  - Expanded to the remaining 9 AAAs
  - Three Senior Centers per AAA

Next Steps for Georgia

- Continued Expansion of the What A Waste Program
- Expanding partnerships to better serve older adults in need
- Support of grassroots efforts and innovations
- Annual best practices session at state wide aging conference

Georgia Alzheimer's Project (GAP)

14.5% (~1 in 7) Americans are over the age of 65

~ 1 in 10 individuals over 65 has Alzheimer's Disease (AD)

Alzheimer's Disease, related dementias "projected to soar"
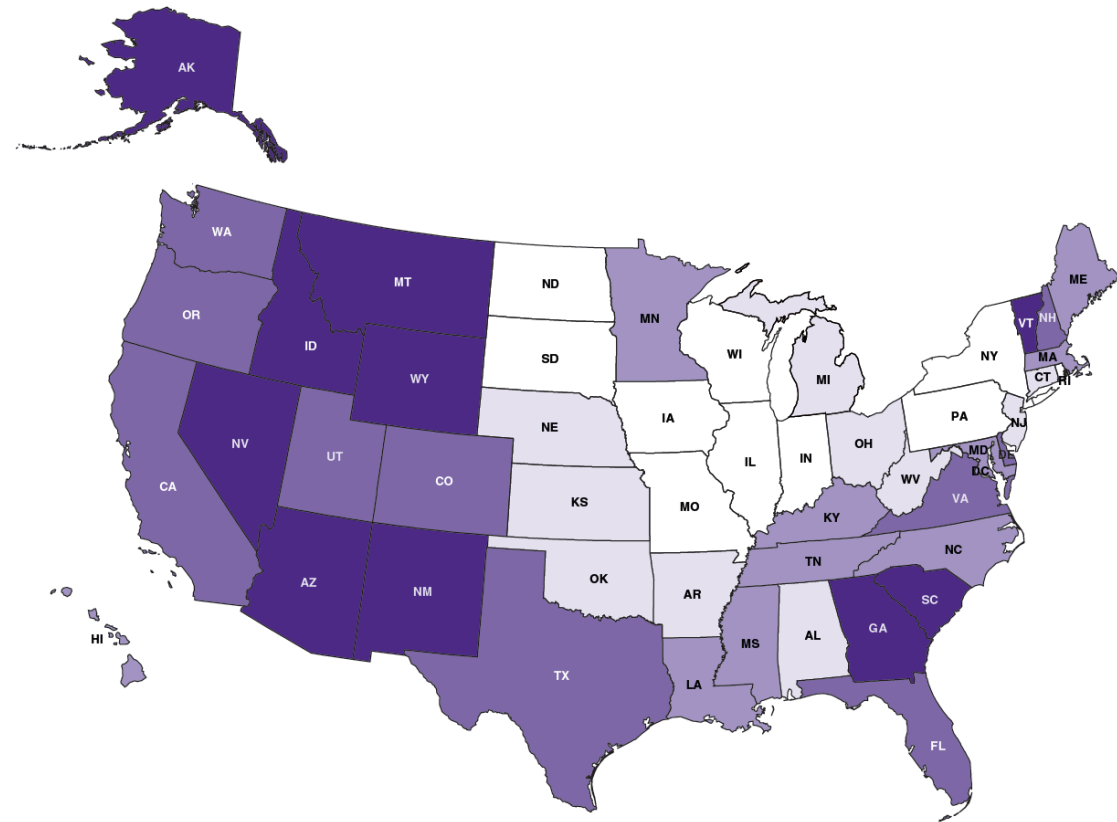
Administration on Aging, 2014

National Alzheimer's Association Data

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Projected Increases Between 2016 and 2025 in Alzheimer's Disease Prevalence by State

☐ 14.3% – 18.5% ☐ 18.6% – 24.5% ☐ 24.6% – 34.6% ☐ 34.7% – 41.5% ☐ 41.6% – 61.8%

Change from 2016 to 2025 for Washington, D.C.: 0.0%

Created from data provided to the Alzheimer's Association by Weuve et al.[166, A8]

In Georgia:
- Predicted prevalence increase of 35.7% by 2025

- Georgia will experience one the largest percentage increases in people with Alzheimer's in the country.

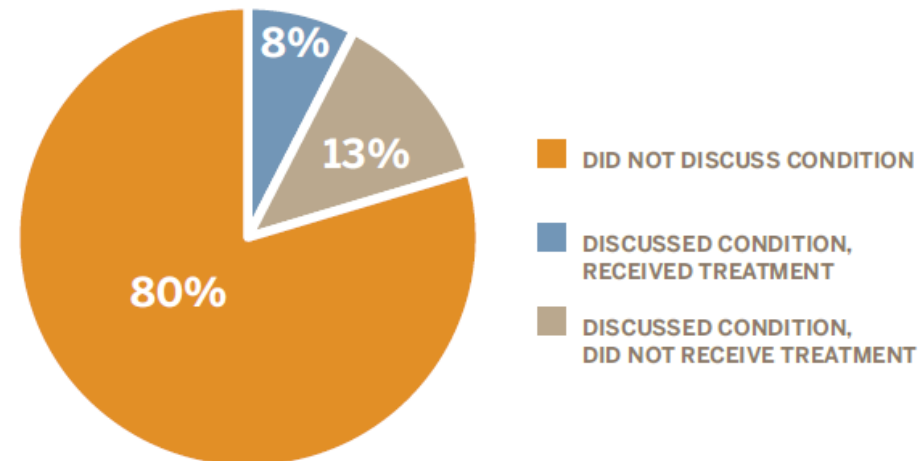*2017 GA Alzheimer's Association data*

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Georgia Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia (GARD) 2016 findings:

Discussed PCI with a Health Care Professional (HCP) and Received Treatment/Therapy

Approximately **80%** of Georgians with PCI had not discussed their memory issues with an HCP, and therefore had not received any form of treatment or therapy. Only **8%** of Georgians with PCI had discussed their condition with a HCP and received some form of treatment or therapy.

Percentage of Adults Aged 45 Years or Older with PCI Who Have Discussed Condition with HCP and Received Treatment, Georgia, 2011-2013, 2015

- 8%
- 13%
- 80%

- DID NOT DISCUSS CONDITION
- DISCUSSED CONDITION, RECEIVED TREATMENT
- DISCUSSED CONDITION, DID NOT RECEIVE TREATMENT

2/3 individuals who meet diagnostic criteria for AD have not received a diagnosis
→*Diagnosis often delayed 6+ years following symptom onset*
PCI=Perceived Cognitive Impairment

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Cost of Care Mitigated by Early Diagnosis and Intervention:

- Medicaid costs for AD - *$35,000 (vs $4,000* for non-AD)

- Savings with early detection, intervention

  →28% less institutionalization, $10K net savings **per patient**

  →1/7 hospital admissions of Medicare patients with AD avoidable - potential $2 billion annual savings *

In Georgia, estimated cost savings of implementing a program for early diagnosis and treatment translates to $1.25 - $1.55 Billion

Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC) 2016. Abstract 01-11-01. Presented July 25, 2016.

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- The Georgia Department of Human Services contracts with Emory to provide a statewide system of diagnosis and care effective July 1, 2017

- Emory will sub-contract to **establish 5 Memory Assessment Clinics (MAC)** in year one modeled after Emory Brain Health Center protocols

- MAC's function independently as assessment centers partnered with local primary care centers, Area Agencies on Aging, Alzheimer's Association, Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving, and other relevant services providers

- Training, funding, and ongoing evaluation provided to each MAC by Emory Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC)

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MAC Selection Process Year 1: An academic approach

- Partner with academic medical centers across Georgia via Medical College of Georgia, Mercer, and Morehouse Schools of Medicine

- Offers greatest opportunity to reach trainees (residents, fellows) and facilitates a broader network of informed primary care sites and training sites for practice change

- Allows state and academic partners to embark on GAP as non-commercial pilot working with institutions with resources for MAC implementation (space, needed equipment, expertise) as well as for comprehensive evaluation, findings publications (e.g. IRB's, evaluation experts, and quality improvement offices at institutional levels)

- Future years/MAC expansions likely consist of competitive request for proposals (RFP) process to be dually hosted by GAP leadership and appropriate state officials

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Academic partnerships offer geographic versatility and statewide coverage

Medical College of Georgia: Augusta (confirmed)
Slated to implement: October 2017
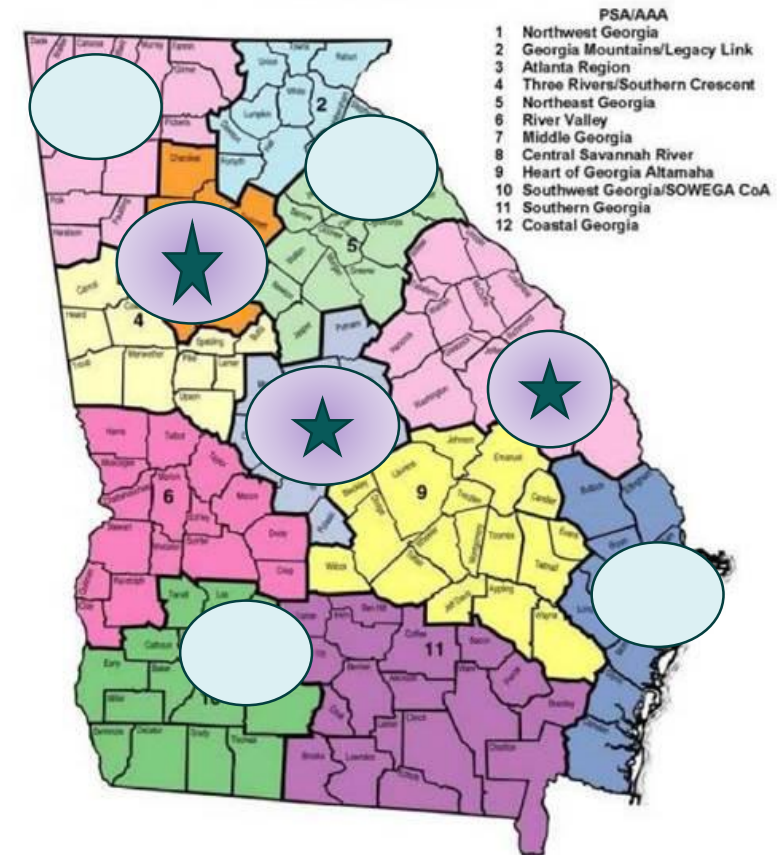Possible additional sites: Savannah, Albany, Rome, Athens

Mercer: Macon (confirmed)
Possible additional sites: Savannah, Columbus

Morehouse/Grady: Metro-Atlanta (confirmed)

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Community Services & Education

- ✓ Partnership with Rosalynn Carter Institute – expertise in family and provider education
- ✓ Partnership with GA Alzheimer's Association – expertise in tailored services referral
- ✓ Partnership being finalized with Area Agencies on Aging network and Division of Aging Services, Aging & Disabilities Resource network
- ✓ Partnership with Fuqua Center for Late Life Depression in discussion phases
- ✓ Video conference & strategic planning session with partners set for Aug. 16th

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Project Goals:

1. Improve primary care clinicians' screening and care of Georgians with memory loss via sustainable Annual Wellness Visit model

2. Establish Memory Assessment Clinics (MAC) around the state to improve Georgians' access to early and accurate diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders, and to improve long-term care and outcomes for patients and caregivers (5 MACs in year 1)

3. Establish an oversight structure to coordinate ongoing evaluation of project performance and continued education and training to improve the care that all Georgians receive for dementing illnesses

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MAC IT Platform Accomplishments
- Defined Clinic and Operation Workflow Requirements
- Set-up biweekly calls and email biweekly status reports to GA DHS Chief Information Officer and Deputy Chief Information Officer
- Met with GA DHS Chief Information Security Officer

MAC IT Platform Tasks in Progress
- Developing MAC Site Evaluation Criteria for IT and Workflow
- Creating IT Application Architecture Design, Evaluate Vendors
- Facilitating Vendor Selection and Contracting for the Technologies
- Driving Implementation of Design, Plans for Technology and Workflow

Questions?