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Manager's Report

Coalition of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly (CO-AGE)

2026 Funding Priorities:

- Funding for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)
- Funding for Behavioral Health Coaches in Affordable Housing

~~State Legislative Priorities:~~

- ~~• Master Plan on Aging~~
- ~~• Establish a Statutory Bill of Rights for Adults Under Guardianship~~
- ~~• Enact Georgia Online Automatic Renewal Transparency Act (HB 529)~~



Federal Updates: Funding for Federal FY 2026

FY 26 Appropriations Bills have passed House

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Labor/HHS/Education Bill (and 5 others) now in Senate – need to pass by Jan 30

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Partial Federal Shutdown????



FY 26 Appropriations

- 📌 House has passed all 12 bills
- 📌 Senate Democrats: will vote “no” if DHS included in package; want to pass other 5 bills instead
- 📌 Senate Republicans: 6-bill package moving forward
- 📌 Takes 60 votes to pass Senate
- 📌 Any changes would take time and go back to House
- 📌 Unclear what House and President would do
 - House out this week

Progress	Appropriations Bill
✓	Homeland Security
✓	Labor, HHS, Education
✓	Transportation & HUD
✓	<i>Defense</i>
✓	<i>Financial Services & General Govt</i>
✓	<i>State & Foreign Operations</i>
✓ ✓	Commerce, Justice, Science
✓ ✓	Energy & Water Development
✓ ✓	Interior & Environment
✓ ✓	<i>Agriculture</i>
✓ ✓	<i>Legislative Branch</i>
✓ ✓	<i>Military Construction & VA</i>

Federal Updates – FY 26 if no shutdown

Older Americans Act funding (Part of Labor/HHS/Education bill)

- Small increase in Title IIIB Supportive Services
- Small increase in Title IIIE Family Caregiver Supports
- No Title III cuts from FY 25 level

SSBG – no cuts from FY 25 level

AmeriCorps Seniors

- Restored at full funding
- ARC would need to compete for future grant to restore the program

OAA Reauthorization

- Waiting to see if House agrees to 2024 bipartisan version
- Co-sponsored in Senate by Georgia Senator Warnock



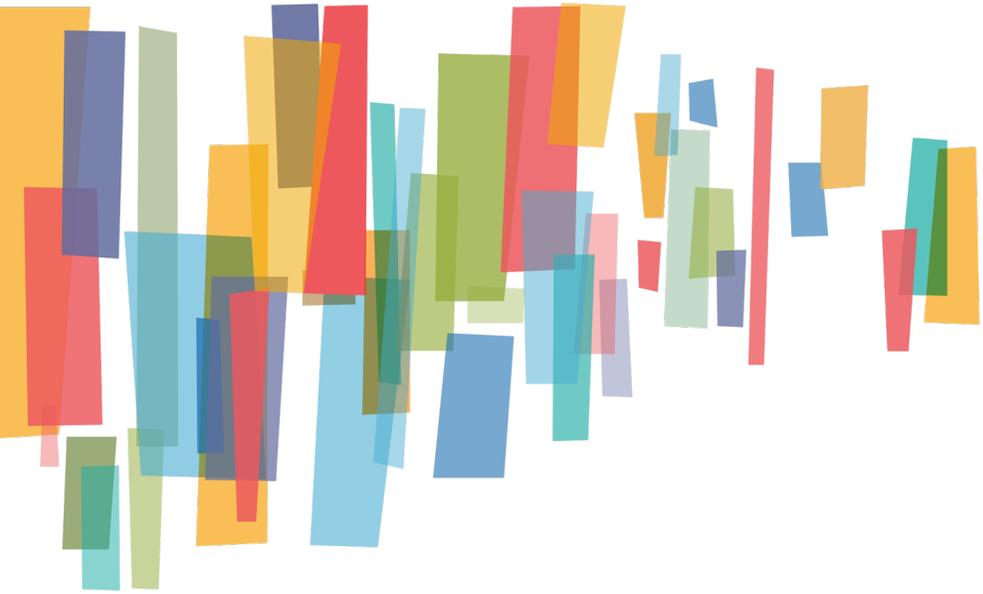
Update on Letters of Concern

October letters of concern regarding Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) responsiveness from:

- GA Department of Human Services/Division of Aging Services (DAS)
- GA Department of Community Health (Medicaid)

Status:

- ARC submitted Plan of Correction
- DAS sent follow up questions before holidays
- ARC responded in early January; awaiting response from DAS



Announcements