

Successful Public Health Approaches in Dementia Caregiving: *Georgia*

A Virtual Roundtable Series

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The BOLD Public Health Center of Excellence on Dementia Caregiving (PHCOE-DC)

Designed to support state, tribal and local public health agencies nationwide in developing their dementia caregiving-focused programs and initiatives, by...



Improving access to evidence-based programs and best practices.



Facilitating connections and collaboration among public health agencies and a wide range of service organizations.



Providing technical assistance for identifying, selecting implementing effective public health interventions and strategies.



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website!



HBI Collaborative

Multi-component approach to fully integrate dementia, cognitive health and caregiving into public health practice







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Successful Public Health Approaches in Dementia Caregiving: A Virtual Roundtable Series

Bi-monthly, roundtable series for **public health**.



We will highlight **the story of one state**.



Opportunity for **networking, peer-learning and idea generation**.



A community of practice, where agencies can share their

successes and learnings, and get ideas for action.

Reminders for the Presentation Session

- Please, **MUTE yourself** and **turn your VIDEO ON** while the panelists are presenting.
- Display **your name and organization in Zoom.**
- Submit your questions for the speakers into the Q&A feature. Questions will be addressed at the end of the presentation.
- After the presentation and during the Q&A time, please raise your hand if you wish to speak and **only unmute if you are prompted.**
- Use the CHAT to share comments, resources, links, and ideas.
- Feel free to use your reaction buttons!

Poll Question

In what capacity are you attending this event?

- BOLD Public Health Agency
- Non-BOLD Public Health Agency
- Community organization/service provider
- Person living with dementia
- Interested caregiver and/or community member
- Care/clinical professional
- Other





Welcome our presenters!



Elizabeth Head, MPH

Deputy Director, Healthy Aging Manager, Division of Health Protection Georgia Department of Public Health



Lynn Joyner, BBA

Dementia Care Specialist, Heart of Georgia Altamaha Area Agency on Aging



Sarah Saint Hamilton, PhD, LMSW

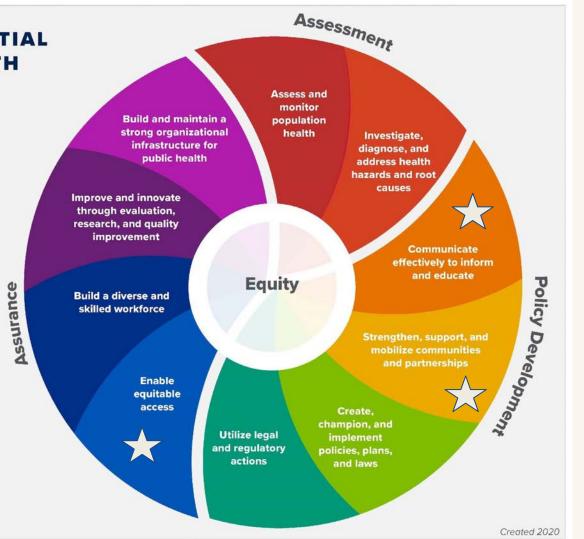
Director of Social Support Services, Cognitive Aging Research and Education (CARE) Center



THE 10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

To protect and promote the health of all people in all communities

The 10 Essential Public Health Services provide a framework for public health to protect and promote the health of all people in all communities. To achieve optimal health for all, the Essential Public Health Services actively promote policies, systems, and services that enable good health and seek to remove obstacles and systemic and structural barriers, such as poverty, racism, gender discrimination, and other forms of oppression, that have resulted in health inequities. Everyone should have a fair and just opportunity to achieve good health and well-being.



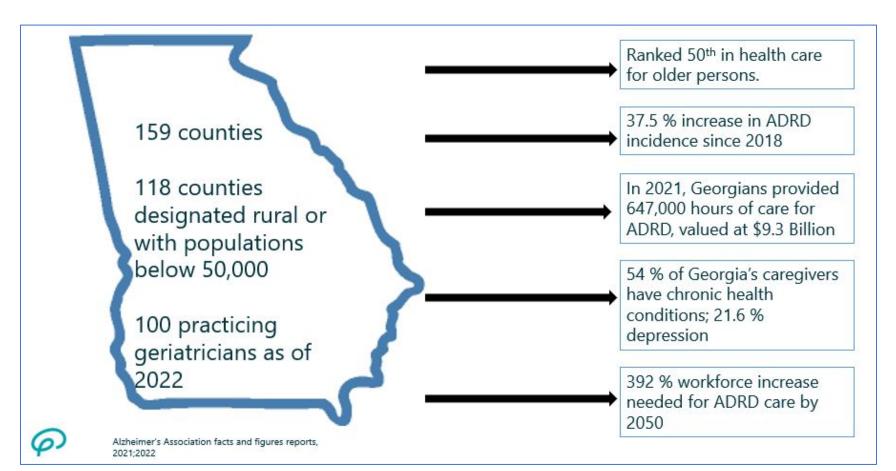


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Georgia

PHCOE Round Table Series/Elizabeth N. Head, Lynn Joyner, Sarah Saint Hamilton/January 2024

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) in Georgia, 2022



BOLD Overview

- BOLD-Building Our Largest Dementia Infrastructure
- 3-year Enhanced grant: September 2020-September 2023
 - 23 letter of support
- 5-year Component II grant: September 2023-September 2028
 - 62 letters of support
- Public health approach to:
 - Dementia risk reduction
 - □ Early detection
 - Dementia caregiving
 - Educating professionals



Partnerships in Georgia

Physicians

Academia

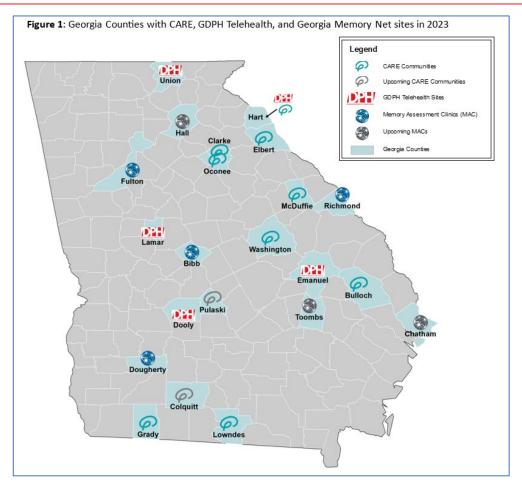
State Agencies

Care Partners



Advocates People living w/ Dementia **Businesses** Non-Profits

Sampling of Partner Sites in Georgia



Public Health Role

Surveillance/monitoring data

- Develop strategies and interventions
- Inform public policy
- Guide research
- Evaluate programs and policies

Prevention

- Promote risk reduction for Alzheimer's and related dementias
- Promote overall cognitive health
- Promote early detection and diagnosis

Education

- · Warning signs of dementia
- · Benefits of early detection

Training

- Health care providers
- Newly diagnosed individuals
- Families and caregivers

Partner Support

- GA Alzheimer's Association
- DHS, Division of Aging Services

Care Partner Programs in Georgia

- Second Wind Dreams, Virtual Dementia Tour
 - "A Day in the Life"
 - Support training of leaders/facilitators
 - Used for communities, professionals, and students
- Savvy Caregiver/TeleSavvy
 - Skill building for Caregivers
 - Support training of leaders and program resources
 - Piloted in Extension Offices, Memory Assessment Clinics (MACS)
- Alter
 - Introducing African-American faith-based community to dementia friendly
 - Cultivate culture of care
 - Support expansion of sites and program activities to include risk reduction education

- 1. Where do you get your local level caregiver data?
- 2. How did you overcome the turnover of volunteers when making sustainable EBI programming when they are largely implemented by volunteers?

Georgia Dementia Care Specialist (DCS) Program

Lynn Joyner, DCS Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging

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The title, Dementia Care Specialist, is interpreted in different ways in different places.

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Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services

Dementia Care Specialist Program

Fostering Dementia-Capable Communities in Georgia

The mission of the Dementia Care Specialist (DCS) Program is to increase dementia education and awareness, build stronger community partnerships, and support care partners to expand skills and resources to support persons living with dementia.

One DCS will be located at each Area Agency on Aging (AAA). The Program Lead at the Division of Aging Services (DAS) is responsible for training, program integrity, and data collection.

To acheive this mission, the DCS Program has **three pillars**:

Creating a Dementia-Capable Aging Network: Training, Education, Awareness, and Collaboration

- Provide dementia-specific training for AAA staff, providers, and partners
- Raise awareness regarding the importance of early detection and screening

Creating Dementia-Capable Communities: Community Outreach and Partnerships

- Provide dementia-specific community education
- Drive collaboration within the community

Supporting People Living with Dementia and Their Families

- Provide education and develop regional capacity to support people with cognitive concerns and their families
- Drive memory screening and increased access to diagnostic evaluation

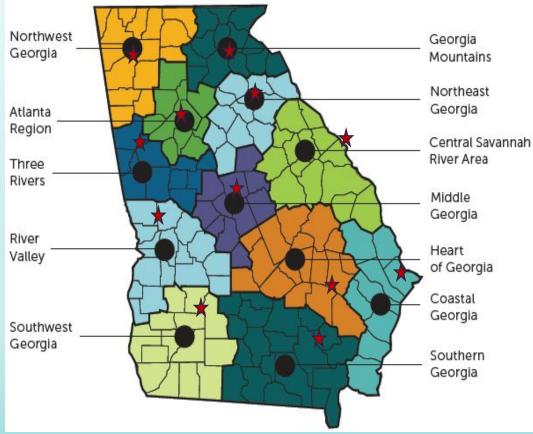
BUILDING THE PLANE AS WE FLY IT 2023

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Georgia

Find a DCS in your region



- State Division of Aging Services
- Division of Aging DCS Team Lead
- 159 Counties in Georgia
- 12 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) similar and different
- 13 DCS Staff in Georgia
- July 2022 DCS Positions Funded
- Early 2023 DCS Staff Hired
- Most DCS Staff have less than a year's experience in the DCS position;
- Turnover in 3 DCS positions
- Focus for the first six months was to obtain dementia specific certifications to offer Evidence Based / Evidence Informed Education
- DCS Program is being rolled out incrementally.

2023 Fall Project – Emanuel County, Swainsboro, GA Living with Dementia – It Takes A Community

- Partnership
 - Emanuel County Health Department GMN Telehealth Site
 - Emanuel County Senior Center
 - Heart of Georgia Altamaha RC AAA Dementia Care Specialist
- DCS met with the Health Department and the Senior Center individually to discuss partnering together for a fall event
- We all met several times virtually to plan and divide responsibilities
- Invitations were emailed to the County Manager, county department heads, police and sheriff offices, City Mayors, and countless others.
- The Senior Center created the flyer, provided the location, snacks, and decorations.
- The Health Department staff created the registration form, attended the Dementia Friends Information Session and hosted the Second Wind Dreams Virtual Dementia Tour (VDT)
- The Dementia Care Specialist created a resource list for Emanuel County, conducted the Dementia Friends Information Session and assisted with the Virtual Dementia Tour.
- It was a successful event. The Virtual Dementia Tour was very impactful. The County Manager, two law enforcement officers, the Tax Commissioner, the Probate Court Judge, three staff from the local nursing home, and two senior center volunteers completed the VDT. The Sheriff also attended the Dementia Friends Information Session.

2024 – January 30th – Teepa Snow Positive Approach to Care Typical Aging vs. Atypical Aging Workshop

Partnership

- Living Independence for Everyone (LIFE) Center For Independent Living
- Heart of Georgia Altamaha RC AAA Dementia Care Specialist
- LIFE is providing the space, hor d'oeuvres, and doing outreach in the county
- DCS created the flyer, created the registration form, and will be conducting the workshop and doing outreach electronically

2024 Spring Project – Laurens County, Dublin, GA In the planning stages:

Partnership

- Laurens County Health Department GMN Telehealth Site Heart of Georgia Altamaha RC AAA – Dementia Care Specialist Others - TBD
- DCS will be meeting with the Laurens County Health Department in February 2024 to begin discussing a joint project to be held this spring.

Coalition Building – in the works:

- Georgia Division of Aging brought in a consultant to begin training DCS staff on building a coalition.
- Meeting again on January 22 and bringing someone from our coalition with us to the training.
- Target date for establishing a coalition is March/April 2024.
- Emailing groups throughout the 17 counties to advertise the creation of a dementia specific coalition and seeking participation on the coalition. Thus far, 23 people have said "YES": Center for Independent Living, Home Care Provider, UGA Extension Office Staff, Senior Centers, Health Departments, Money Follows the Person, a Business Woman, Caregiver, Hospitals, Housing Authority, Community Health Initiative, Family Connection Coordinators, Behavioral Health Developmental Disabilities, Personal Care Home, and a VA Social Worker. There are still more groups on my list to contact. Half of my counties are represented by these who have already said "Yes."



Engagement with Community:

- Providing educational presentations about the DCS Program and dementia
- Participating in health fairs
- Attending established coalition / council meetings
- Delivering outreach information to key locations in the counties
- Conducting Virtual Dementia Tours
- Posting activities and events on AAA Facebook
- Engaging in one-on-one conversations with Care Partners



Building Equity Into Your Approach

- Reaching out to a wide variety of individuals to offer these programs.
- Presentations at 55+ apartment complexes, senior centers, etc.
- Partnering with county Health Departments to hold a community event.
- Building an email list from prior events to keep contacts up to date on any training offerings or other events happening in the area.
- Posting on AAA Facebook page and sharing posts on personal Facebook page
- Providing education to all areas of a county.
- Letting people know that I am knowledgeable about dementia and that I am available to help them with their questions and concerns. I am building a Coalition with members that will help me extend our reach into every county.





Question for the audience

Advancing equity can be particularly challenging in a decentralized state with 159 counties or 18 health districts or 12 AAAs. In what other ways has <u>your</u> <u>state increased equitable access for priority</u> populations?

Challenges Experienced:

- Dementia is still a taboo subject. I have a hard time getting Caregivers and Persons Living with Dementia (PWD) to openly talk about their concerns and the future.
- Hard time getting into doctor's offices.
- Speaking engagements are often limited to 10-15 minutes
- Health fair attendees are not interested in having a conversation or taking written material
- I do not always receive interest or a return call.



Caregiver Programs - Evidence Based / Evidence Informed

- Dealing with Dementia Rosalyn Carter Institute for Caregivers
- Powerful Tools for Caregivers Iowa State University
- Second Wind Dreams Virtual Dementia Tours
- Dementia Friends Information Sessions



$Caregiver\ Programs-{\rm Other}$

- Dementia Jeopardy General Overview, Communication, Brain Health, Typical Aging or Dementia, Dementia Resources, 10 Signs and Symptoms, and Statistics on Dementia (how many Americans currently have it, how many have young on-set, etc.)
- Dementia Presentations (example: Dementia = Brain Change)
- Inspired Dementia Care Leslie Fuller, LMSW, Founder & Owner of Inspired Senior Care – 12-month dementia education curriculum
- Teepa Snow, Positive Approach to Care Certified Independent Trainers
- Teepa Snow, Positive Approach to Care Certified Independent Consultants



Question for the audience

Think about the evidence based programs in caregiving available in your state. What barriers and facilitators have there been for implementing these programs?



UGA's Cognitive Aging Research and Education (CARE) Center

Sarah Saint Hamilton, PhD, LMSW Director of Social Support Services





Turning passion into action: The Cognitive Aging Research and Education (CARE) Center

Our mission

A new pathway to *living with* dementias



Jenay Beer, PhD Co-Director College of Public Health





Lisa Renzi-Hammond, Co-Director College of Public Health



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Denise Everson, MA Community Education Lead **Cooperative Extension**





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Anita Reina, PhD Health Educator College of Public Health



Kerry Cohen, Au.D., CCC-A Clinical Audiologist Mary Frances Early College of Education





Caregiver Education

CARE AwaRE Curriculum



An ounce (or perhaps a pound) of prevention General education for all communities



Knowing the signs *General education for all communities*





What does diagnosis look like? Tailored education, based on local resources



Caring for someone with dementia Tailored education, based on local resources



Virtual Dementia Tours









Savvy Caregiver[™] Training

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FREE SAVVY CAREGIVER TRAINING

A six-week training series for care partners of persons with dementia

Facilitated by the UGA CARE Center's Director of Social Support Services, Sarah Saint Hamilton, PhD, LMSW

The Savvy Caregiver™ program is an evidence-based, 12-hour training provided over a sixweek period, resulting in caregivers who possess greater confidence, improved understanding of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and practical stills to improve quality of life and support.

Those completing this nationally acclaimed course gain:

- · Skills to assess abilities of persons with dementia
- Confidence to set and alter caregiving goals
- Understanding of the disease progression
- · Essential abilities to attend to self-care

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· Increased ability to work effectively with professionals providing care

Registration is required as space is limited. If you need on-site respite care in order to attend, please contact the ACCA's Adult Day Health Program (706-549-7301) at least one week in advance to complete an assessment and reserve a spot (cost is \$12/hr).

> The six-week series will take place on the following Fridays from 1:00-3:00 PM: July 21 July 28 | August 4 | BREAK | August 18 | August 25 | September 1

Athens Community Council on Aging (ACCA) 135 Hoyt Street Athens, GA 30601

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For questions and/or to register for this session, call 706-542-2539 or email <u>carecenter@uga.edu</u>

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Support Throughout the Diagnostic Process

Support is provided <u>throughout</u> the diagnostic process



Phone screening with social support intern (MSW Student)



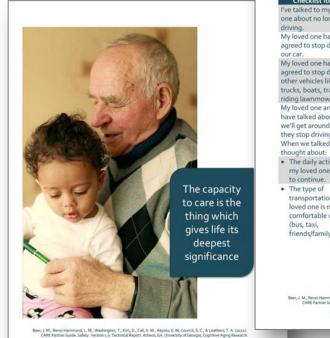
30-min social support consultation during medical appt Support + resources provided during summary appointment with providers



Materials created by the CARE Center



CARE Partner Guides



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6:ooam	Get up, let dog out, make sure loved one takes meds		Me	
7:00am	Make breakfast Get dressed Clean up	Eggs, toast, coffee	Me Me & loved one Me	
8:00am	Go for walk with loved one		Me	
9:00am	Watch TV Do laundry		Loved one Me	
10:00am	Play "Life" (board game)		Me & loved one	
11:00am	Play Gin Rummy Prepare lunch		Loved one Me	
12:00pm	Eat together Sandwiches, Make sure loved one takes meds salad Do dishes		Me & loved one Me Me	
1:00pm	Take nap Call friend		Loved one Me	
2:00pm	Rake leaves / play with dog Garden		Loved one Me	
3:00pm	Rake leaves / play with dog Garden		Loved one Me	
4:00pm	Take Nap Rake leaves		Loved one Me	
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7:00pm	Shower loved one		Me & loved one	
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10:00pm	Go to bed Make sure loved one takes meds		Me & loved one Me	
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Ongoing Post-Diagnosis Support

Ongoing CARE Center Support



Group

- Twice per month
- Guest speakers invited

Music Therapy for Persons with Dementia

• Twice per month

Social Support Consultations/Referrals

• Always available

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Creative Support Programming: Meet me at the garden





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Collaboration is vital to success.



Respect and build upon existing relationships and infrastructure.



Be mindful of access barriers when designing programming.









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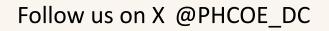
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