



Georgia Department of Human Services
Division of Aging Services

Programmatic Updates

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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

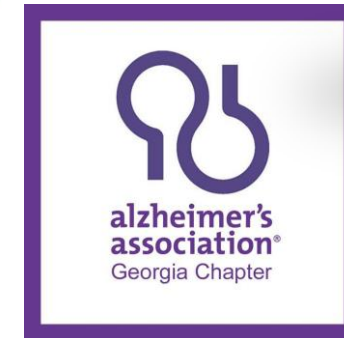
The Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Aging Services (DAS) supports the larger goals of DHS by assisting older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities and their families and caregivers to achieve safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.



Georgia Alzheimer's Project

Georgia Alzheimer's Project (GAP) implemented
July 1, 2017

- Statewide System of Diagnosis and Care funded by State of GA (DHS)
- **Year 1: Establish 5 Memory Assessment Centers (MACs)** modeled after Emory Brain Health Center
- MACs function independently
- MAC training, funding, ongoing guidance/evaluation provided by Emory Alzheimer's Disease Research Center
- Formalize and leverage partnerships for services, sustainability



Georgia Alzheimer's Project

Project Goals:

1. Improve primary care clinicians' screening and care of Georgians with memory loss via sustainable **Annual Wellness Visit module**
2. Establish **Memory Assessment Centers (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 Alzheimer's or related dementias

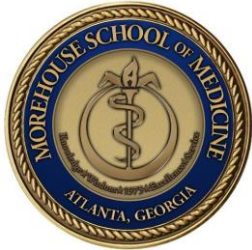


Accomplishments to Date

Academic partnerships offer geographic versatility and statewide coverage.



**Medical College of Georgia
(MCG): Augusta**
Soft Opening: October 2017



**Morehouse/Grady: Metro-
Atlanta (confirmed)**
Anticipated Opening: December



Mercer: Macon (confirmed)
Anticipated Opening: February



Accomplishments to Date

- MAC Workflow Established: 2 visit model
 - Working with Augusta Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for targeted services based on disease stage (visit 2)
 - Meetings have started with Atlanta Regional Commission AAA
- National Institute of Health (NIH) ToolBox with modification
 - Diagnostic protocol
 - Inexpensive, MACs retain own data, minimal training
- Pre-Visit and Clinic note documentation being finalized
- Marketing Firm / Strategist Hired
- Community Services Educator (CSE) position finalized
 - Scope of work vetted by partner agencies
 - Contract with Rosalyn Carter Institute for CSE training curriculum
 - MCG position posted

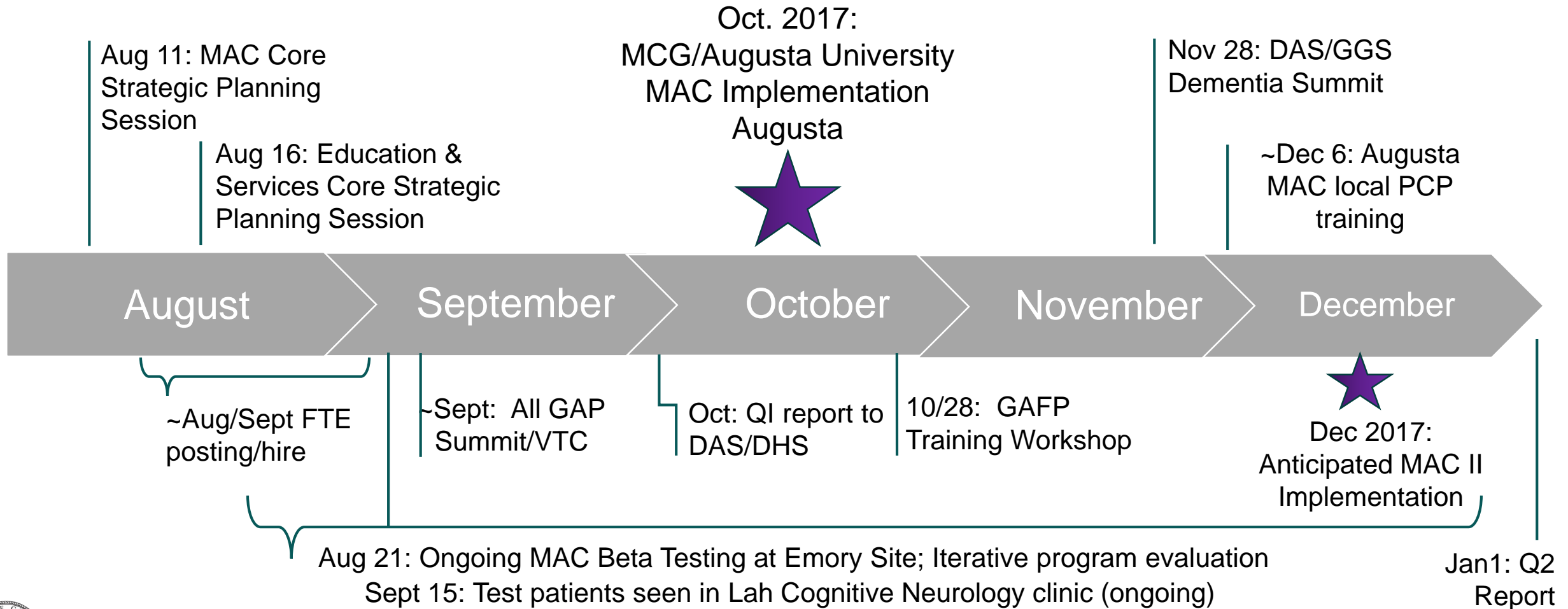


Accomplishments to Date

- Comprehensive MAC workflow training program development
 - Modules developed
- Primary Care screening and referral training program development
 - Modules developed
 - 10/28 Georgia Academy of Family Physicians (GAFP) workshop
 - Working with MACs for local experts for community based training
- Partner Outreach ongoing
 - Meeting with GA Department of Public Health for Public Health Nursing (PHN) involvement
 - Partnership with Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias (GARD) Task Force – “Strong Brain” Annual Wellness Visit campaign
 - Training and service consultation partnership with Alzheimer's Association

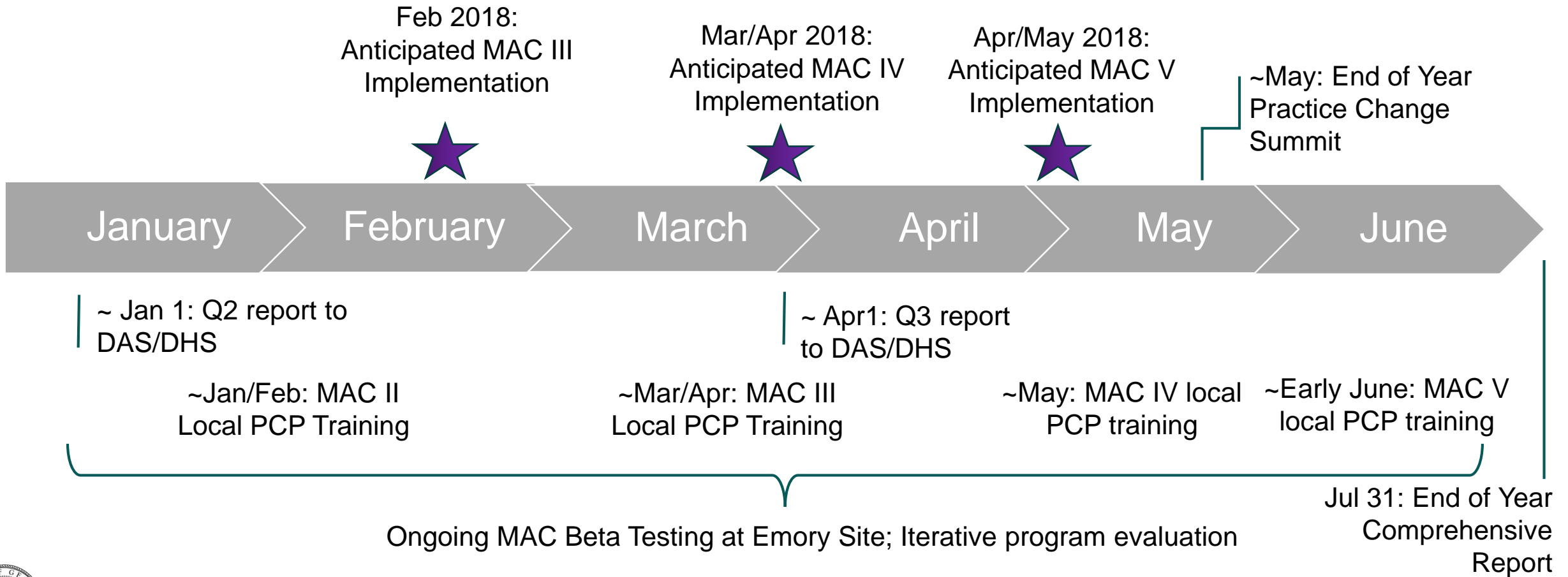


Georgia Alzheimer's Project Benchmark Activities & Upcoming Events



Georgia Alzheimer's project

Major upcoming events: benchmark activities Q3-Q4



Senior Hunger Updates

A promotional graphic for the Senior Hunger Summit. The top half features a wooden crate filled with fresh vegetables like tomatoes, carrots, and garlic. In the center, the text "Senior HUNGER SUMMIT" is displayed, with "Senior" in a cursive font and "HUNGER SUMMIT" in a bold, blocky font. To the left of the text is a stylized logo of a wheat stalk. Below the crate, the phrase "Save the date" is written in a large, orange, cursive font. The bottom half of the graphic is a white box containing event details.

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Senior
HUNGER
SUMMIT

Save the date

Join us for
The Georgia Senior Hunger Summit
Building Partnerships to Help End Senior Hunger
September 28-29, 2017
Marriott Century Center
2000 Century Blvd NE
Atlanta, GA 30345

For more information, contact Gwenyth Johnson at gwenyth.johnson@dhs.ga.gov

EXPERTS **POLICYMAKERS** **COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS**

Raising awareness. Seeking solutions.



2017 Senior Hunger Summit

- 210 attendees
- Engaged new stakeholders
- National Foundation to End Senior Hunger (NFESH) praise for work Georgia has done
- Breakout Sessions
- Plenary Presenters
- Legislative Panel
- Unveiling of State Plan on Senior Hunger



What are the Georgia Statistics?

Georgia is ranked 9th for senior hunger/food insecurity in the nation. (NFESH 2014)



Georgia is ranked 10th for senior hunger/food insecurity in the nation. (NFESH 2015)



State Plan Development Process

- Review of national and state research
- Develop five primary topic areas
- First ever Georgia Senior Hunger Summit
- Senior Hunger Fighter workgroups formed
- Listening sessions held in All 12 regions of the state
- State Plan outlined and drafted based on collected information
- Second Georgia Senior Hunger Summit
- State Plan delivered



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 online survey
- Reports from each session are included in the state plan appendices and are reflected in the recommendations



Drafting The State Plan

- Enlisting an intern, Sarah Jones MS RDN LDN GSU Gerontology 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



Recommendations

- Regional Coalitions developed in 12 regions of the state to bring together the aging network with for profit, not for profit, faith-based, civic, healthcare and other organizations as well as older adults, and their caregivers.
- Senior Hunger Coordinator Position to coordinate all state senior hunger activities
- Inter-Agency Policy Review Committee established to review policy that impacts a variety of aspects of senior hunger and food reclamation to information sharing.



Recommendations

- Data Collection and Analysis to measure the success of the state plan on senior hunger across organizations
- Education and Training for agencies and individuals across a variety of topics
- Continuation of What A Waste to ensure best use of existing resources and shared best practices
- Entrepreneurial Mini Grants to support creative initiatives that alleviate the issues of senior hunger, food deserts and isolation



Adult Protective Services (APS)

Adult Protective Services (APS) is the state entity charged with investigating all reports of abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation of older persons (65+) or an adult (18+) with a disability who do not reside in long-term care facilities pursuant to the Disabled Adults and Elder Persons Protection Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 30-5-1, et seq.

TYPES OF ABUSE

- Physical abuse;
- Mental, emotional, or verbal abuse;
- Sexual abuse;
- Neglect;
- Self-Neglect; and
- Financial Exploitation.



APS By the Numbers

APS Caseload & National Standard (October 2017 data)

- # Active Investigations: 3,779
- # Ongoing Cases: 143
- Total Filled Case Manager Positions: 158 (147 APS + 11 Central Intake)
- Total Budgeted Case Manager Positions: 167 (155 APS + 12 Central Intake)
- Average Caseload/Filled position = 1/25
- Average Caseload/Budgeted position = 1/24



APS Review

Areas to explore:

- Guiding Principles
- Self Determination
- Capacity Assessment Tools
- Training
- Policy
 - Confidentiality
 - Use of Multi Disciplinary Teams (MDTs)
 - Case Review Process



APS Review

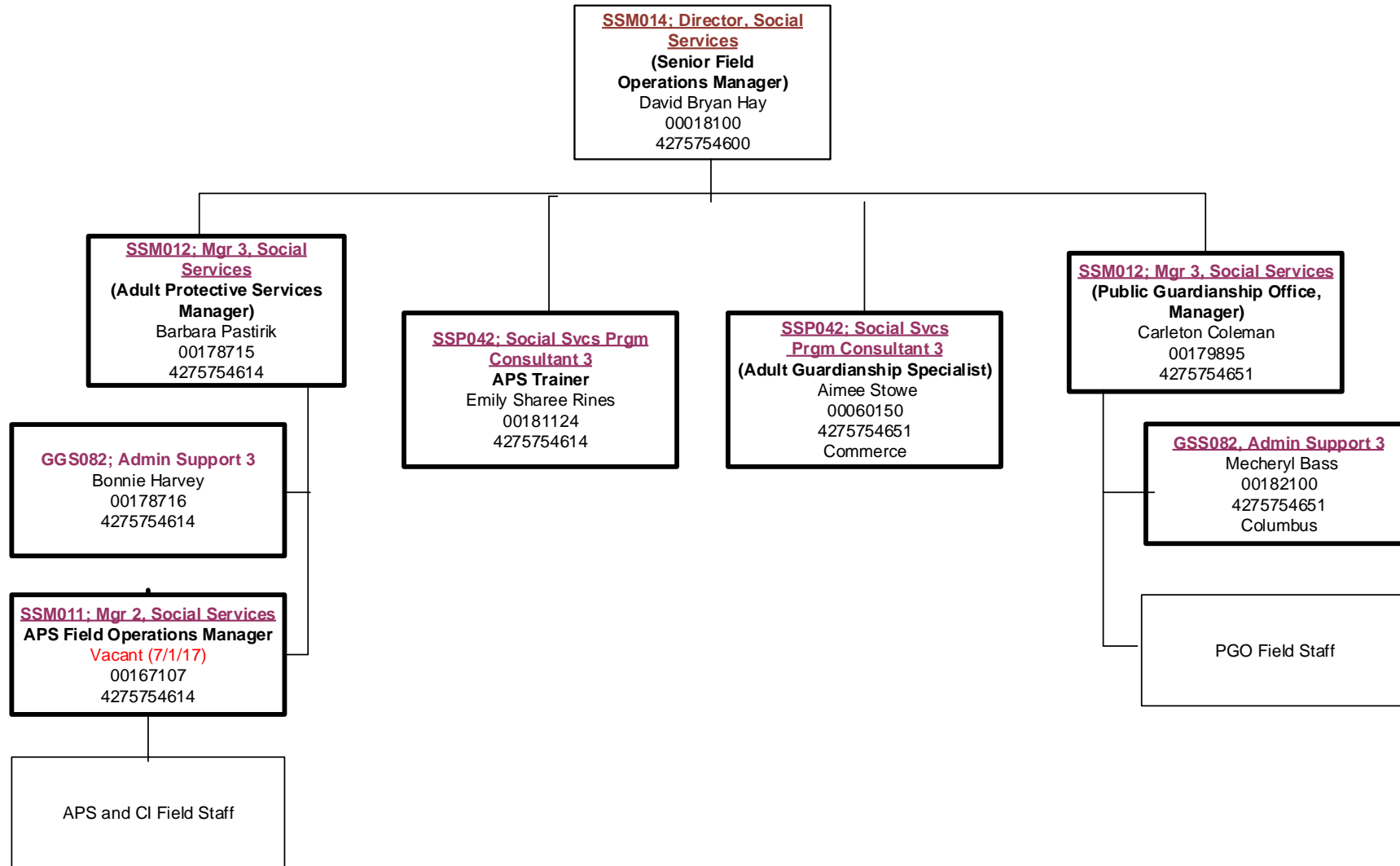
Accomplishments to Date:

- New Training Plan
 - October Supervisor Training
- Restructure



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Field Operations



Questions



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