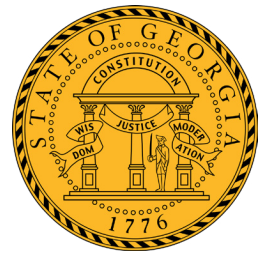


# Georgia Division of Aging Services



## 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

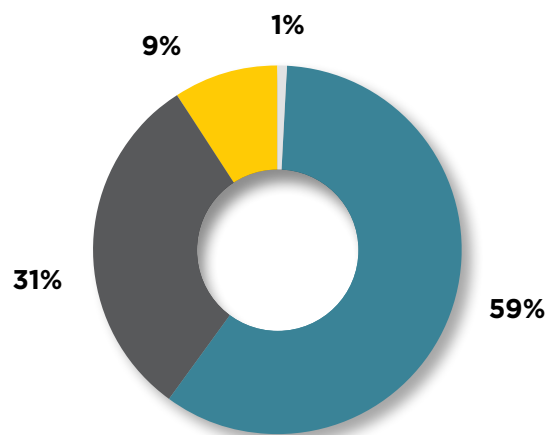
**12** Area Agencies on Aging

## 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

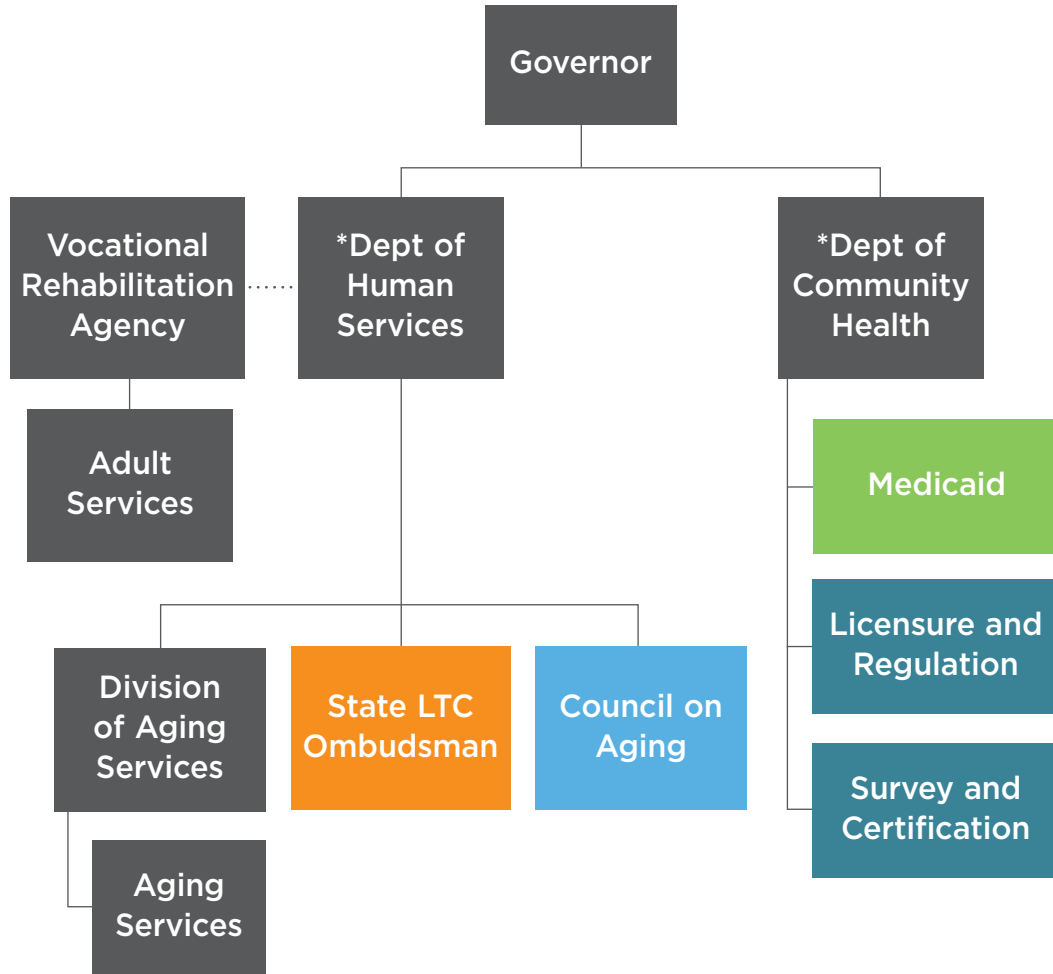
## Agency Funding Sources

Total FY2020 Budget \$103,197,374



■ State Appropriation ■ OAA ■ SSBG □ Other

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- Aging or Physical Disability Services and Agency or Division with Multiple Functions
- Medicaid Services
- Long-term Care Ombudsman
- Provider Regulation and Oversight
- Advisory Board
- ..... Denotes an advisory board or a contractual/indirect reporting relationship.
- \* Denotes Cabinet-level Agency

## Responsibilities of the Georgia Division of Aging Services

Aging & Adult Services	
Set statewide aging policy	✓
Set statewide disability policy	
Administer Older Americans Act (all programs except SCSEP)	✓
Administer Senior Community Service Employment Program	✓
Administer a state-funded aging & disability program	✓
Manage state Aging & Disability Resource Center network	✓
Administer the State Health Insurance Assistance Program	✓
Provide Adult Protective Services (18+)	✓
Provide Elder Protective Services <i>only</i> (60-65+)	
Operate state-owned institutional facilities	
Oversee guardianship program	✓
Serve as state guardian	✓
Oversee Centers for Independent Living	
Administer State Vocational Rehabilitation Program	
Administer State Assistive Technology Program	
Manage No Wrong Door system	✓

Medicaid Services	
Administer Medicaid State Plan Services	
Administer Medicaid HCBS waiver(s)	
Administer PACE program	
Perform Medicaid functional eligibility determinations	
Perform Medicaid financial eligibility determinations	
Provide case management services to Medicaid recipients	
Administer PASRR	
Regulate and administer managed long-term services and supports	
Provide quality assurance for managed long-term services and supports	
Provide quality assurance for Medicaid HCBS	

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/>

