

Georgia Department of Human Services
Division of Aging Services

Expanding Partnerships

Centers for Independent Living

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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.



2016 - 2019 DAS Strategic Plan *Goals*

Goal 1: Food Security

Description: Empower older adults to stay active and healthy by increasing food security and access to healthy food options

Strategies:

1. Increase access to healthy food options for older adults by connecting them to local food systems
2. Implement a person-centered approach to dining options
3. Quarterly SNAP sign up days at senior centers
4. Develop a partner group to support and implement a State Senior Hunger Summit
5. Evaluate the extent of choice of dining options
6. Expand the role of site councils to improve dining choices

Adheres to Governor's Goals of: Health – Accessible care and active lifestyles



Update: 2016 Senior Hunger Summit

SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2016

Senior
HUNGER
SUMMIT

EXPERTS

POLICYMAKERS

COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS

*Raising awareness.
Seeking solutions.*

REGISTRATION

Atlanta Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort
4021 Lakeview Drive
Stone Mountain, GA



What's Next?

- “What a Waste” Project
- Expanding work with the University of Georgia
- Senior Hunger Workgroups October 2016-2017
- Senior Hunger State Plan Development 2018
- Develop community, regional and statewide partnerships



2016 - 2019 DAS Strategic Plan

Goals

Goal 3: Self-Sufficiency

Description: Older adults and adults with disabilities will remain independent and in their desired residence as long as possible

Strategies:

1. Identify and prioritize potential underserved populations to reach and offer services
2. Options Counselors and LTCO collaborate to assist nursing facility residents who have expressed interest in learning more about less restrictive housing options
3. Expand service types and options available to consumers
4. Implement a Kinship Care Continuum - including Voluntary Kinship Care
5. Expand partnership with Centers for Independent Living for cross support in transition activities
6. Enhance PGO staff's practice of determining the preference or wishes of a person under guardianship and incorporating that input into surrogate decision-making
7. Refer cases that are more appropriate for less restrictive alternatives back to court
8. Increase the number of multi-disciplinary/multi-agency groups in which PGO staff participates

Adheres to Governor's Goals of: Safe – Protecting the public's safety and security



Aging and Disability Resource Connection

- History
- Overview
- [Nora's Story](#)



One Call Opens Doors

- **Help for older persons**
- **Persons with disabilities**
- **Family members and caregivers**



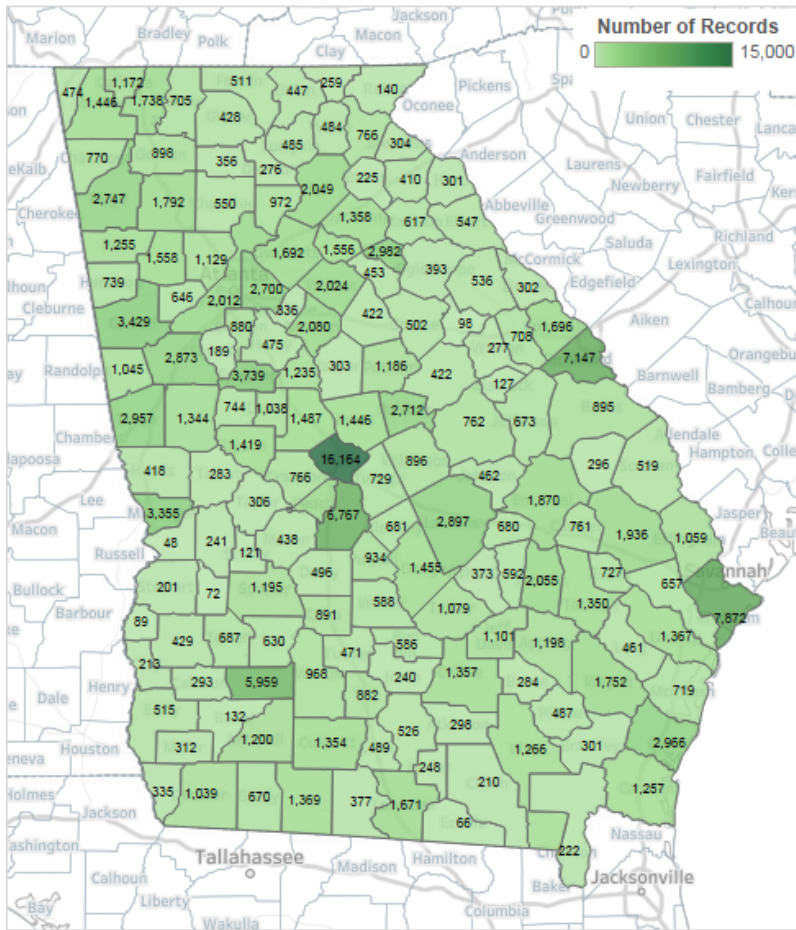
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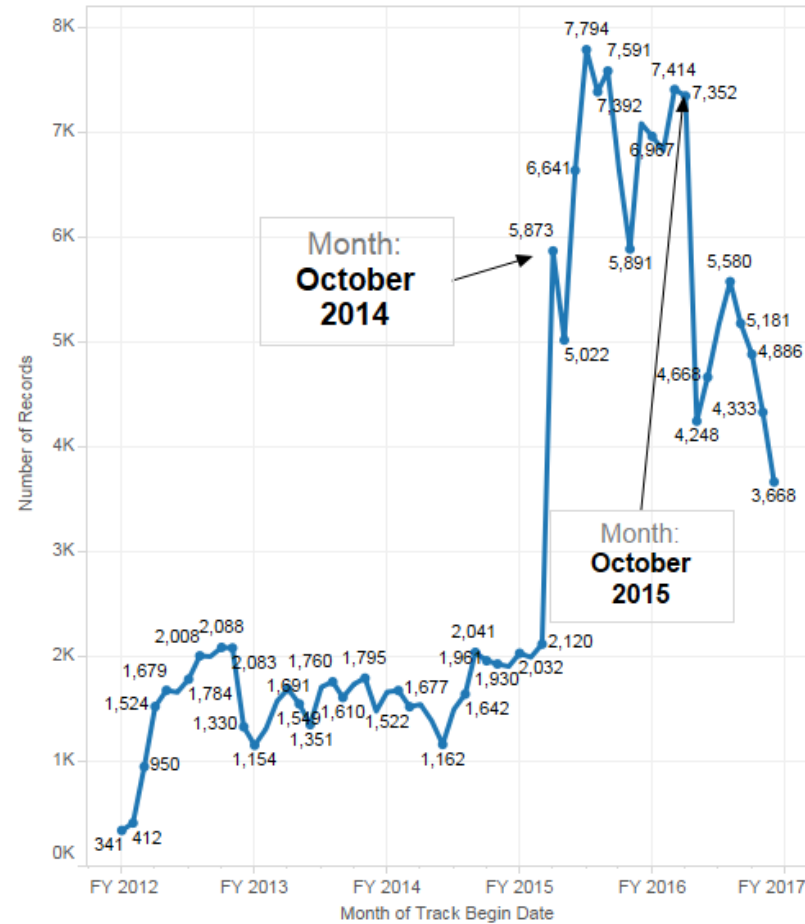


Total ADRC Gateway Client Calls

ADRC Calls by County: July 2012 - June 2016



Total ADRC Calls by Month: July 2012 - June 2016



Year of Track ..	MIDDLE	TR	HRT	COAST	NWGA	SOWEGA	CSRA	NEGA	ARC	SOU	RV	LL	Grand Total
FY 2012	5,131	2,358	1,849	1,388	479	931	1,731	377	2,411	653	144	408	17,860
FY 2013	3,713	2,929	1,646	1,821	485	2,178	1,852	324	2,457	653	269	398	18,725
FY 2014	2,949	3,030	1,758	1,618	559	2,064	1,967	280	3,168	645	1,055	838	19,931
FY 2015	10,310	5,752	7,273	7,161	6,676	5,000	4,958	5,195	1,934	4,465	4,058	3,302	66,084
FY 2016	12,808	5,754	7,095	6,306	8,390	5,290	3,950	7,061	639	3,565	3,270	2,172	66,300
Grand Total	34,911	19,823	19,621	18,294	16,589	15,463	14,458	13,237	10,609	9,981	8,796	7,118	188,900



Administration for Community Living (ACL)

Administration on Aging (AoA)

State Units on Aging (DAS)

Administration on Disabilities

Independent Living Administration (CILs)



State Independent Living Council of Georgia (SILC)

- The Statewide Independent Living Council is a systems advocacy and planning organization.
- Members include all nine Centers for Independent Living.
- Work for systemic change in the areas that are the biggest barriers to people with disabilities participating fully in their communities.
- Current 3-year plan focuses on:
 - Accessible Housing
 - Assistive Technology
 - Transportation

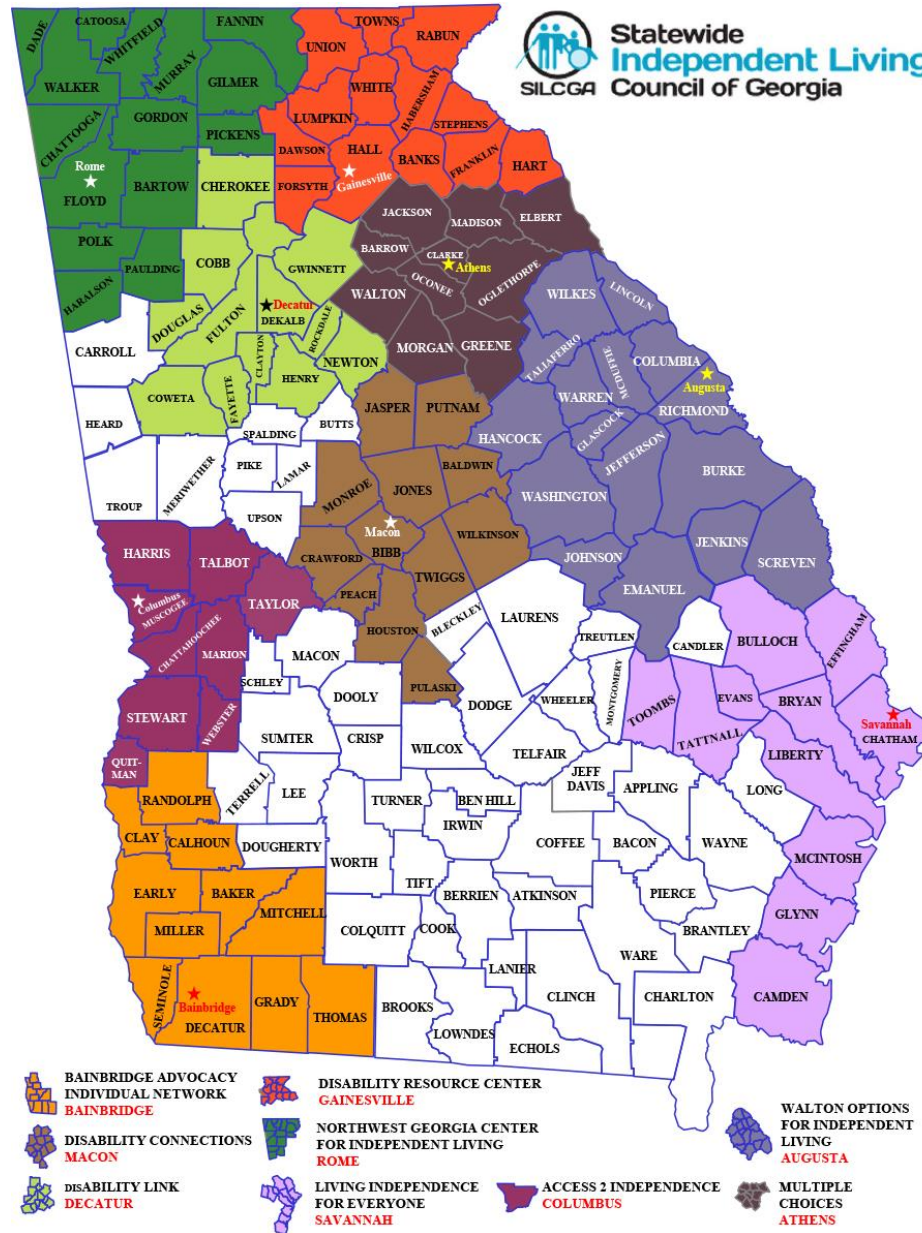


Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

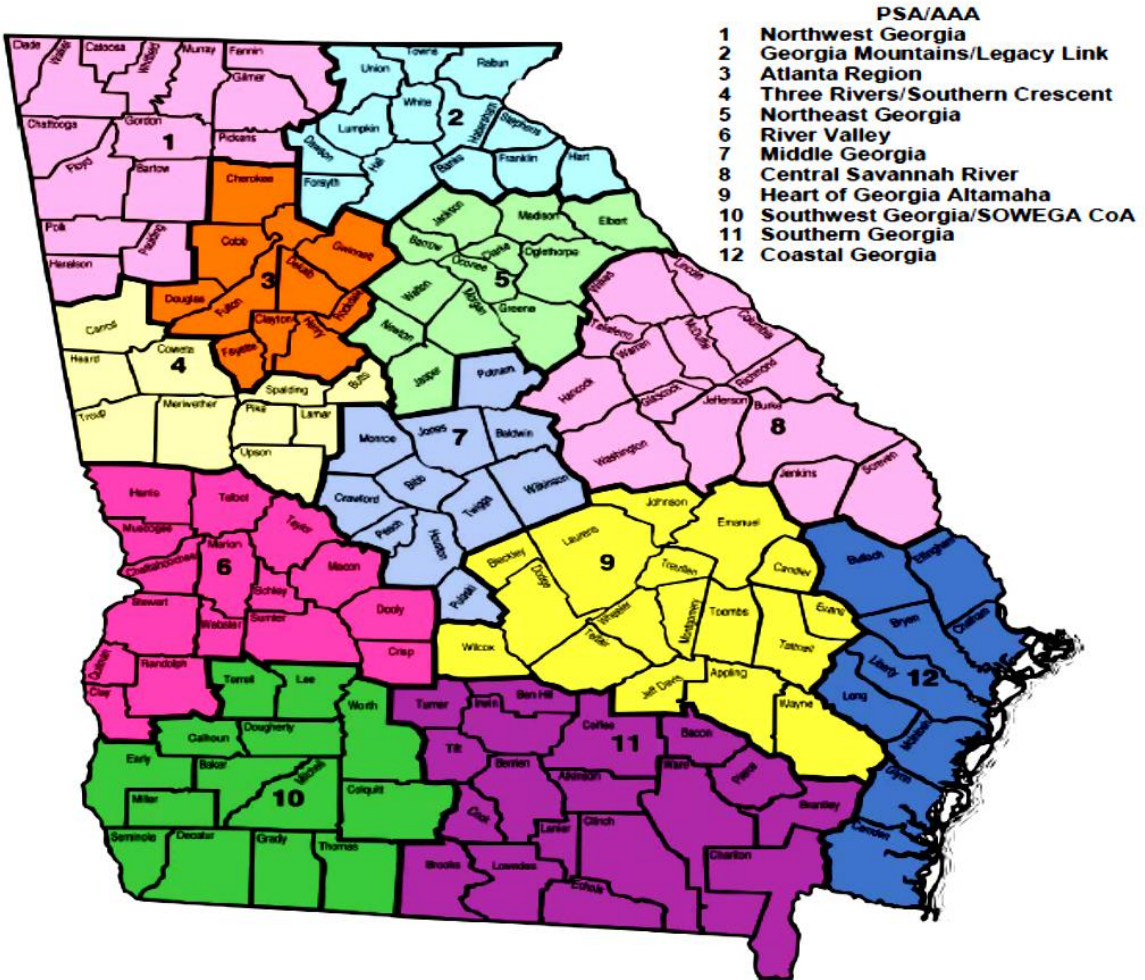
- *Centers for Independent Living (CILs)* are non-residential, community-based organizations, governed and staffed by people with disabilities, that offer a wide variety of services to consumers with disabilities and their families.
- Includes peer-to-peer relationship, where people with disabilities act as mentors for other people with disabilities, showing them by example how to help themselves and to live independently.
- The core services that CILs provide are:
 - Individual Advocacy and Systems Advocacy
 - Peer Counseling
 - Information and Referral
 - Independent Living Skills Training



Locations of 9 Centers for Independent Living



DHS Division of Aging Services Planning and Service Areas



Effective 7-1-2000
PSA/AAA Names Effective August 2009
The Area Agency on Aging Planning and Service Areas are designated by DHS Division of Aging Services and may be different from the new Regional Commissions



Division of Aging Services & Centers for Independent Living (CILs): History

- Grew partnership through Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) collaboration
- Contracted with CILs through small grants
- Policy requires that ADRC Advisory Council include a CIL Board member in areas where CILs are located
- Panelists in regional meetings held to organize ADRC movement
- Cross training and referrals



Division of Aging Services & Centers for Independent Living (CILs): Current Collaboration

- Contracting with all 9 CILs to serve as Community Access Points
- Deliverables include:
 - Transitioning a minimum of 6 individuals from nursing homes using Money Follows the Person (MFP) or Nursing Home Transitions (NHT)
 - Assisting callers with benefits application assistance (Food stamps, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income)
 - Completing an initial screening for Medicaid waivers
 - Data entry
- Strengthening partnerships between Area Agencies on Aging & CILs



Division of Aging Services & Centers for Independent Living (CILs): Future Collaboration

- Recognizing CILs as equal partners and Community Access Points through Georgia's No Wrong Door
- Continued Work to Strengthen:
 - Cross Training and Cross Referrals
 - Nursing Home Transitions (regardless of fund source)
 - Assisting callers with benefits application assistance (Food stamps, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income)
 - Completing an initial screening for Medicaid waivers
 - Data entry



Questions?

