

DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES

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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES



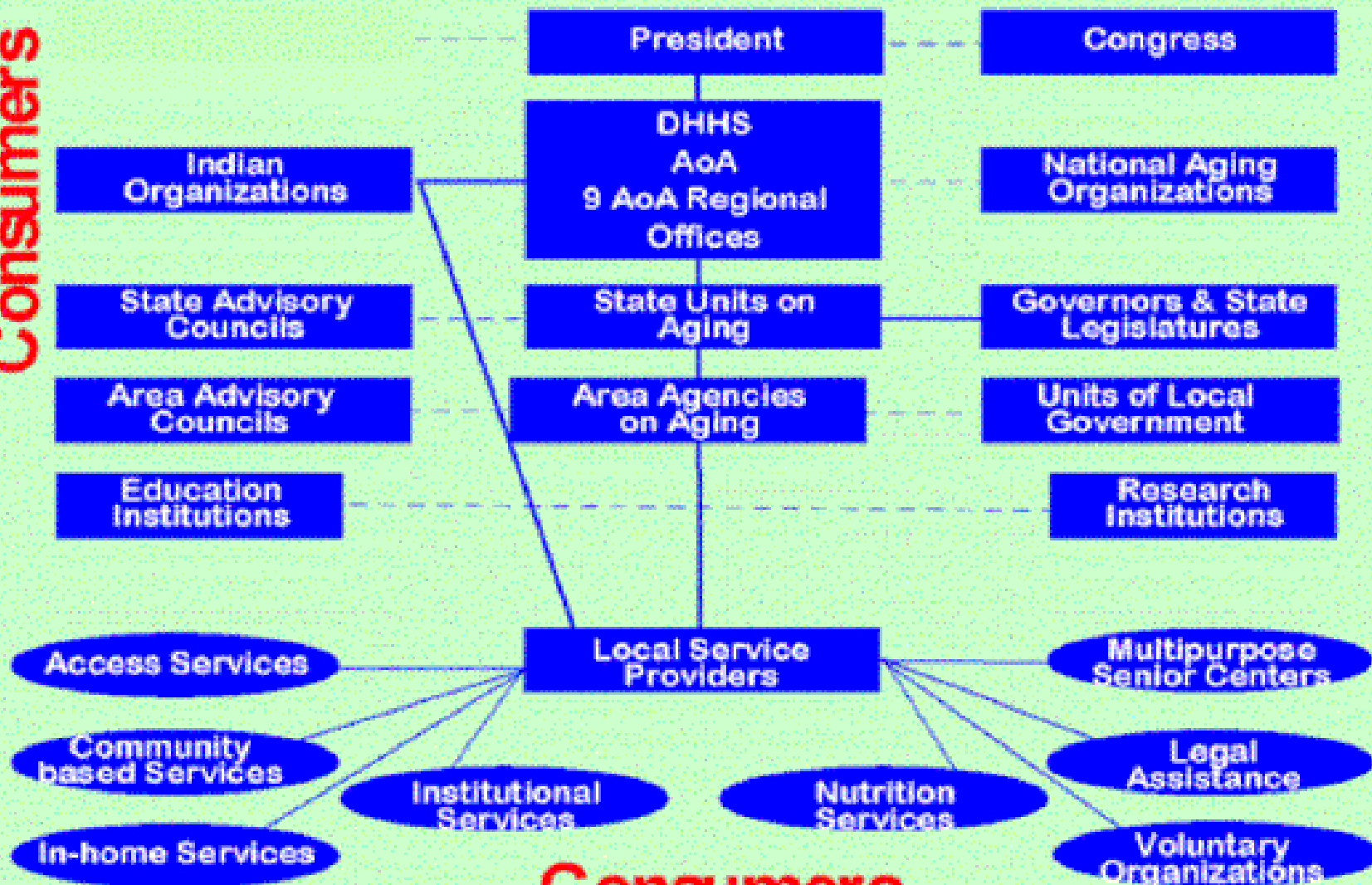
Who Are We?

- Georgia's "State Unit on Aging"
- Central Administrative and Planning Group for Georgia's Aging Network
- Funding source (federal & state) for aging services
- Georgia's Adult Protective Services agency

National Aging Services Network

Consumers

Consumer's



Consumers

Programmatic Units in DAS

- Adult Protective Services (APS)
- Community Care Services Program (CCSP)
- Liveable Communities
- Access to Services
- Long Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO)

How We Work

- Contract with Area Agencies on Aging
- Use standard allocation formulas
- Area Agencies on Aging subcontract with hundreds of profit & non-profit agencies
- Collaborate with others
- Provide APS directly

GA's Area Agencies on Aging

- The State Division of Aging Services coordinates with **12 Area Agencies on Aging** identified by geographical boundaries. All community-based services for older Georgians are coordinated through these agencies.



Adult Protective Services

- Regional Approach
- Centralized Intake
- Guardians of DHS wards
- Direct Services - DAS Employees

Community Care Services Program (CCSP)

- Home and community-based Medicaid services to nursing home eligible consumers
- Gives consumers the choice of remaining in the community.
- Less expensive than nursing home care

CCSP Services

- Adult Day Health
- Alternative Living Services
- Emergency Response System
- Home Delivered Meals
- Home Delivered Services – skilled nursing
- Personal Support Services
- Respite Care

Non-Medicaid Home & Community Based Services (HCBS)

- Over 35 individual and group services
- Helps Georgians aged 60+ to stay home
- Promote health, self-sufficiency and independence
- **Emphasize assistance and caring, not curing**

Senior Community Service Employment Program

- Part-time training
- Community service
- Job-related skills
- Learn & earn



Wellness – Living Longer, Living Well

- Nutrition Counseling & Physical Fitness
- Medications Management
- Fall Prevention & Home Safety
- Foot Care
- Weight Control
- Disease Management
- Immunizations

Elder Abuse Prevention

- Community Education
- Professional Education
- Information & Referral
- Volunteer Development
- Elder Rights Teams
- Fraud Prevention
- Forensic Investigations



Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

- Ombudsman staff and volunteers informally investigate and resolve complaints on behalf of residents
- The works to improve the quality of life of residents of long-term care facilities by acting as their independent advocate.
- Includes residents of nursing homes, personal care homes (also called assisted living), intermediate care facilities for those with intellectual disabilities (ICF/MR), and community living arrangements (CLAs).

Access to Services

- Elderly Legal Assistance Program
- Georgia Cares
- Aging and Disability Resource Centers

Elderly Legal Assistance Program (ELAP)

Civil Legal Assistance for persons 60 + years old

- ✓ **Consumer** – Fraud, Contracts, Debt Relief
- ✓ **Health Care** – Medicare, Medicaid, Nursing Home & Personal Care Home Issues
- ✓ **End of Life Decisions** – Powers of Attorney, Living Wills
- ✓ **Income Maintenance** – Social Security, Food Stamps, Disability Issues
- ✓ **Housing** – Homeowner, Public Housing & Landlord Tenant

GeorgiaCares

- SHIP – State Health Insurance Information & Assistance Program authorized by the Center of Medicare/Medicaid Services.
- Helps Medicare beneficiaries, understand their Medicare rights, benefits and services and other health insurance options.
- Provides low cost/no cost Prescription Assistance options to seniors.



Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)

- Provides education on Medicare errors, fraud, and abuse.
- Provides training to detect and report fraud and abuse.
- Statewide volunteer base



Aging and Disability Resource Centers

- ADRC's are "information stations" where individuals can obtain accurate, unbiased information related to aging or living with a disability.
- ADRCs are the first place to go with aging and disability questions.



GA Wins National Award

- 2011 Excellence in Action Award for Outstanding Achievement in Changing Systems by a State
- A panel of federal agency (CMS, AoA, VA) representatives, Technical Assistant Exchange partners and past award winners reviewed the nominations and recommended award recipients.
- The awards recognize exceptional commitment, creativity, leadership and success in achieving goals related to each of the award categories.

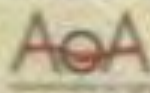
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