

**Georgia Department of Human Services**Division of Aging Services

## **The Eden Alternative**

A Person Centered Approach

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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 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













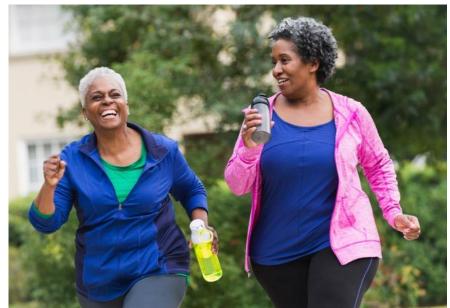














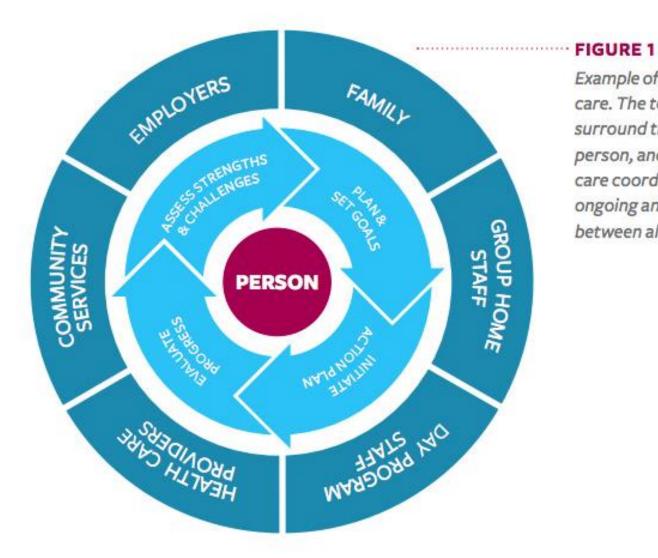
### **Eden Alternative**

**Mission:** To improve the well-being of Elders and their care partners by transforming the communities in which they live and work.

**Vision:** To eliminate loneliness, helplessness, and boredom.

Values: Innovation, Integrity, Community, Empowerment, and Passion





Example of person-centered care. The team members surround the center person, and the steps of care coordination are an ongoing and evolving process between all members.





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### What does this mean for DAS?

- Every case plan will be person centered
- · Greater emphasis on honoring the wishes for the individuals we serve
- Meeting individuals where they are
- Building on the strengths for the individuals we serve
- Continuing training







# Questions?

