

2018 Challenges Ahead

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Fostering Communities that Work for All Ages and Abilities

BACKGROUND

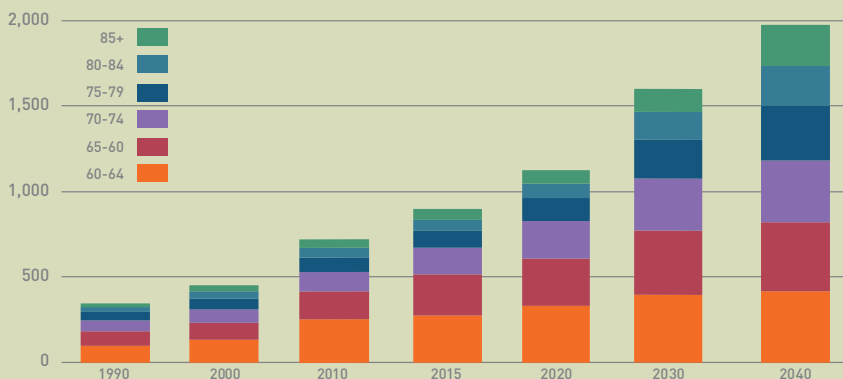
Georgia is experiencing an unprecedented demographic shift as Baby Boomers age and better health allows people to live longer than ever before. By 2030, one out of every five residents will be over the age of 60.

ARC provides services and develops plans that help people remain in their homes and communities rather than moving into costly institutional settings. People who stay in their communities generally experience a better quality of life, with improved physical and mental health.

Because there is no guarantee that funding for programs and services will keep pace with the growing population, ARC constantly seeks new and innovative approaches to support older adults and people with disabilities. Some of the most pressing needs include: improving access to transportation services for older adults and persons with disabilities; providing a diversity of housing options that are desirable to and affordable for an aging population; supporting family and other informal caregivers who provide the majority of care; and providing high quality, affordable services to enable people to stay in their homes and communities.

This demographic shift also presents an opportunity for the region to design communities in a way that meets the needs of residents of all ages and abilities.

Longevity Forecasts for Metro Atlanta



REGIONAL PLAYERS

Atlanta Regional Commission

Atlanta Area Agency on Aging

Georgia Department of Aging Services

Local jurisdictions

Senior service providers

Other non-profits

INSIGHTS & INNOVATION

Finding the right long-term services and supports can be challenging for individuals and families unfamiliar with programs designed to help older Georgians. Georgia's Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) provide a No Wrong Door access point for information requests and assistance.

In 2016, the Atlanta Regional Commission's trained and certified specialists provided counseling to 69,798 clients seeking assistance for long-term services and supports through 88,300 phone calls. Counselors connected individuals to private and publicly funded resources from a database of more than 26,000 community-based providers.

Georgia's ADRCs are historically underfunded. ARC's ADRC is anticipating an 89% decrease in funding from FY2017 to FY2018. For this reason, ARC is partnering with the Georgia Council on Aging this legislative session to advocate for \$4 million to strengthen this vital network.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION/ COLLABORATION

The Evolving Workforce Forum - March 28, 2018

The Intersection of Transportation and Health Seminar - June 20, 2018



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