

# DHS Ministerial and Faith Community Alliance

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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*

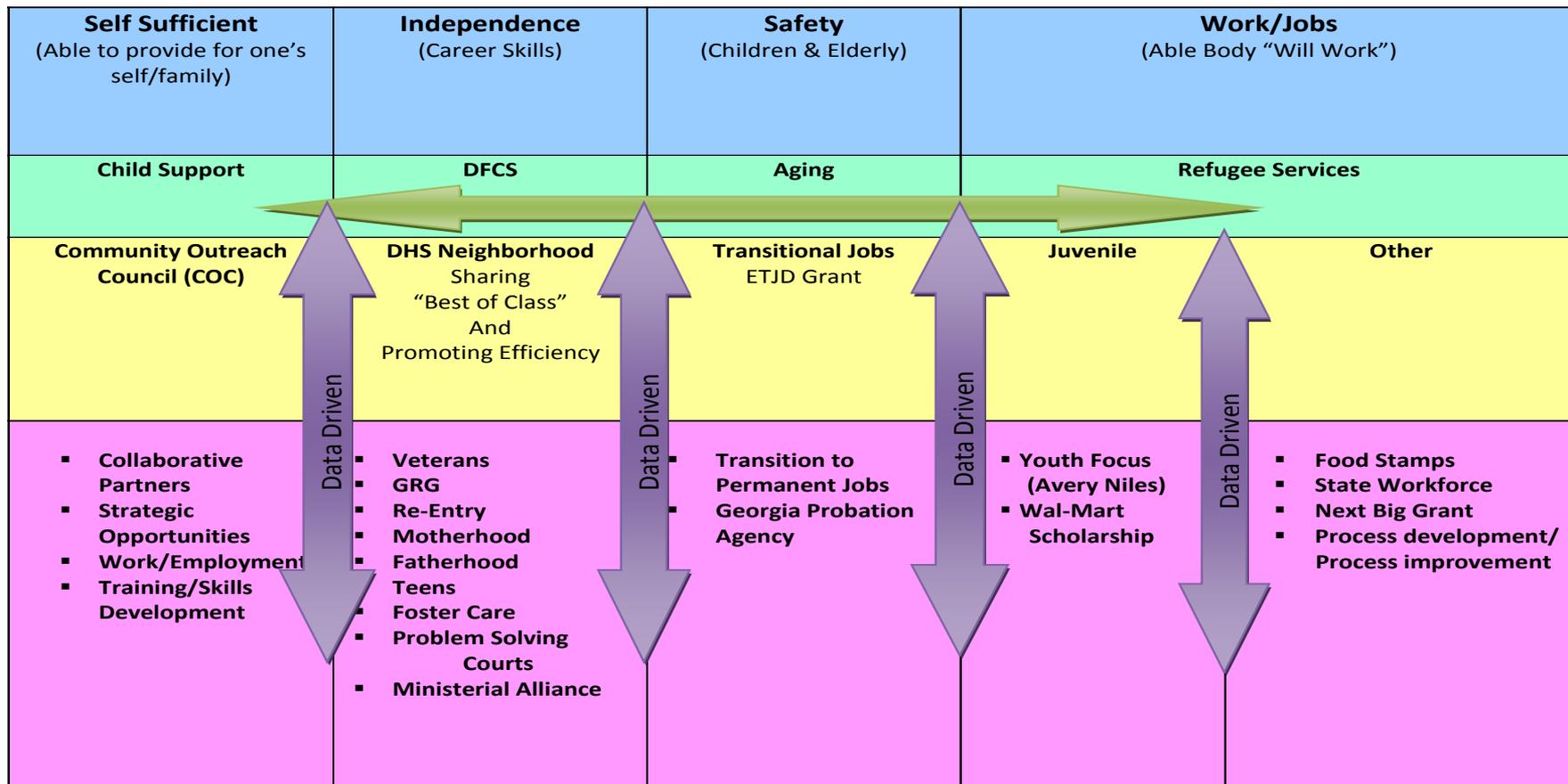
- Provide access to resources that offer support and empower Georgians and their families.
- Deliver services professionally and treat all clients with dignity and respect. Manage business operations effectively and efficiently by aligning resources across the agency.
- Promote accountability, transparency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

# Purpose of Alliance

- Enhance Community Outreach
- Recognize Churches ... *"a critical community link"*
- Promote Statewide Network Initiatives
- Support Service Delivery & Awareness
- Expand 2-way Support & Communications
- Provide Greater Customer Touch Points
- Bolster Strategic Partnerships & Collaborations

# DHS Strategic Approach ... "we can not do it alone"

## Department of Human Services Strategy



# Collaborative Partnership

- Leverage Resources
- Interfaith Community
- Statewide Focus
  - Atlanta, Macon, Albany
  - Columbus, Augusta, Rome
  - Savannah, Athens, Valdosta
- Large and small congregations
- Passion ... *"helping those in need"*

# DHS Target Customers

## Focus on DHS Services and Eligible Customers

- Division of Family and Children Services
  - TANF
  - SNAP
  - Foster Kids
- Division of Child Support Services ...*"Children First"*
- Division of Aging Services ...*"Elderly Support & Protection"*

# What have we accomplished?

- **Launched Faith Community Meetings** ... Athens, Atlanta, Cartersville, Rome, Albany
- **Held State-wide Compassion Luncheon** ... Hosted by Chick-Fil-A Foundation
- **Generated Large Community Turn Outs** ... Multi-denominational Churches and Interfaith Community, Ministerial & Community Associations, Judges, State and Local Officials, Foster Parents, Adaptive Parents, Food Bank, etc.
- **Ignited Tremendous Energy** ... Sharing Services, Connecting Local Relationships, Creative and Inclusive Involvement
- **Building** ... Partnerships, Advocates, Support both Externally and Internally
- **Introduced Working Committees** ... Vulnerable Children and Families, Parental Responsibilities, Elderly Care, Prison Re-entry, Communications
- **Creating a Paradigm Shift** ... move from "They to Us" (DHS to Community)
- **Hired Two Fantastic Ministers** ... Rev. Dr. Willie Myles and Rev. David Franklin
- **Update DHS Website** ... includes the Ministerial & Faith Community Alliance

# Next Steps

- **Introducing the DHS Transition Model ...** Launch, Training, Regular Meetings
- **Establish DHS Kiosks ...** Internet Access, Collateral Materials, etc.
- **Launch Statewide Prayer Breakfast and Week of Prayer ...** focus on awareness of challenges facing our children and families
- **Visit New Cities ...** Macon 10/22, Columbus 10/29, Savannah 11/5, Valdosta TBD, Augusta TBD
- **QUESTION???**