

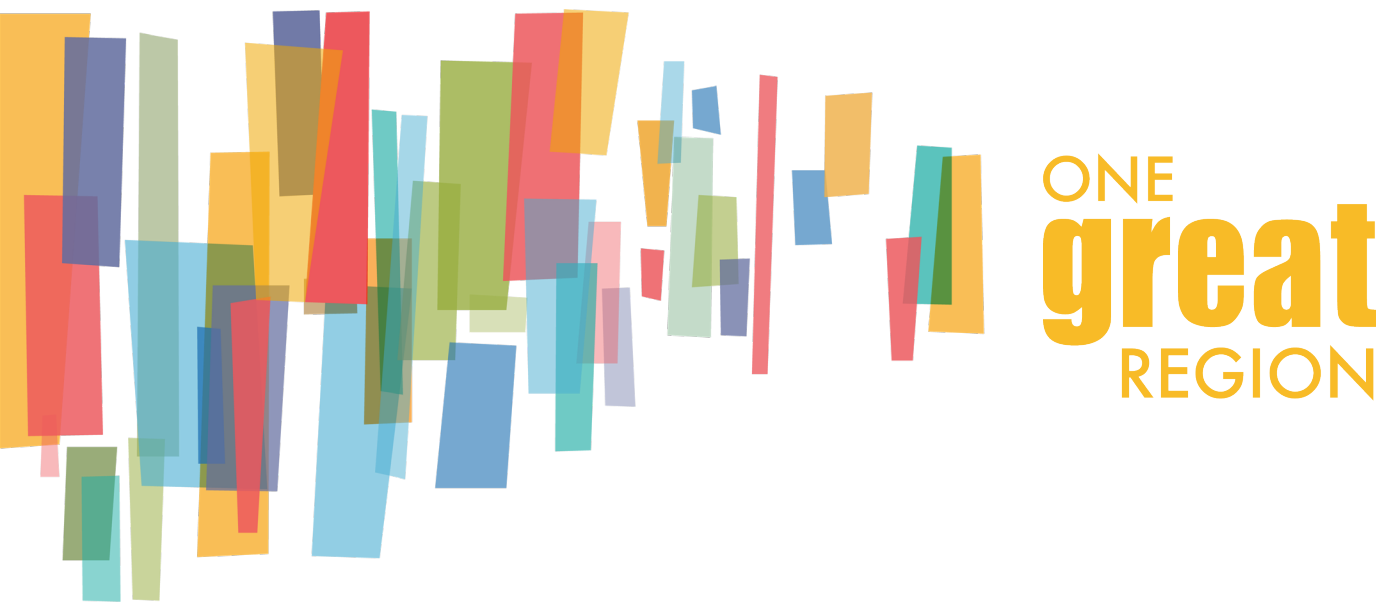


Advisory Committee on Aging

March 27, 2024

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REGION



Manager's Report

December 6, 2023

Federal Highlights

Older Americans Act Regulations

- Issued by US Administration for Community Living – February 15, 2024
- Includes requirements of Advisory Committee on Aging
- Compliance by October 2025
- First revision since 1988!

Appropriations

- March 23, FY 24 Labor/HHS Appropriations Bill signed by President
 - ▶ Contains Older Americans Act funding for Area Agencies on Aging
 - ▶ Flat funding except:
 - \$15 M increase for Title III C-1 Congregate Meals
 - \$15 M increase for Title III C-2 Home Delivered Meals
 - \$2 M increase for Title III E Family Caregivers Support

Federal Highlights

- 📅 Hill Visits in Washington (March 13)
 - Senator Warnock staff
 - Senator Ossoff staff
 - House Education and Workforce Committee staff
- 📅 Focus on:
 - Older Americans Act Reauthorization
 - FY 25 OAA Appropriations



State General Assembly Highlights

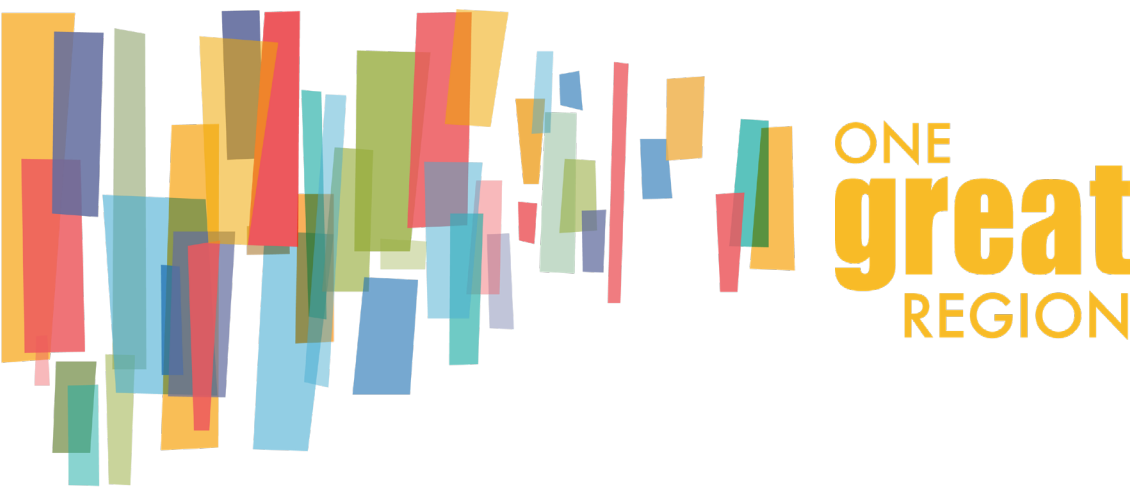
📅 Tomorrow, March 28, is last day

📅 Coalition of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly (COAGE) priorities

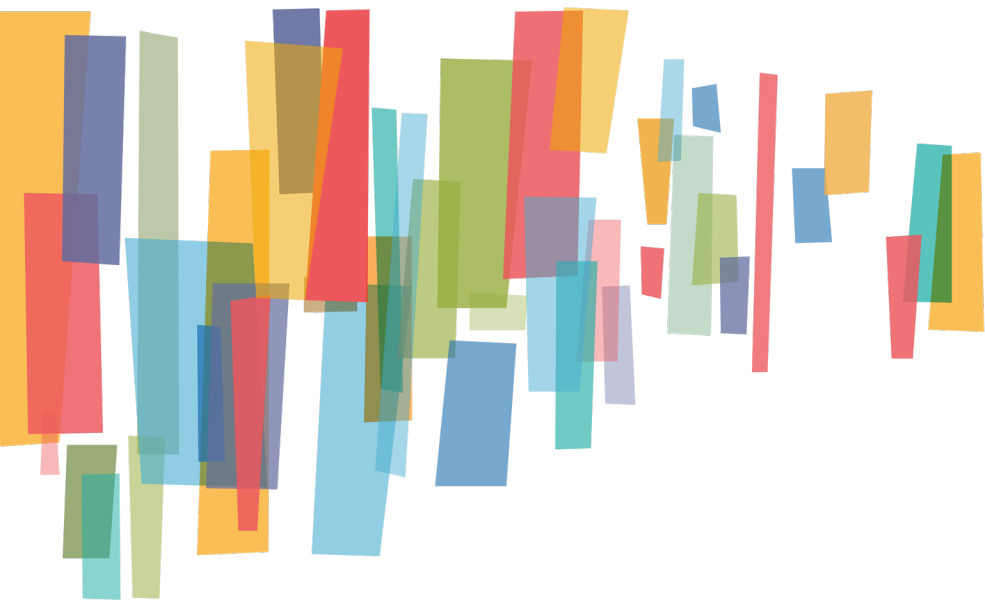
- \$10 Million – Home and Community-based Services (to increase AAA services) in FY 25
 - ▶ **OUTCOME:** \$550,000 increase
- Strengthen multi-disciplinary teams (led by district attorneys; focused on elder abuse)
 - ▶ **OUTCOME:** Passed House and Senate; to Governor

📅 FY 24 supplemental appropriations issues:

- Restore 2 of Governor's "disregards":
 - ▶ \$590,000 -- LTC Ombudsman Program – RESTORED for FY 25
 - ▶ \$1 million -- Alzheimer's Respite – RESTORED for FY 25



Update on A&IS Work to Explore Public/Private Business Strategies to Improve Older Persons' Health and Well-Being



Objective: Explore how A&IS can partner with health care payors to:

- better meet the needs of their members,**
- improve health outcomes,**
- lower costs**

Example: ARC evidence-based wellness programs prevent falls which prevent injuries and hospital ER visits and admissions.

In 2021, A&IS contracted with consultants who completed the following work

- Analysis of Medicare Advantage plans in the region
- Identified current ARC services that positively benefit health outcomes
- Increased knowledge of commercial models and pay structures
- Identified next steps to build ARC's internal capacity to contract with providers
- Understand this new approach to our work
 - Compared to use of federal and state grant funding



January 12, 2022

ARC's Board approved a resolution to support continued exploration of public/private healthcare partnerships to expand and enhance services for the Region's older adult population.

Next steps

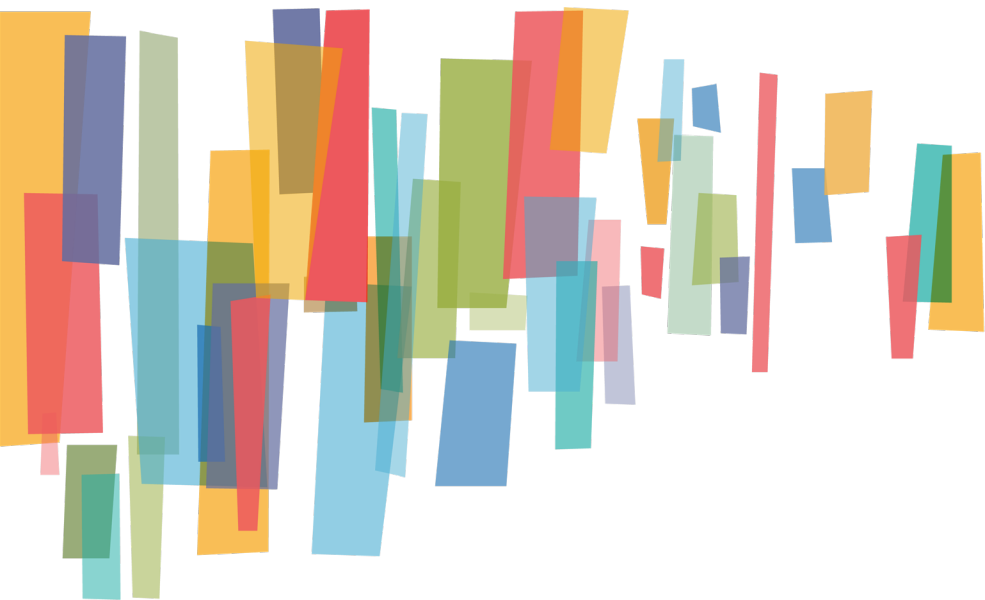
Hire consultant to:

- Assess the **current state** of healthcare payors in the region seeking to develop relationships with community-based organizations
- Develop messages and materials to help ARC better communicate the **value of services**
- Make recommendations that would support **efficient operations** to support this line of work
- Assist ARC in **connecting to potential partners**

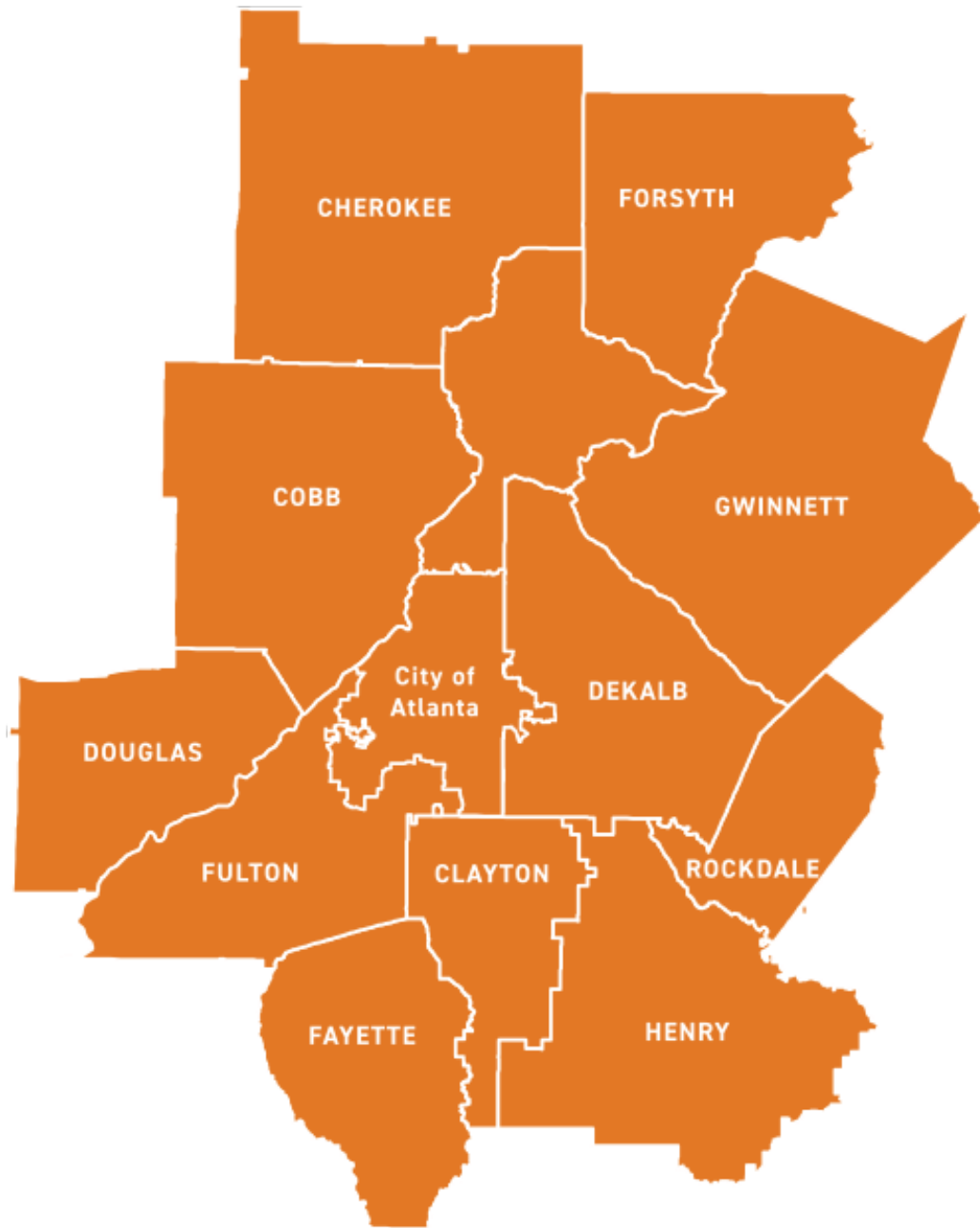
Medicaid Managed Care Developments

GA Department of Community Health (DCH) Request for Proposal (RFP)

- Applications due December 2023
- Multiple health care insurance companies applying
 - ▶ Many reached out to ARC requesting intent to partner
- DCH is reviewing proposals currently
- Phase 1: current populations in managed care (mostly children and pregnant women)
- Phase 2: Aged, Blind and Disabled (our population)



AARP: Age-friendly region

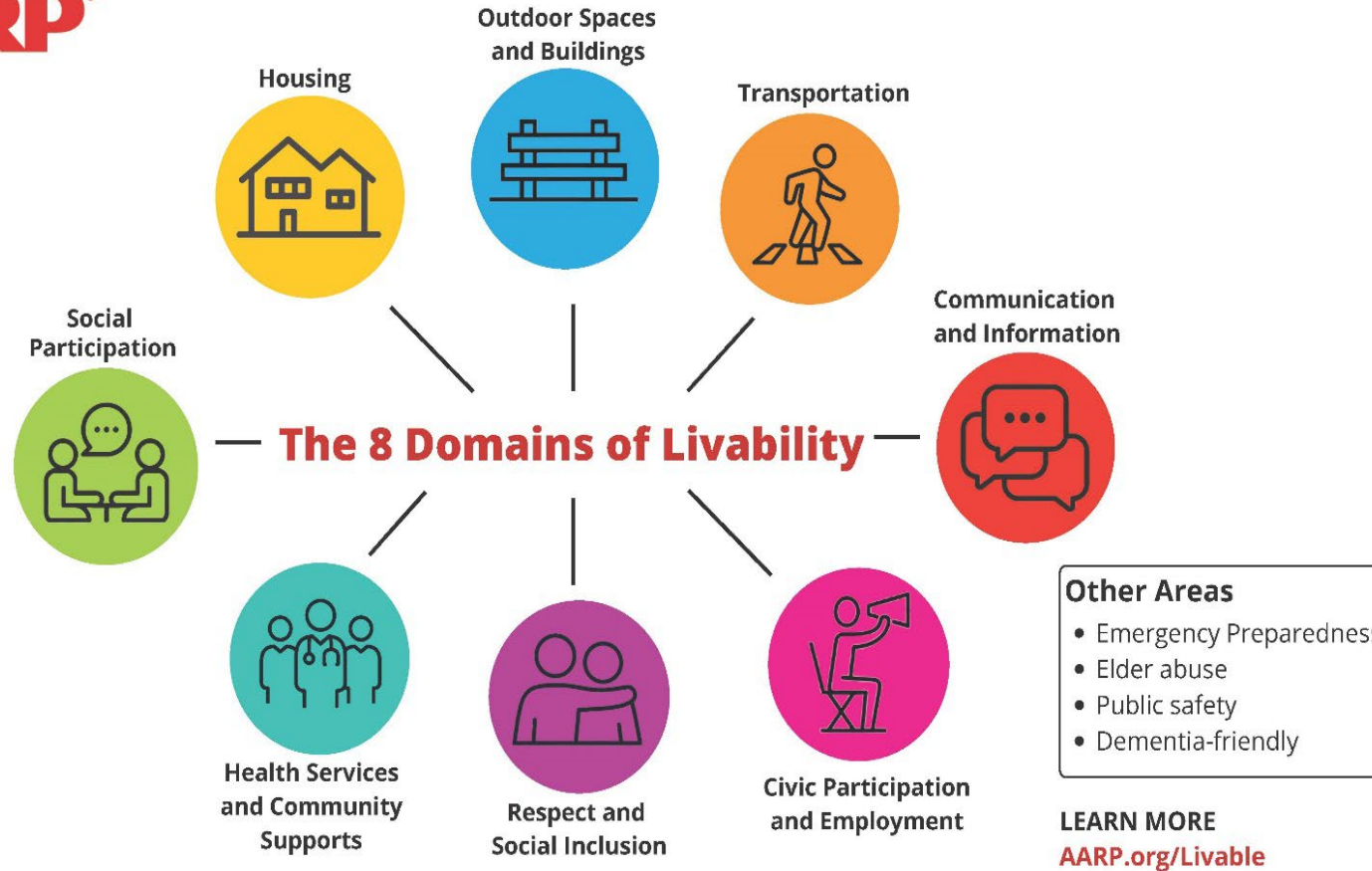


Ask? Agreement.

Enroll 11 Counties into
AARP Age Friendly &
WHO Global Age-Friendly
Networks



FOCUS: Domains of Livability



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141 Age-Friendly Communities in Georgia

Athens-Clarke County	2019
Atlanta	2014
Augusta	2014
Centerville	2021
Chatham County	2022
Clarkston	2021
College Park	2023
Decatur (City)	2020
Dublin	2021
East Point	2019
Forsyth (City)	2023
Fort Valley	2021
Gainesville & UNG Aging	2021
Jones County	2020

Macon-Bibb County	2012
Madison	2022
Milledgeville	2021
Norcross	2018
Tucker	2018
Union City	2021
Southwest Region (1)	2021
Southern Region (2)	2021
River Valley Region (3)	2022
Heart of GA Region (4)	2022
Coastal Region (5)	2022
Northwest Region (6)	2023
GA Mountains (7)	2023
Central Savannah (8)	2024
Northeast Region (9)	2024

Age-Friendly Program Cycle & Expectations

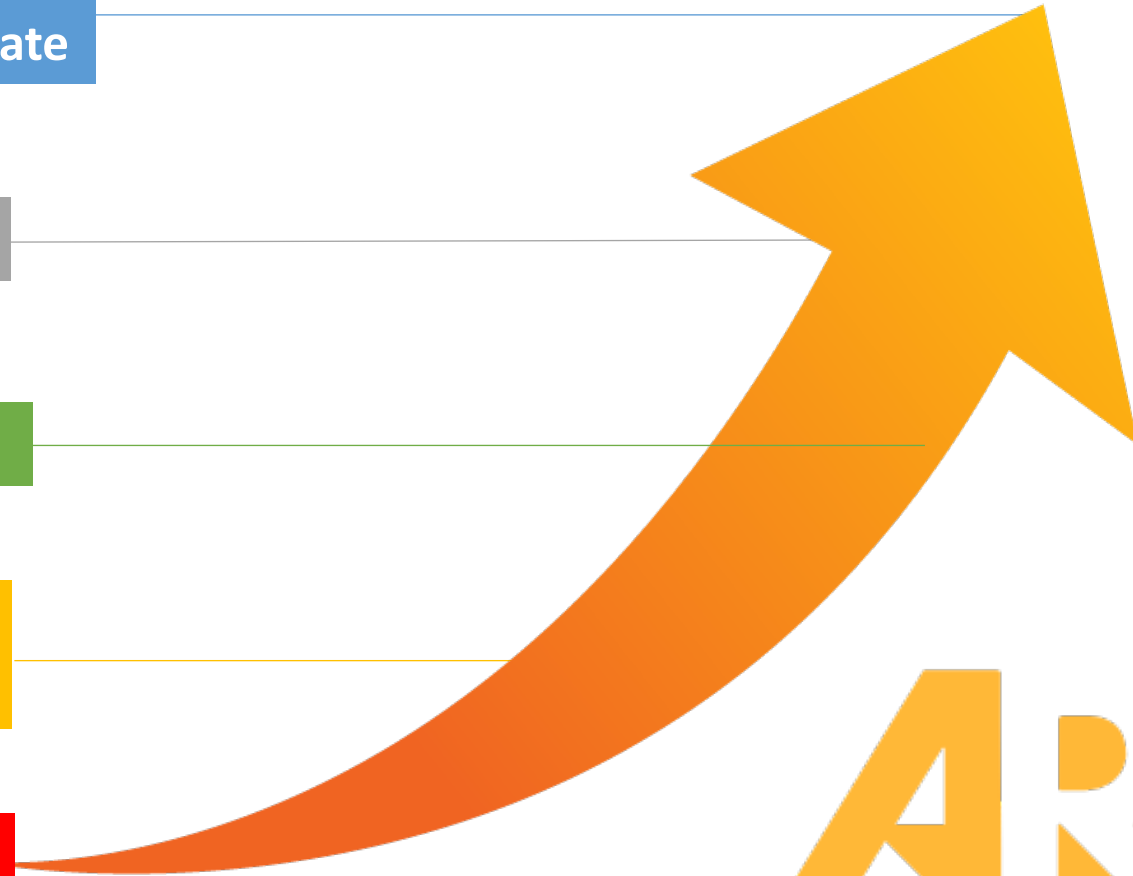
Year 5: Progress / Status Update

Years 3-5: Implementation

Year 2: Create an Action Plan

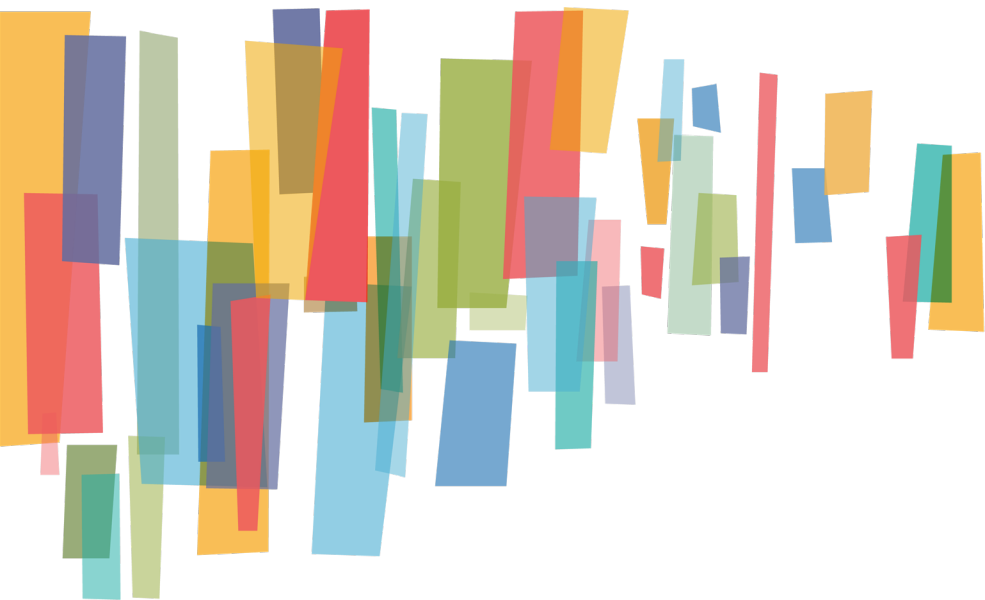
Year 1: Conduct a Survey
& Listening Sessions

Enrollment



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Atlanta Regional Commission



**For ARC Board consideration:
May 8**

Georgia Gerontology Society: Lois Ricci Older Adult Scholarship

📌 To attend the GGS Annual Conference

- ▶ Covers registration and travel expenses; free annual GGS membership

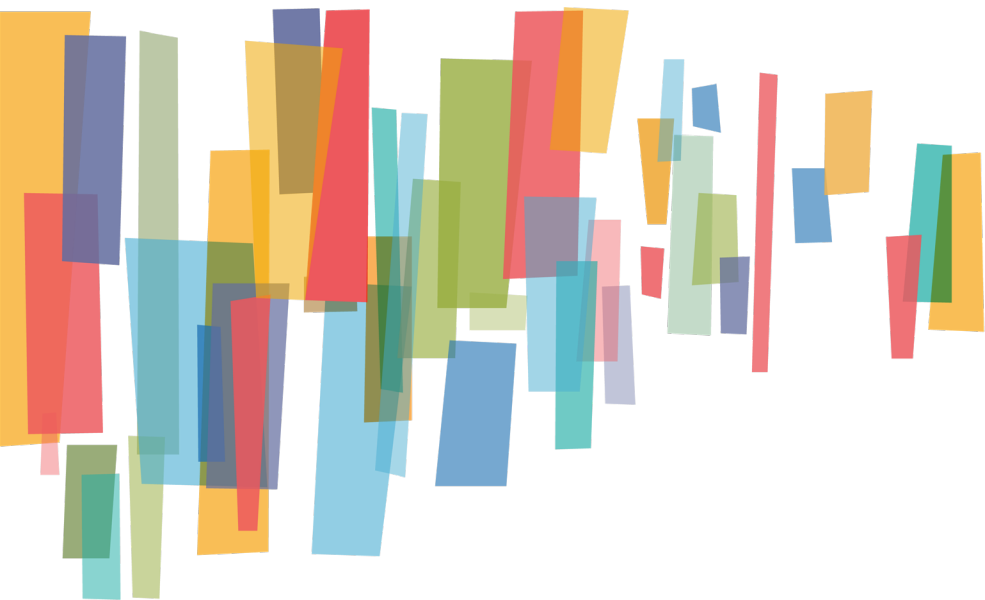
📌 August 12-14, LaGrange, Georgia

📌 Eligibility:

- ▶ Older adult (not age-specific)
- ▶ Demonstrates interest and involvement in aging-related issues
- ▶ Resident of Georgia
- ▶ Has financial need

📌 Pass along the opportunity!

- ▶ Online application: [here](#).
- ▶ <https://georgiagerontologysociety.org>
- ▶ Deadline: April 8, 2024. Awardees will be notified by May 13, 2024.



Announcements

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 22, 2024

