



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





FIGURE 1

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.



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?

