Georgia Division of Aging Services

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

Populations Served
☑️ Older Adults
☐ Adults with Physical Disabilities
☐ Adults with Developmental Disabilities
☐ Individuals with Traumatic and/or Acquired Brain Injuries
☐ Individuals with Behavioral Health Conditions
☐ Individuals with Substance Use Disorders
☑️ Other: Adults with disabilities, including behavioral health and developmental disabilities, that are served through the Older Americans Act.

Organizational Structure
The director is hired by a higher ranking individual at the state agency, serves at the convenience of the Governor, and oversees a staff of 365 FTE.

Local Network
12 Area Agencies on Aging

Top Five Agency Policy Priorities
1. Delivering Services Remotely during COVID
2. Mitigating Social Isolation
3. Supporting Caregivers
4. Adult Protective Services
5. Alzheimer’s and Related Dementias

Agency Funding Sources
Total FY2020 Budget $103,197,374

- State Appropriation: 59%
- OAA: 31%
- SSBG: 9%
- Other: 1%
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Governor

Vocational Rehabilitation Agency
  Adult Services

*Dept of Human Services

Division of Aging Services
  State LTC Ombudsman
  Council on Aging
  Aging Services

*Dept of Community Health
  Medicaid
    Licensure and Regulation
    Survey and Certification

- Advisory Board Denotes an advisory board or a contractual/indirect reporting relationship.
- * Denotes Cabinet-level Agency

Aging or Physical Disability Services and Agency or Division with Multiple Functions
Medicaid Services
Long-term Care Ombudsman
Provider Regulation and Oversight
## Responsibilities of the Georgia Division of Aging Services

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Responsibilities for Provider Management:
- Regulate institutional providers
- License institutional providers
- Regulate HCBS providers
- License HCBS providers
- Certify Assisted Living providers
Key State Initiative

**Georgia Memory Net (formerly Georgia Alzheimer’s Project):**

In Georgia, 11.2 percent—one in nine—of those aged 45 and over report they are experiencing confusion or memory loss that is happening more often or is getting worse (“subjective cognitive decline”). It is estimated that 190,000 residents are living with Alzheimer’s in Georgia by the year 2025.

State funding began in State Fiscal Year 2018 for Georgia Memory Net (GMN) which is a statewide program, developed in partnership with Emory University, to expand access to early and accurate diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias and to support those living with dementia, including caregivers. Additionally, GMN trains physicians to properly screen for the disease and collect data in a manner that will allow the state to better support those living with dementia. GMN also gives physicians access to specialists such as Cognitive Neurologist and Neuropsychology Leads, who provide expertise in improving speech, learning and memory.

Currently, five Memory Assessment Clinics (MACs) are in operation across the state. The MACs are located at Augusta University in Augusta, Grady Health in Atlanta, Navicent Health in Macon, Piedmont Columbus Regional in Columbus and Phoebe Putney Health in Albany.

To learn more visit: [https://gamemorynet.org/](https://gamemorynet.org/).