

## **Community Living Program Grants**

**State Agency:** GA Dept. of Human Services, Division of Aging Services

**Project Title:** Expansion of GA's CLP to NW PSA

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**Project Abstract:**

Georgia's Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services proposes this Community Living Program Project to be implemented with the Northwest Georgia Area Agency on Aging (NWGA AAA) for the fifteen-county Northwest Georgia region. The goal of the proposed project, Georgia's Consumer Support Options (CSO), is to support the rebalancing of Georgia's long-term care system.

The objectives are: (1) to divert persons at risk of nursing home placement and Medicaid spend down; (2) to use established targeting criteria (established during the previous grant cycle) for the intake and screening process through the single-entry point Gateway system (3) to initiate the modernization of the Northwest Region's aging services network by reallocating Title III and other non-Medicaid funds to support flexible spending pools; (4) to implement the DAS consumer-directed model of care, allowing consumers to tailor services to their individual needs; (5) to develop and maintain a Fiscal Management Service at the NWGA AAA; and (6) work with the Atlanta Veteran's Administration Medical Center to provide the Veterans Directed Home and Community Based Service (VDHCBS) program, and, to implement the TCARE protocol of caregiver assessment for the VDHCBS caregivers. Anticipated outcomes are a significant number of individuals at risk for nursing home placement, but not Medicaid eligible, will delay or avoid nursing home admission, and veterans will have the opportunity to enroll in a self-directed care program.

The deliverables are: (1) a Flexible Spending Fund Pool to support CSO; (2) a Fiscal Management Service Operations Manual; (3) the implementation of a VDHCBS program option; (4) marketing and promotional materials; and (5) interim and final reports.