



**Georgia Department
of Human Services**

Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementia's State Plan

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stronger families

FOR A STRONGER GEORGIA



Division of Aging Services

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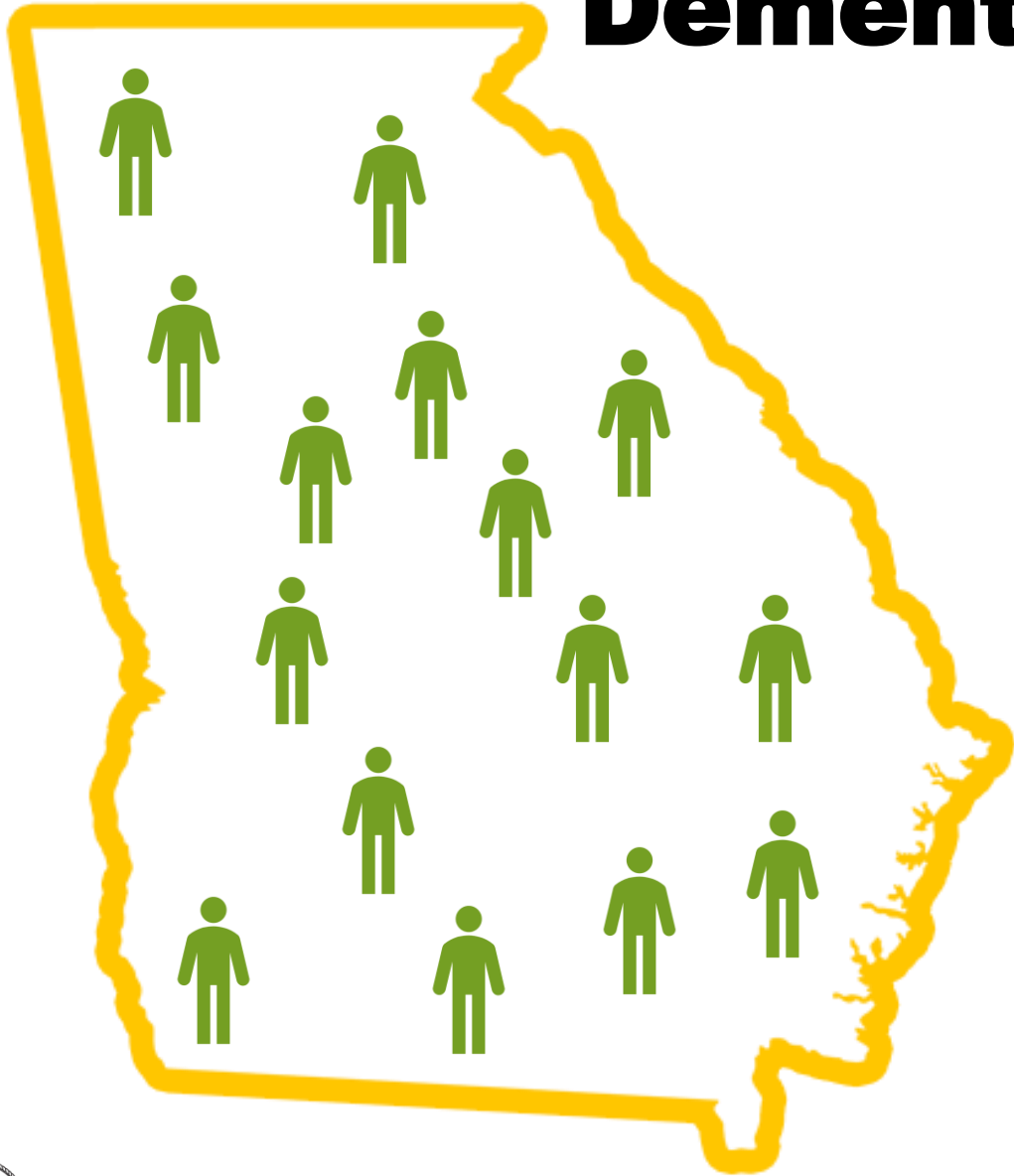
LIVING LONGER,

LIVING SAFELY,

living well



Dementia in Georgia



- 150,000 Georgians are living with Alzheimer's (this number does not include all dementias)
- 540,000 are unpaid care partners
- 385,000 Georgians have self-reported cognitive decline, yet 80% haven't been evaluated or treated



History of Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias (GARD)

- **2013:**

- Creation of Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias (GARD) State Plan Task Force
- Work groups were established around areas or sections of the Plan

- **2014:**

- Original GARD State Plan signed by Governor Deal

- **2016:**

- GARD Coordinator hired within Division of Aging Services

- **2018:**

- Senate re-established GARD Advisory Council
- Advisory Council members designated by law or appointment by the Governor



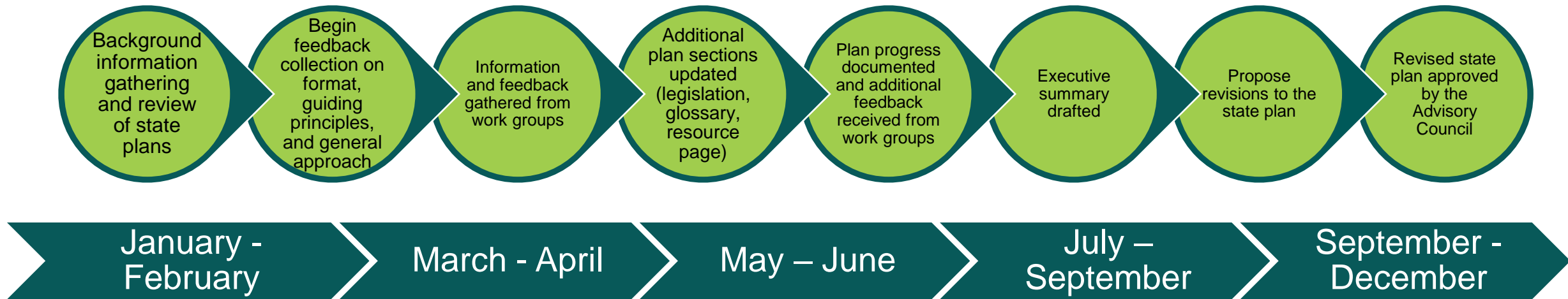
GARD Accomplishments



GARD
Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias
Advisory Council

- Georgia Memory Net
- Dementia Competency Guide
- Second Wind Dreams Virtual Dementia Tour CMP Grant
- Assistive Technology Labs
- Dementia Friendly Initiatives
- Brain Strong Flyer
- Alzheimer's Training for Public Safety
- Alzheimer's Registry

High-Level Process and Timeline



GARD Plan and Collaborative Workgroups

- 6 current workgroups and sections of the GARD plan:
 - Workforce Development
 - Service Delivery
 - Outreach and Partnerships
 - Research and Data Collection
 - Public Safety
 - Policy



Goals & Strategies

- **Goals**

- Broad and evergreen (to the extent possible and appropriate)
- Align with the workgroup's role

- **Strategies**

- Maximum of 3 per goal
- Specific and measurable
- May align with mission and vision of workgroup members' organizations
- Added time frame, stakeholders and potential costs



Goals & Strategies

Goal Research & Development (RD1): Champion & strengthen existing research and data collection related to cognitive decline and dementia diagnosis, care and support.

Rationale: Research, surveillance and data collection are central to advancing our understanding of dementia, developing and ensuring linkage to effective treatments and improving the quality of care for people living with cognitive decline and dementia and their families.

Strategies:

RD1a: Provide and maintain a database of key referral sources as a resource for community physicians to support screening, diagnosis and management of cognitive decline and dementia.

Time Frame and Measurable Outcomes:

- Complete scan of existing databases to establish whether a referral database is already available for use by January 2021.
- Disseminate information about database of key referral sources by May 2021.

Key Stakeholders: Georgia Department of Public Health; Georgia institutes of higher education; Georgia Memory Net; Georgia Primary Care Association; Georgia Division of Aging Services

Cost Implications: Dissemination of communication materials could have a cost if printed.





Questions?

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