



Longevity and a Changing Region

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RLI Survey: Most Important Issues

- Equity
- Transportation/mobility

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Clip from Coming of Age in Aging America

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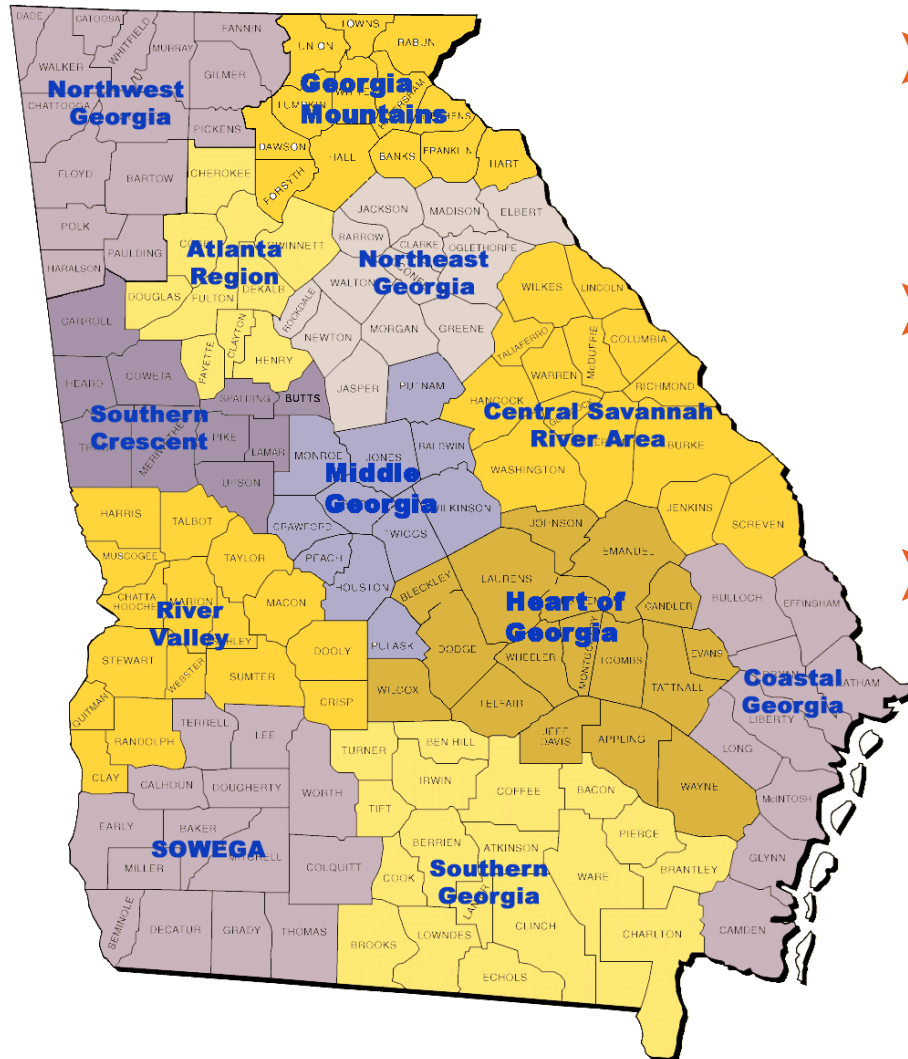
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How does ARC's work impact Ms. Norma?

- Planning
- Policy
- Partnerships
- Provide services

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ARC's Aging & Independence Services



- The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for metro Atlanta
- One of 12 in Georgia
 - Using Regional Commission boundaries
- Part of a nation-wide “aging network”
 - Created by the federal Older Americans Act

What is the “Aging Network”?

Federal

Congress

Executive Branch:
Department of Health and Human Services
Administration on Community Living
Administration on Aging

State

State Units on Aging

Local

Area Agencies on Aging

Area Advisory Councils

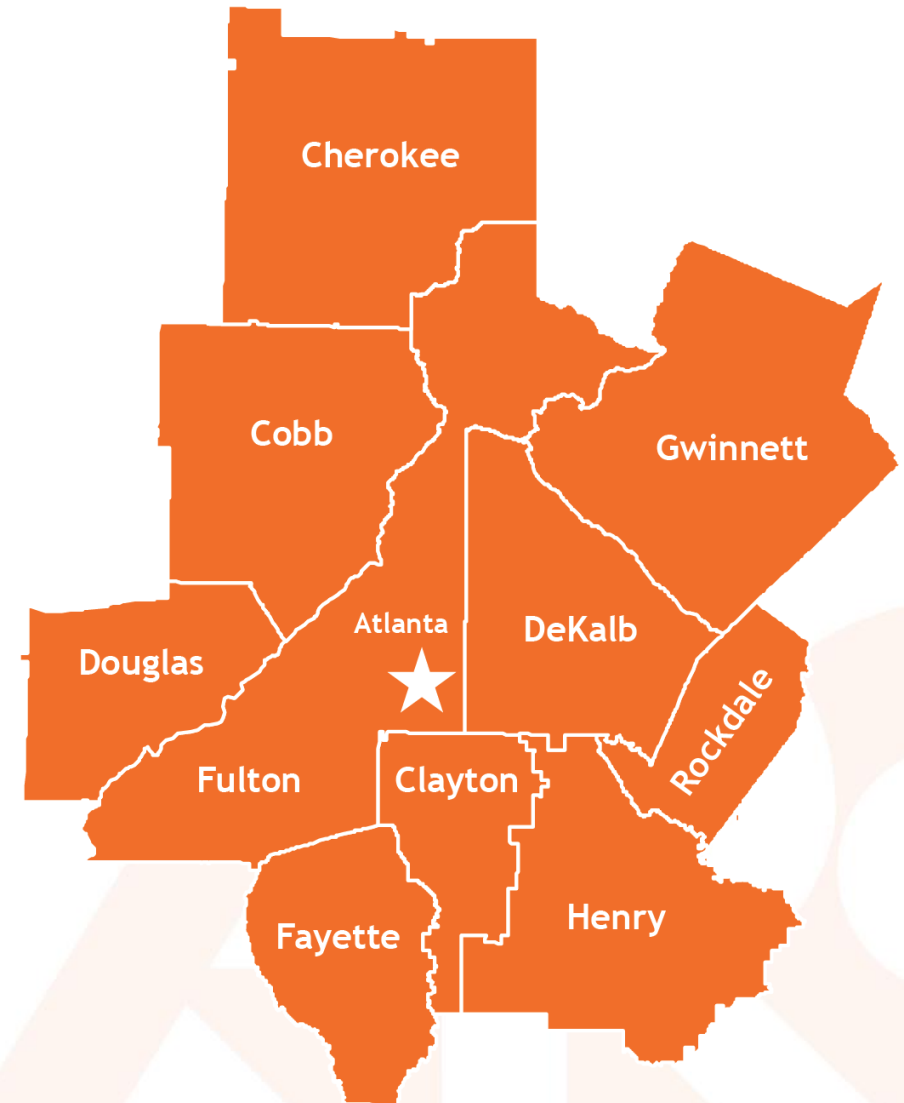
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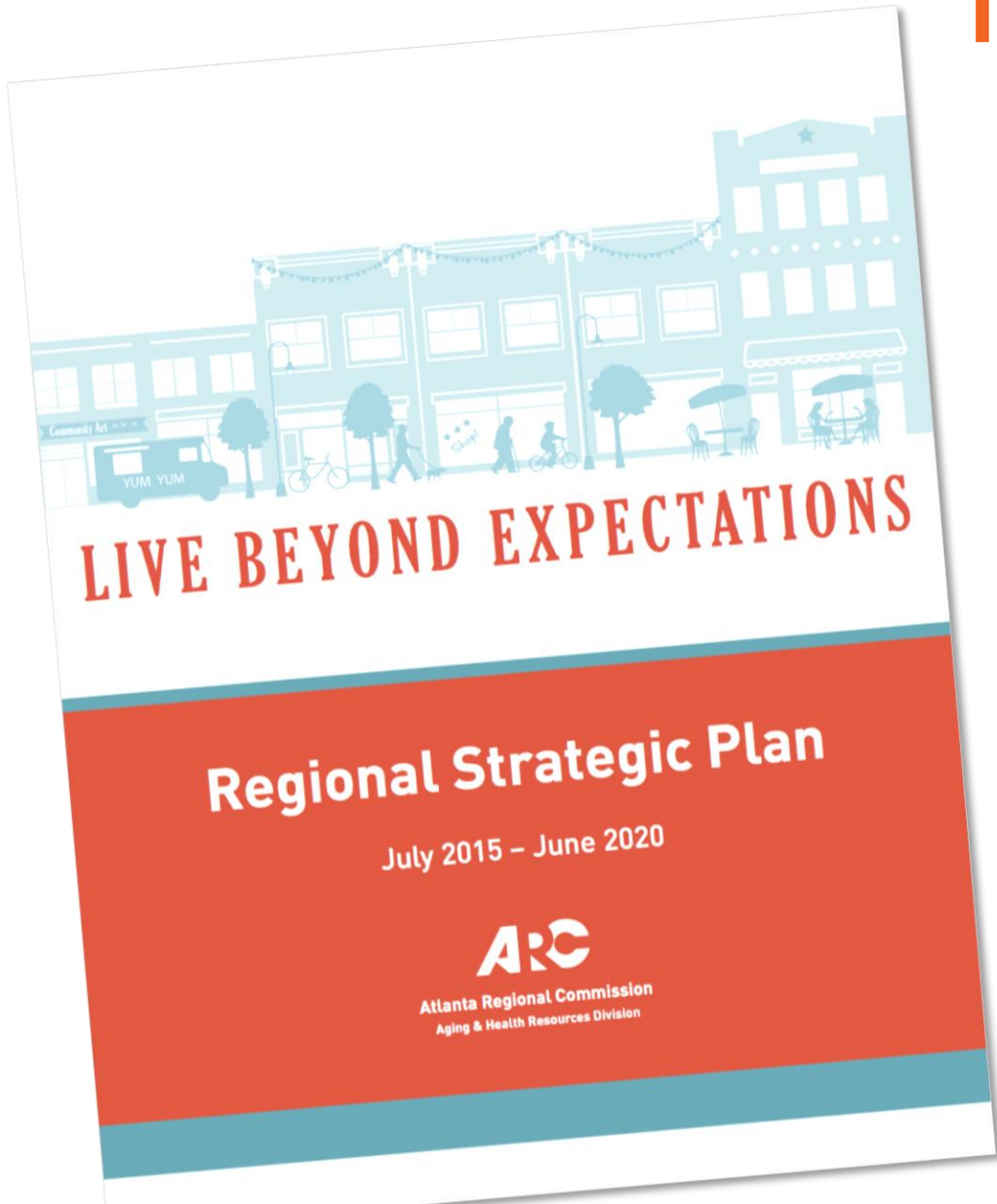


Atlanta's Area Agency on Aging

Whom we serve:

- Older adults
 - About 400,000
- Individuals with disabilities, regardless of age
 - About 12%





1. Planning

- Regional Strategic Plan
 - “Live Beyond Expectations”
- Area Plan on Aging
 - State Fiscal Years 2017-2020
- Coordinate with rest of ARC in planning work, including:
 - Human Services Transportation Plan
 - CATLYST

Live Beyond Expectations: Priority areas

- Transportation
- Caregiver support
- Long-term supports and services
- Senior centers
- Behavioral health
- Information services
- Housing

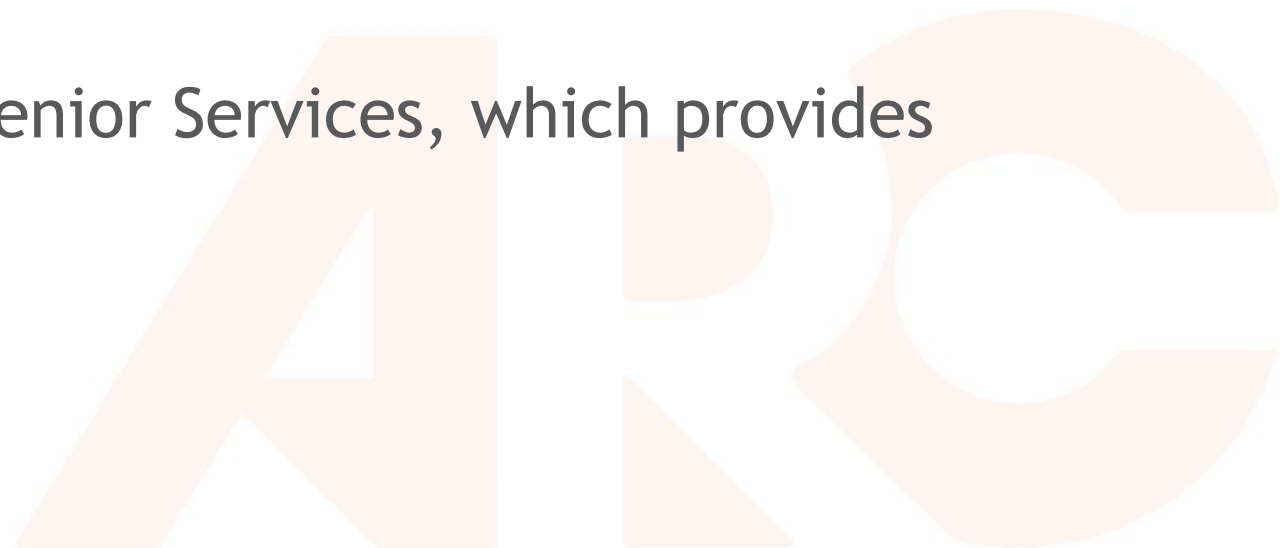


2. Policy

- Advocating for (and with) older adults and individuals with disabilities. Examples:
- Affordable housing
 - ◆ 57% of older metro Atlanta renters live in housing considered unaffordable
 - ◆ Policy briefs
 - ◆ Senate Study Committee on Homelessness
- Transportation
 - ◆ More than 32,000 senior-led households in metro Atlanta have no vehicle, yet 90% have poor public transportation access
 - ◆ Most older adults outlive their ability to drive safely by 7-10 years
 - ◆ House Transit Study Committee

3. Partnerships

- Funding the region’s “aging provider network”
 - 10 county-level providers
 - 10 regional/specialized providers
- Combine federal and state aging services funds
- Example: ARC funds Gwinnett Senior Services, which provides
 - Ms. Norma’s transportation
 - Jim Fox’s volunteer opportunities



Partnerships (continued)

➤ Convening

- Framing Aging workshop

➤ Coordination with entities with shared goals

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4. Provide Services

- Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)
 - The “front desk” connection to services
 - Part of a “No Wrong Door” integrated system of access to long-term services and supports



ADRC in Atlanta...

- Free 24/7 phone service and on-line chat
- Serve more than 65,000 contacts per year
- Certified, person-centered counselors
- Connect individuals to over 25,000 services - regardless of funding source
- Screening, intake, eligibility for publicly-funded programs

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➤ The majority of our region's older adults say:

- Metro Atlanta is a good place to retire
- They plan to stay here as they age

➤ Atlanta is considered 5th best place in the US for retirement

- WalletHub (2017)



With the older population doubling between now and 2030 . . .



- ▶ We've got our work cut out for us!

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Questions?



Discussion Questions

How does your work support longevity and healthy aging in the Atlanta region?

What does equity mean for older adults in our region?