

Legacy Link is designated by the Georgia Department of Human Services as the Area Agency on Agency (AAA) for the 13 county region including Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union and White Counties. The AAA is responsible for advocacy for seniors, planning and administration of programs, coordination and monitoring services in the area.

HOME BASED SERVICES

Intake to Aging Services Legacy Link's toll free number **(855-266-4283)** accesses the intake to Aging Services. Trained intake specialists provide anonymous and/or confidential access to information, assistance and referral concerning services for seniors, family members and persons with disabilities. Callers are assisted in locating resources and services in the region, in Georgia and across the United States.

Community Care Services Program: (CCSP): serves low-income, frail persons of all ages in the 13 county service region. The program assists people who are elderly and/or functionally impaired to continue living in their homes and communities by offering personal support services, such as, adult day health, caregiver support, respite care, home delivered meals, emergency response systems, and basic personal care. The individual or family members along with the CCSP nurse and care coordinator will develop a care plan to prolong independence and avoid nursing home placement. **(855-266-4283)**

SOURCE Program: serves individuals who meet nursing home level of care and are SSI Medicaid recipients. Personal support services are arranged with the individual, physician and care management team to reduce emergency room visits, hospitalizations and improve quality of life while living in the community. In addition to the 13 county service region, SOURCE is also offered by Legacy Link in Barrow, Cherokee, Clarke, Elbert, Gwinnett, Jackson and Madison counties. **(855-266-4283)**

Nursing Home Transition to Community Living (Money follows the Person - MFP): assists with transitioning individuals from nursing home care back into the community. Transition Counselors meet with residents and families in the nursing home to assess their options/barriers and develop a care plan for successful re-entry to community living. **(855-266-4283)**.

Alzheimer's Care Consultation Program: A free, telephone-based information and support service for adults with memory impairment, including Alzheimer's and dementia, and friends or family who care for them. Care Consultation provides, particularly to caregivers, ongoing help to find practical solutions to concerns about health and care as well as coaching and support. Clients do not have to be enrolled in any other Legacy Link programs to be eligible to participate in Care Consultation. **(855-266-4283)**

HCBS Home Care agency provides services such as light housekeeping; personal assistance with bathing, dressing, and grooming; home delivered meals or caregiver respite for persons who are homebound. **(855-266-4283)**

COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

Senior Centers: Multi-purpose senior centers receive funding from Legacy Link in 12 counties. These centers provide services to older citizens such as hot noon meals, home delivered meals, recreation, transportation, wellness and educational programs to help older persons remain independent in their homes.

Wellness Programs: Wellness Program addresses social, emotional, physical, mental, and intellectual well-being of seniors, including but not limited to: nutrition and health education, fitness and physical activity, (Tai Chi) health screenings, art classes, computer classes, and Georgia Health Matters courses that include management of chronic disease. For more information about what is available in your area, contact your local senior center. **(770-538-2650)**

Kinship Care Program: This program provides information and referrals regarding benefits available for children being raised by Grandparents, Aunts or Uncles. Kinship Care Support Groups for persons who are “parenting the second time around” are available in the 13 counties of North Georgia. **(770-538-2650)**

Retired & Senior Volunteer Program: RSVP, a national Senior Corps program, matches adults age 55+ with volunteer service opportunities at public and non-profit agencies in 10 counties. Funding is provided by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), a federal agency. **770-538-2650** www.nationalservice.gov

EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION

Employment and Training for Mature Workers (SCSEP): Persons aged 55+ on the Senior Community Service and Employment Program are placed in part-time positions in public and non-profit agencies for training to enable them to enter the workforce. Funded by the National Council, assistance is provided to residents of 120 Georgia counties. Trainees are paid hourly for up to 15 hours of community service per week. **(770-538-2650)**

MEDICARE COUNSELING

Georgia Cares Program: Medicare Counseling – Staff and trained volunteers make presentations to groups and counsel individual beneficiaries and assist in enrollment in all Medicare Programs. Eligibility screenings and assistance are provided for those qualifying for help paying Medicare costs, including Part D prescription plans. Counseling is available regarding fraud, abuse and scams related to Medicare and other health benefit programs. **(770-538-2650)**

ADVOCACY

Long -Term Care Ombudsman: Ombudsman staff provides advocacy services to nursing home and personal care home residents and family members in 29 counties. **(770-538-2685)**

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY LAB

Assistive Technology (AT) is an item or a piece of equipment that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities in all aspects of life, including school, at work, at home and in the community. We have over 75 items on display. To schedule an appointment call **(770-538-2641)**

LEGAL

Georgia Legal Services for assistance and counseling for persons aged 60 and above. **(770-535-5717)**