Georgia’s Assistive Technology and Funding Guide

A Financial Educational Services Resource from the CreditAble Program at Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC), in Partnership with Tools for Life
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Foreword

Georgia’s Assistive Technology and Funding Guide is designed to be a useful collection of processes and program information. The AT and Funding Guide is available to individuals with disabilities, their families, advocates, and service providers. We hope this guide will assist you in your search for funding, make the process easier, and aid you in acquiring the assistive technology you need.

The information contained in this guide is current at the time of publication. However, it is subject to change at any time. It will be updated periodically.

This guide describes possible public and private sources of funding and strategies to obtain funding for assistive technology from these sources. It is designed to be simple to use. It is our hope that the guide will help individuals understand public programs and assist in identifying potential funding sources. Please share your experiences with us and with others at the email addresses listed below.

We have verified all the sources contained in this guide. However, if you know of additional funding sources, please contact us so we may include the additional information in future updates. If you have questions during the process of obtaining funding or know of any information in this guide that needs to be changed or added, please contact us at the phone numbers or emails addresses listed below.

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Introduction

What is Assistive Technology?
Assistive technology (AT) is any item or piece of equipment used to improve the capabilities of people with disabilities. Examples include a scooter or wheelchair for mobility disabilities, aids to help those with low vision or who are Blind, devices to assist individuals who are hard of hearing, specialized computer hardware and software, electronic tablets and apps, aids for daily living, and communication devices. AT devices allows people with disabilities to function independently in recreation, education, employment, and daily living activities.

AT in the classroom brings children with and without disabilities together to share social and educational experiences. In the office or work setting, AT enables people with disabilities to utilize knowledge and skills to be productive. At home, AT makes life easier and more enjoyable. From simple to complex, AT devices provide more opportunities and greater personal independence for people with disabilities.

If you are one of the 1,960,756 adults (greater than 18 years of age) in Georgia with disabilities (about 25% of the population of Georgia), AT devices become the way to opportunity and can assist you in realizing your potential.

Types of Assistive Technology
For the purposes of this guide, the types of AT devices are divided into the following categories:

**Aids of Daily Living**
Devices for use in activities of daily living, such as eating, bathing, dressing, toileting, grooming, cooking, cleaning, and home maintenance. Some medical devices, like glucose monitors, respirators, and other types of machines, and related disposable supplies are also daily living aids.

**Aids for Hearing Loss**
Devices for people who are Deaf or hard of hearing, such as hearing aids, telecommunication devices for the Deaf (TDDs), and visual alert systems.

**Aids for Vision Loss**
Devices for people who are Blind or have low vision, such as magnifiers, braille, speech output devices, and large print computer screens.

**Speech Communication**
Devices that provide a means for expressive and receptive communication for people with limited speech, such as electronic devices with speech output and/or non-electronic devices. Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC) devices are also
referred to as Speech Generating Devices (SGD) and are considered speech communication devices.

**Mobility, Seating, and Positioning**
Devices to improve personal mobility for people with physical disabilities, such as manual and electronic wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, motorized scooters, and other utility vehicles. This includes seating systems to improve body stability and sitting posture, provide trunk and/or head support, and reduce pressure on the surface of the skin (i.e., cushions, contour seats, lumbar and head supports).

**Computers and Related Devices**
Hardware and software products to access, interact with, and use computers at home, work, or school. These include modified or alternate keyboards, switches activated by pressure, touch screens, special software, electronic apps, or voice-to-text software.

**Learning Cognition and Development**
Devices to provide access to educational materials and instruction in school or other learning environments. These may include specialized software.

**Environmental Adaptations**
Devices and structural adaptations that remove or reduce barriers and promote access to and within the home, at work, and in community. This includes home modifications, environmental controls, and switches that enable a person with limited mobility to control various devices, such as appliances, electronic aids, and security systems.

**Vehicle Modifications**
Adapted driving aids, such as hand controls, lifts, and modified vans or other motor vehicles used for personal transportation.

**Recreation and Leisure**
Devices and modifications that enable people with disabilities to participate in recreational activities, such as adapted equipment for water or snow skiing, wheelchair basketball, blind soccer, or leisure activities using aids, such as braille or large print playing cards, tactile board games, adapted tools for gardening, and audiobooks.
What is Tools for Life?
Tools for Life (TFL) is the Assistive Technology Act Program for the State of Georgia. TFL seeks to increase access to and acquisition of assistive technology (AT) for all Georgians with disabilities. TFL also works with community partners throughout Georgia to provide hands-on demonstrations and loans of AT.

TFL is funded through the Administration of Community Living (ACL) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and maintains coordination efforts with multiple partners in Georgia. The funding provided helps enhance the opportunities for Georgia residents with disabilities to access and acquire needed AT. TFL is a valuable resource for people with disabilities, their families, advocates, and service providers. Although TFL does not purchase or sell AT devices, the program does provide a wide variety of services.

Device Demonstration Program
The device demonstration program provides an opportunity for people with disabilities to experience and compare the features and benefits of a particular AT device or category of devices. The device explorations are designed to support informed decision-making regarding the appropriate purchase of AT.

Device Short-Term Loan Program
The device short-term loan program allows individuals to borrow AT to “try before buying.” Short-term loans are also beneficial for the purposes of assessment, meeting interim needs when devices need to be repaired or updated and for personal development activities. TFL partners with various organizations and agencies across Georgia to make AT available across the state.

Device Reutilization
Device reutilization is a free service to help Georgia residents with disabilities to find lightly used equipment to meet their needs in a safe, effective, and appropriate manner. TFL partners with Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC), a 501(c)(3) to collect, refurbish, and reassign durable medical equipment (DME) that is no longer needed and reassign to a Georgia resident in need. Any resident is eligible with a completed application. The program retrieves specific types of donated equipment and reassigns it to the best matched eligible individual. Some pickup and delivery services are available. The staff makes every effort to ensure Georgia residents can access the needed equipment. Any Georgia resident may also donate or pick up the equipment at the FODAC office in Tucker, Georgia or other locations found at www.fodac.org.
State Partners
TFL partners with agencies throughout the State of Georgia to identify individuals who can benefit from AT. Some partners of TFL include:

- Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC)
- All nine Centers for Independent Living (CIL)
- Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)
- Georgia Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (GLS)
- Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)
- Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA)
- Georgia Department of Education (GDOE)
- Assistive Technology and Resource Centers (ATRC)

TFL welcomes individuals to contact the program to schedule a device demonstration, to borrow devices (try before buy), or to discuss funding options for a device or service. TFL serves all ages and all disabilities in all areas in Georgia.

AppFinder Database
The TFL team has curated some of the best apps to benefit the disability community. The database can be filtered by operating system, price, topic, and need.

Alternative Financing Program and Funding Resources
The CreditAble program is a collaborative effort between TFL and FODAC. CreditAble provides financial education and facilitates small, low interest loans for AT purchases.

Webinars
TFL hosts regular and timely webinars covering a variety of AT topics. These webinars are posted on the TFL website and are open to the public. Individuals may also sign up for the TFL listserv for details regarding upcoming webinars and other updates.
Tools for Life Network

Tools for Life (TFL) is the Assistive Technology Act Program for the State of Georgia. TFL seeks to increase access to and acquisition of assistive technology (AT) for all Georgians with disabilities. TFL works with a network community partners throughout Georgia to provide hands-on demonstrations and free short-term loans of equipment.
## Aging and Disability Resource Centers by Region

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<td>3</td>
<td>Atlanta Regional Commission Aging Division</td>
<td>Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, &amp; Rockdale</td>
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<td>Northeast GA Area Agency on Aging</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Three Rivers Area Agency on Aging</td>
<td>Butts, Carroll, Coweta, Heard, Lamar, Meriwether, Pike, Spalding, Talbot, Troup, &amp; Upson</td>
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<td>Middle Georgia Area Agency on Aging</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>CSRA Area Agency on Aging</td>
<td>Burke, Columbia, Glascock, Hancock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Screven, Tattnall, Warren, Washington, &amp; Wilkes</td>
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<td>River Valley Area Agency on Aging</td>
<td>Chattahoochee, Clay, Crisp, Dooly, Harris, Macon, Marion, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Taylor, &amp; Webster</td>
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<td>Heart of GA Area Agency on Aging</td>
<td>Appling, Bleckley, Candler, Dodge, Emanuel, Evans, Jeff Davis, Johnson, Laurens, Montgomery, Tattnall, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Wayne, Wheeler, &amp; Wilcox</td>
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<td>Coastal GA Area Agency on Aging</td>
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<td>Southern GA Area Agency on Aging</td>
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The Center for Inclusive Design and Innovation (CIDI) is committed to the promotion of technological innovation and the development of user-centered research, products, and services for individuals with disabilities. As a research and service center with Georgia Tech’s College of Design, CIDI addresses unmet needs in higher education, government, non-profits, and corporations by providing accessible and inclusive solutions and environments for the universal benefit of all.

CIDI’s custom accessibility solutions include:

**Media Production**
CIDI’s in-house production teams produce accessible media that is quality assured for accuracy. The highly trained staff is able to produce accessible digital documents (including e-books), braille, and more.

**Captioning and Described Media**
The team of captioning and described media experts make videos and presentations accessible to audiences. With real-time and remote captioners on staff, the team can enable and enhance content for accessibility.

**Training and Technical Support**
Whether it’s determining what a person needs, how to place a CIDI order, how to access files, or how to utilize assistive technology, the CIDI training and technical support staff and online resources are available to help.

CIDI’s products and resources include:

**Accommodation Management**
The Student Accommodation Manager web-app (SAM) is designed to help college disability offices securely manage accommodations and data of their students, including case notes, custom support letters, and much more.

**ICT Compliance and Training**
CIDI stresses the importance of universal design and access to information and communication technologies (ICT). With legal mandates and the increasing growth on the internet, CIDI addresses the requirements of Section 508 and WCAG 2.0 compliance with meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities.
Providing Accessibility for All

In addition to Tools for Life, CIDI is home to many initiatives and programs which serve the needs of individuals across the United States and the around the world. Through these initiatives, CIDI furthers its mission to increase opportunities for people with disabilities in education, employment, and access to services.

Accessible Textbook Database
CIDI’s digital archive contains thousands of publisher-vetted textbooks, which have been converted into accessible formats by a team of experts. Colleges and universities can place orders for titles, which can be fulfilled in as little as 24 to 48 hours.

AccessGA
As a joint initiative between the State ADA Coordinator’s Office, CIDI, and the Georgia Technology Authority (GTA), AccessGA supports Georgia’s state agencies with ICT accessibility and promotes equal access for employees and customers with a wide range of disabilities.

WAG
The Web Accessibility Group (WAG) brings together individuals in higher education to help navigate Section 508 WCAG 2.0 web accessibility standards, providing online resources to create web accessibility ambassadors around the country.

IAAP
The International Association of Accessibility Professionals (IAAP) is a worldwide organization for individuals and groups that are focused on accessibility. CIDI provides support for accessibility professional certifications while helping professionals develop and advance their careers.

To learn more, contact CIDI by phone at (404) 894-8000, by email at cidi-support@design.gatech.edu, or by visiting the CIDI website at www.cidi.gatech.edu.
Friends of Disabled Adults and Children

Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC) collects, refurbishes, and redistributes home medical equipment (HME), such as wheelchairs, walkers, and other items that foster independence, including assistive technology and more. FODAC leverages a strong network of volunteers and partners to provide equipment and services at little or no cost to the recipient.

Gently used home medical equipment can be donated to FODAC. For more information, call (770) 491-9014 or toll-free at 1 (866) 977-1204 or visit the FODAC website at www.fodac.org.

Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC)
4900 Lewis Road
Tucker, GA 30083

FODAC, Keeping People with Disabilities Moving since 1986

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**Additional HME Access Sites**

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305 Research Drive  
Athens, GA 30605      | (800) 474-7540 |
| Athens, Georgia*        | Multiple Choices  
1458 Barrington Drive  
Athens, GA 30605      | (706) 850-4025 |
| Augusta, Georgia*       | Walton Options  
948 Walton Way  
Augusta, GA 30901     | (706) 724-6262 |
| Bainbridge, Georgia*    | BAIN (Bainbridge Advocacy Individual Network)  
711 East Shotwell Street  
Bainbridge, GA 39818   | (229) 246-0150 |
| Columbia, South Carolina| Able South Carolina  
8301 Farrow Road  
Columbia, SC 29203    | (800) 681-6805 |
| Columbus, Georgia*      | Access 2 Independence  
2000 Hamilton Road  
Suite B  
Columbus, GA 31904    | (706) 405-2393 |
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<td>Dalton, GA 30720</td>
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<td>Darien, Georgia*</td>
<td>Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia</td>
<td>(912) 514-1593</td>
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<td>1181 Coastal Drive SW Darien, GA 31305</td>
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<td>Demorest, Georgia*</td>
<td>Disability Resource Center 170 Scoggins Drive Demorest, GA 30535</td>
<td>(706) 778-5355</td>
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<td>Franklin, Georgia</td>
<td>Three Rivers AAA 13273 GA Highway 34 Franklin, GA 30217</td>
<td>(678) 552-2838</td>
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<td>Macon, Georgia*</td>
<td>Disability Connections 3695 Broadway Macon, GA 31206</td>
<td>(478) 741-1425</td>
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<td>Marietta, Georgia</td>
<td>Cobb Senior Services 1150 Powder Springs Street Marietta, GA 30064</td>
<td>(770) 528-5355</td>
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<td>Oakwood, Georgia</td>
<td>Legacy Link 4080 Mundy Mill Road Oakwood, GA 30566</td>
<td>(770) 538-2650</td>
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<td>Rome, Georgia*</td>
<td>Northwest Georgia AAA 1 Jackson Hill Drive Rome, GA 30161</td>
<td>(706) 802-5506</td>
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<td>Rome, Georgia*</td>
<td>Northwest Georgia CIL 527 Broad Street Suite 101 Rome, GA 30161</td>
<td>(706) 314-0008</td>
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<td>Savannah, Georgia</td>
<td>LIFE, Inc. 4811 Waters Avenue Savannah, GA 31405</td>
<td>(912) 920-2414</td>
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<td>Tucker, Georgia*</td>
<td>disABILITy Link 1901 Montreal Road Suite 102 Tucker, GA 30084</td>
<td>(404) 687-8890</td>
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<tr>
<td>Waycross, Georgia</td>
<td>Southern Georgia AAA 1725 South GA Parkway West Waycross, GA 31503</td>
<td>(888) 732-4464</td>
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*These locations are also customer drop-off sites.

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**Additional HME Drop-Off Sites**

The most current list is available at [https://fodac.org/donate/medical](https://fodac.org/donate/medical). Please call (770) 491-9014 ext. 114 before dropping off items.

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315 Whitehead Way  
Athens, GA 30606                             | (706) 353-1099   |
| Buford, Georgia     | St. Vincent de Paul  
1433 Buford Highway NE  
Buford, GA 30518                          | (770) 271-1764   |
| Chamblee, Georgia   | St. Vincent de Paul  
2050 Chamblee Tucker Road  
Suite C  
Atlanta, GA 30341                        | (678) 892-6162   |
| Columbia, South Carolina | Able South Carolina  
720 Gracern Road  
Suite 106  
Columbia, SC 29210                       | (803) 779-5121   |
| Conyers, Georgia    | J.P. Carr Center  
981 Taylor Street  
Conyers, GA 30012                         | (770) 278-7529   |
| Covington, Georgia  | Repairers of the Breach  
5120 Old Brown Bridge Road SW  
Covington, GA 30014                      | (770) 787-7250   |
| Dallas, Georgia     | St. Vincent de Paul  
651 West Memorial Drive  
Dallas, GA 30132                         | (678) 388-0855   |
| Darien, Georgia     | Coastal Region Commission  
1181 Coastal Drive SW  
Darien, GA 31305                         | (912) 437-0861   |
| Dawsonville, Georgia| Good Shepherd Clinic of Dawson County  
45 Medical Center Drive  
Dawsonville, GA 30534                    | (470) 789-0918   |
| Doraville, Georgia  | Parent to Parent  
3070 Presidential Parkway  
Suite 130  
Atlanta, GA 30340                        | (770) 451-5484   |
| Duluth, Georgia     | St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store  
2750 Buford Highway  
Suite 600  
Duluth, GA 30096                         | (770) 622-9533   |
| Gainesville, Georgia| Care Medical  
955-D, 955 Interstate Ridge  
Gainesville, GA 30501                    | (770) 534-9944   |
| Kennesaw, Georgia   | St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store  
2722 Summers Street  
Kennesaw, GA 30144                       | (770) 919-1458   |
| Lawrenceville, Georgia | Hayes Chrysler  
719 Duluth Highway 120  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046                  | (470) 330-8842   |
| Lawrenceville, Georgia | St. Vincent de Paul  
455 Grayson Highway  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046                 | (770) 339-7997   |
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<td>Special Kneads and Treats 156 Scenic Highway South Lawrenceville, GA 30046</td>
<td>(678) 237-7147</td>
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<td>Marietta, Georgia</td>
<td>Must Ministries 1280 Field Parkway Marietta, GA 30066</td>
<td>(770) 790-3902</td>
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<td>Marietta, Georgia</td>
<td>St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store 787 Roswell Street Marietta, GA 30060</td>
<td>(770) 792-8026</td>
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<td>Milton, Georgia</td>
<td>Vitality Living 2925 Webb Road Milton, GA 30004</td>
<td>(678) 765-9882</td>
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<td>Rome, Georgia</td>
<td>Northwest Georgia AAA 1 Jackson Hill Drive Rome, GA 30161</td>
<td>(706) 295-6485</td>
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<td>Roswell, Georgia</td>
<td>Mobility Scooters &amp; More 10735 Alpharetta Highway Roswell, GA 30009</td>
<td>(770) 710-0221</td>
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<td>Sandy Springs, Georgia</td>
<td>Sandy Springs Recycling Center 470 Morgan Falls Road Sandy Springs, GA 30350</td>
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<td>FODAC Thrift Store 4900 Lewis Road Tucker, GA 30083</td>
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<td>Union City, Georgia</td>
<td>Christian City Graceland Thrift Store 7425 Red Oak Road Union City, GA 30299</td>
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<td>Woodstock, Georgia</td>
<td>Vision Warriors 1709 Old Country Place Woodstock, GA 30188</td>
<td>(833) 894-4357</td>
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Alternative Financing

Alternative financing provides financial access to people who have not previously qualified for traditional financing. Locating funding often creates a barrier to acquiring needed assistive technology devices and services.

Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC) takes financial access a step further with the addition of financial education services. These services are offered in person, over the phone, or via Zoom. Print materials can be provided in a variety of alternate formats upon request.

While Tools for Life does not directly fund the purchase of devices, it is a resource for individuals with disabilities and their family members, staff, service providers, counselors, employers, and others to:

- Obtain information about assistive technology and appropriate funding sources
- Borrow equipment on a trial basis
- Purchase selected equipment or software at discount prices
- Consult with specialists regarding accessibility issues
- Receive training
- Receive on-site support at home, in schools, or on the job

The Tools for Life team also works closely with school personnel, family, and related service providers and offer helpful information on related laws, policies, funding tips, and possible funding sources.
FODAC and CreditAble

Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC) partners with a local credit union to empower people with disabilities to become more financially secure through alternative loan programs. People with Disabilities want to have opportunities of self-determination, and FODAC wants to provide such opportunities to advance these goals through different available services. FODAC’s CreditAble program assists people with disabilities in Georgia by understanding their financial options.

Financial Education

Financial Education is the cornerstone of successfully managing money and building credit. CreditAble wants to ensure that people with disabilities have the financial knowledge and understanding to become empowered and achieve financial independence. The CreditAble coordinator works one-on-one, in groups, or online to present information about banking, credit, avoiding scams, and making informed decisions when it comes to assistive technology and asset management. All these financial education services are provided free of charge.

CreditAble Loan Program: Making Independence Affordable for Georgians with Disabilities

What is CreditAble?

CreditAble is Georgia’s Alternative Financing Program for Assistive Technology. This financial loan program offers low-interest loans to purchase needed assistive technology. Its mission is to make living independently an affordable option for Georgians with disabilities. CreditAble is offered by FODAC, in partnership with a local credit union and Tools for Life.

The CreditAble Assistive Technology Loan Program facilitates loans of up to $10,000 to people with disabilities in Georgia to acquire necessary assistive technologies. Flexible terms are offered based on the life of the device and to fit the budget of the individual and their disability-related needs.

What can I use a CreditAble loan for?

A CreditAble loan can help people with disabilities pay for assistive technology devices, as well as modifications to make daily life easier to navigate. These can include:

- Stair lifts
- Video magnifiers for low vision
- Home modifications, including ramps, roll-in showers, lowered cabinets, and wider doors
- Hearing aids
• Braille writers
• Vehicle modifications
• Co-pay insurance to access assistive technology and home medical equipment

Am I eligible for a CreditAble loan?
Applications for the CreditAble loan program must meet the following qualifications in order to be considered:
• A person with a disability or someone acting on behalf of a person with a disability
• A legal resident of Georgia and of the United States
• A person who is using the loan to purchase assistive technology equipment and/or services

How can I apply for a CreditAble loan?
Applying for a CreditAble loan is simple. Visiting the FODAC website at www.fodac.org and fill out the online application. If you have any questions or wish to schedule a group training on a financial education topic, call FODAC at (770) 491-9014.
Low-Cost and No-Cost Equipment

Georgia Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (GATEDP)
GATEDP is a program enacted by the Georgia Legislature that provides specialized telecommunications equipment to residents of Georgia with hearing and/or speech impairments.
- Website: www.gcdhh.org/equipment
- Phone: (888) 297-9461

National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP)
The NDBEDP, also known as iCanConnect, provides equipment needed to make telecommunications, advanced communications, and the internet accessible to low-income individuals who have both significant vision loss and significant hearing loss.
- Website: www.iCanConnect.org
- Phone: 1 (800) 825-4595

Free White Cane Program
Through the National Federation of the Blind, any individual who is Blind or has low vision across the United States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico may request a white cane for their personal use. Requests can be made as often as every six months.
- Website: https://nfb.org/programs-services/free-white-cane-program
- Phone: (410) 659-9314

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation
The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation has programs for individuals in Georgia who are low-income to access affordable eyeglasses, eye exams, and eye surgeries.
- Website: www.lionslighthouse.org
- Phone: (404) 325-3630

Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission
The Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission provides grants to Georgians for their post-acute care and rehabilitation for traumatic brain and spinal cord injury.
- Website: https://bsitf.georgia.gov
- Phone: (888) 233-5760
Online Funding Resources

**Dollars & Sense**
The Dollars & Sense database is for by individuals with disabilities, their families, advocates, and service providers. It allows the user to obtain a list of current funding sources and service providers that match the user's individual assistive technology funding needs.

- Website: [www.gatfl.org/ds](http://www.gatfl.org/ds)

**EdTrade**
EdTrade, Georgia's K-12 Assistive Technology Equipment Reuse Program, is designed to make assistive technology devices and services more available and accessible to all educators. This equipment exchange encourages members to offer assistive technology devices for loan or donation to others.

Those eligible to use Ed-Trade include Special Education Directors of Local Educational Agencies (LEA) in Georgia and their designees.

- Website: [www.ed-trade.org](http://www.ed-trade.org)

**AppleVis**
AppleVis is a community-powered website for Blind and low-vision users of Apple's wide range of products. AppleVis also offers resources for raising awareness of the accessibility of Apple products and related applications.

- Website: [www.applevis.com](http://www.applevis.com)

**Independent Living Research Utilization (ILRU) Program**
ILRU Program is a national center for information, training, research, and technical assistance in independent living. Its goal is to expand the body of knowledge of independent living and improve utilization of results of research programs and demonstration projects in this field. Trainings and webinars are offered at no cost to the individual.

- Website: [www.ilru.org](http://www.ilru.org)

**National Veterans Foundation**
The National Veterans Foundation serves crisis management, information, and referral needs of all U.S. veterans and their families. This is done through management and operation of the nation's only toll-free helpline, public awareness programs that shine a spotlight on the needs of America's veterans, and outreach services that provide food, clothing, transportation, employment, and other essential needs to veterans and their families. Learn more by visiting their website.

- Website: [www.nvf.org](http://www.nvf.org)
Georgia’s Centers for Independent Living

Centers for Independent Living (CILs) are organizations run by and for people with disabilities and provide five core services:

- Peer support
- Advocacy
- Information and referral
- Transition services
- Independent living training
Access 2 Independence
www.access2independence.com
2000 Hamilton Road, Suite B
Columbus, Georgia 31904
Phone: (706) 405-2393
TTY: call GA Relay 711
Serving West Central Georgia counties: Chattahoochee, Harris, Marion, Muskogee, Quitman, Stewart, Talbot, Taylor, and Webster

BAIN (Bainbridge Advocacy Individual Network)
www.baincil.org
711 East Shotwell Street
P.O. Box 1674
Bainbridge, Georgia 39818
Phone (229) 246-0150
TTY: (800) 255-0135 or call GA Relay 711
Fax: (229) 246-1715
Serving Southwest Georgia counties: Atkinson, Baker, Berrien, Brooks, Calhoun, Clay, Clinch, Colquitt, Cook, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Echols, Grady, Lanier, Lee, Lowndes, Miller, Mitchell, Randolph, Seminole, Terrell, Tift, Thomas, and Worth

Disability Connections
www.disabilityconnections.com
3695 Broadway
Macon, Georgia 31206
Phone: (478) 741-1425
Toll Free Voice/TTY: (800) 743-2117
Fax: (478) 755-1571
Serving Central Georgia counties: Baldwin, Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jasper, Jones, Monroe, Peach, Pulaski, Putnam, Twiggs, and Wilkinson

Disability Resource Center
www.disabilityresourcecenter.org
170 Scoggins Drive
Demorest, Georgia 30535
Phone: (706) 778-5355
TTY: (800) 255-0135 or call GA Relay 711
Serving North Georgia counties: Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White
disABILITY Link
www.disabilitylink.org
1901 Montreal Road, Suite 102
Tucker, Georgia 30084
Phone: (404) 687-8890
TTY: (404) 687-9175
Toll Free Voice/TTY: (800) 239-2507
Fax: (404) 687-8298
www.disabilitylink.org
Serving Metro Atlanta counties: Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Newton, and Rockdale

Northwest Georgia Center for Independent Living
www.nwgacil.org
527 Broad Street, Suite 101
Rome, Georgia 30161
Phone: (706) 314-0008
Toll Free: (866) 888-7845
TTY: (706) 802-0280
Fax: (706) 314-0011
Serving Northwest Georgia counties: Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Walker, and Whitfield

LIFE (Living Independence for Everyone)
www.lifecil.com
4811 Waters Avenue
Savannah, Georgia 31406
Phone: (912) 920-2414
TTY: (912) 920-2419
Fax: (912) 920-0007
Serving Southeast Georgia counties: Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Evans, Glynn, Liberty, McIntosh, Tattnall, and Toombs

LIFE Satellite Office
213 West J.L Tyre Street
Screven, Georgia 31560
Phone (912) 385-2214
Serving Southeast Georgia counties: Appling, Bacon, Brantley, Candler, Charlton, Long, Pierce, Ware, and Wayne
Multiple Choices
www.multiplechoices.us
145 Barrington Drive
Athens, Georgia 30605
Phone: (706) 850-4025
Toll Free: (877) 549-1020
Fax/TTY: (706) 850-4044
Toll Free Fax/TTY: (866) 449-2020
Serving Northeast Georgia counties: Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Green, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, and Walton

Walton Options for Independent Living
www.waltonoptions.org
948 Walton Way
Augusta, Georgia 30901
Phone: (706) 724-6262
Toll Free: (877) 821-8400
TTY: (706) 261-0199
Fax: (706) 724-6729
Serving East Georgia counties: Burke, Columbia, Emanuel, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Lincoln, Richmond, Screven, and Washington

Many counties in Georgia are not yet served by a Center for Independent Living. If you live in an unserved area, please contact Georgia’s Aging and Disability Resource Connection by visiting www.georgiaadrc.com or by calling 1 (800) 552-4464.
Georgia’s Aging and Disability Resource Connection

Georgia's Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) is a coordinated system of partnering organizations that are dedicated to:

- Providing accurate information about publicly and privately financed long-term supports and services
- Offering a consumer-oriented approach to learning about the availability of services in the home and community
- Alleviating the need for multiple calls and/or visits to receive services
- Supporting individuals and family members who are aging or living with a disability

ADRC is a one-stop shop or “no wrong door” entry point staffed with counselors who help older adults and adults with disabilities navigate life changes and find resources to assist them with living with a more self-sufficient life. Most of these services are provided through the statewide network of Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs).

Area Agencies on Aging
Through contracts with the 12 AAAs, Georgia’s Division of Aging Services supports older adults, adults living with a disability, and caregivers of older adults through a variety of Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) and other supportive services.

AAAs are located across Georgia and support individuals and caregivers in every county. While specific services vary by region, there are core programs each AAA provides.

**Personal Care Assistance**
- Hands-on assistance with bathing, dressing, and other similar daily living activities

**Transportation Services**
- Provides rides to and from senior centers

**Assistive Technology**
- Tools and solutions that can help individuals perform everyday tasks and allow them to remain in their own home or the community setting of their choosing and/or avoid long-term residential care

**Home-Delivered Meals**
- Nutritious meals are provided to qualified individuals in their homes

**Congregate Meals**
- Nutritious weekday lunches provided to older adults in a group setting

**Chronic Disease Self-Management**
- Services that teach individuals with recurring conditions and illnesses how to monitor and care for themselves in a way that maximizes their quality of life
Respite Care
Services that offer a brief period of rest for family caregivers, either in the home or on a short-term basis in institutional settings

Elderly Legal Assistance Program
Legal representation, information, and assistance for all civil matters including elder law, housing, elder abuse and neglect, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Money Follows the Person (MFP) and Nursing Home Transitions
Programs that assist individuals who reside in long-term in-patient care facilities with relocating back into a community setting of their choosing, when desired
  • Money Follows the Person is a federally funded program, and Nursing Home Transitions is funded by the State of Georgia

Contact ADRC
Anyone seeking resources to support an older adult or an individual living with a disability can call the ADRC via the toll-free number (866) 552-4464 to speak with a counselor.

Based on individual needs, counselors provide unbiased information on resources and services that will support the individual and allow them to live in the setting of their choosing, as long as it is safe to do so.

The toll-free number can also connect callers to the GeorgiaCares program, which provides free and unbiased counseling on Medicare, Medicaid, and other related health insurance. For more information, visit www.gacares.org.
## AAA Locations in Georgia

![Map of Georgia showing planning and service areas](image)

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<td>Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb,</td>
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<p>| <strong>Central Savannah River Area</strong>              | Central Savannah River Area AAA                  |
| Burke, Columbia, Glascock, Hancock,          | 3626 Walton Way Extension                        |
| Jefferson, Jenkins, Lincoln, McDuffie,       | Suite 300                                         |
| Richmond, Screven, Taliaferro, Warren,       | Augusta, Georgia 30909                           |
| Washington, Wilkes                           | Phone: (706) 210-2000                             |
|                                             | Toll-Free: 1 (866) 552-4464                      |
|                                             | Fax: (706) 210-2006                               |
|                                             | Website: <a href="https://csrarc.ga.gov/area-agency-aging">csrarc.ga.gov/area-agency-aging</a> |
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| Coastal Georgia  
Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh | Coastal Georgia AAA  
1181 Coastal Drive SW  
Darien, Georgia 31305  
Phone: (912) 514-1593  
Website: [www.coastalrc.ga.gov/aging](http://www.coastalrc.ga.gov/aging) |
| Georgia Mountains  
Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, White | Legacy Link Georgia Mountains AAA  
4080 Mundy Mill Road  
Oakwood, Georgia 30566  
Phone: (770) 538-2650  
Toll-Free: (800) 845-5465  
Fax: (770) 538-2660  
Website: [https://legacylink.org](https://legacylink.org) |
| Heart of Georgia  
Appling, Bleckley, Candler, Dodge, Emanuel, Evans, Jeff Davis, Johnson, Laurens, Montgomery, Tattnall, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Wayne, Wheeler, Wilcox | Heart of Georgia Altamaha AAA  
331 West Parker Street  
Baxley, Georgia 31513  
Phone: (912) 367-3648  
Toll-Free: 1 (888) 367-9913  
Website: [www.hogarc.org/area-agency-on-aging](http://www.hogarc.org/area-agency-on-aging) |
| Middle Georgia  
Baldwin, Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach, Pulaski, Putnam, Twiggs, Wilkinson | Middle Georgia Regional Commission Aging Services  
175 Emery Highway  
Suite C  
Macon, Georgia 31217  
Phone: (478) 751-6160  
Website: [www.middlegeorgiarc.org/area-agency-on-aging/aging-services](http://www.middlegeorgiarc.org/area-agency-on-aging/aging-services)  
Email: info@mgrc.org |
| Northeast Georgia  
Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Jackson, Jasper, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Walton | Northeast Georgia Regional Commission Aging Services  
305 Research Drive  
Athens, Georgia 30605  
Phone: (706) 583-2546  
Toll Free: 1 (800) 474-7540  
Website: [https://negrc.org/aging](https://negrc.org/aging)  
Email: aging@negrc.org |
| Northwest Georgia  
Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Walker, Whitfield | Northwest Georgia Regional Commission AAA  
3 Jackson Hill Drive  
Rome, Georgia 30161  
Phone: 1 (800) 759-2963  
Website: [www.areaagencyonaginginnwga.com](http://www.areaagencyonaginginnwga.com)  
Email: tholbrook@nwgrc.org |
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| River Valley                                        | River Valley Regional Commission AAA 710 Front Avenue, Suite A
Columbus, Georgia 31901
Phone: 1 (800) 615-4379
Website: [https://rivervalleyaging.org](https://rivervalleyaging.org) |
| Chattahoochee, Clay, Crisp, Dooly, Harris, Macon, Marion, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, Webster |                                                                                                                                   |
| Southern Georgia                                    | Southern Georgia Regional Commission AAA 1725 South Ga Parkway W
Waycross, Georgia 31503
Phone: (912) 285-6097
Website: [www.sgrc.us/aaa.html](http://www.sgrc.us/aaa.html)
Email: tscourson@sgrc.us |
| Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Pierce, Tift, Turner, Ware |                                                                                                                                   |
| Southwest Georgia                                   | Sowega Council on Aging 335 West Society Avenue
Albany, Georgia 31701
Phone: 1 (800) 282-6612
Website: [https://sowegacoa.org](https://sowegacoa.org)
Email: info@sowegacoa.org |
| Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas, Worth |                                                                                                                                   |
| Three Rivers                                         | Three Rivers Regional Commission AAA 13273 Georgia Highway 34
Franklin, Georgia 30217
Phone: (678) 552-2838
Toll-Free: 1 (866) 854-5652
Website: [www.threeriversrc.com/aging.php](http://www.threeriversrc.com/aging.php) |
| Butts, Carroll, Coweta, Heard, Lamar, Meriwether, Pike, Spalding, Troup, Upson |                                                                                                                                   |
Disability Advocacy Resources in Georgia

Legal Assistance
Georgia Legal Aid
Georgia Legal Aid is a project of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society and helps low-income Georgia residents resolve legal problems.

- Website: [www.georgialegalaid.org](http://www.georgialegalaid.org)
- Phone: (833) 457-7529

Georgia Advocacy Office (GAO)
The GAO is a private non-profit corporation with a mission to work with and for oppressed and vulnerable individuals in Georgia who are labeled as disabled or mentally ill to secure their protection and advocacy.

- Website: [www.thegao.org](http://www.thegao.org)
- Phone: (800) 537-2329

Housing Assistance
The Georgia Housing Search
A resource for finding affordable housing in Georgia, the Georgia Housing Search is a project from the Department of Community Affairs.

- Website: [www.georgiahousingsearch.org](http://www.georgiahousingsearch.org)
- Phone: 1 (877) 428-8844

Metro Fair-Housing Services (MFS)
MFS is a private, non-profit, fair housing organization whose primary purpose is to prevent housing discrimination throughout the State of Georgia. MFS also handles tenant/landlord disputes in the City of Atlanta, as well as Cherokee, Clayton, DeKalb, Cobb, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, and Henry Counties.

- Website: [www.metrofairhousing.com](http://www.metrofairhousing.com)
- Phone: (404) 524-0000

Reporting Abuse
Medicaid Fraud
If you suspect Medicaid Fraud, call the Georgia Medicaid Fraud Control Unity to make a report.

- Email: report_medicaid_fraud@law.ga.gov
- Phone: (404) 458-2878, ext. 664
Abuse of Adults with Disabilities
Suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation in the home of an adult with disabilities or in a community setting should be reported to the Division of Aging Services’ Adult Protective Services (APS).

- Website: [https://aging.georgia.gov/report-elder-abuse](https://aging.georgia.gov/report-elder-abuse)
- Phone: 1 (866) 552-4464
Support Services in Georgia

Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD)
The Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities is Georgia’s leader in advancing public policy on behalf of people with developmental disabilities. For additional information on programs, advocacy, and other support, contact GCDD.

- Website: www.gcdd.org
- Phone: (404) 657-2126

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)
The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities provides treatment and support services to people with mental health challenges and substance use disorders and assists individuals who live with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

- Website: https://dbhdd.georgia.gov
- Phone: (404) 657-2252

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA)
The Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency operates five integrated and interdependent statutory programs that share a primary goal: to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.

- Website: www.gvs.georgia.gov
- Phone: (844) 367-4872

Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network
The Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network is a non-profit corporation founded in 1991 by consumers of state services for mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases. They offer respite services and wellness services throughout Georgia.

- Website: www.gmhc.org
- Phone: (404) 687-9487

Parent to Parent of Georgia
Parent to Parent of Georgia provides support, information, education, and leadership development for Georgians with disabilities or special health care needs, ages birth to 26, and their families.

- Website: www.p2pga.org
- Phone: 1 (800) 229-2038
Peer-Led Organizations in Georgia

Peer-led organizations are a kind of nonprofit. Their mission is to increase community participation, empowerment, and social cohesion within a particular group of people.

**National Federation of the Blind**
- Website: [www.nfbga.org](http://www.nfbga.org)
- Email: [georgiablin@nfba.org](mailto:georgiablin@nfba.org)
- Phone: 404-371-1000

**Georgia Council of the Blind**
- Website: [www.georgiacounciloftheblind.org](http://www.georgiacounciloftheblind.org)
- Phone: (470) 218-7885

**Georgia Association of the Deaf**
- Website: [https://deafga.org](https://deafga.org)
- Email: info@deafga.org
- Phone: (404) 282-7681

**Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network Peer Support and Wellness Center**
- Website: [www.gmhc.org/peer-support-wellness-respite](http://www.gmhc.org/peer-support-wellness-respite)
- Email: info@gmhc.org
- Phone: (404) 687-9487
- Peer2Peer Warm Line: (888) 945-1414

**Statewide Independent Living Council**
- Website: [www.silcga.org](http://www.silcga.org)
- Phone: (770) 270-6860
Media Access for People with Print-Related Disabilities

Georgia Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled
The Georgia Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (GLS) promotes the use of assistive technology and accessible reading materials for those who are blind or whose physical abilities require the use of books and magazines in audio format or in braille.

- Website: https://gls.georgialibraries.org
- Email: gls@georgialibraries.org
- Phone: 1 (800) 248-6701

Georgia Radio Reading Service
Founded in 1980, the Georgia Radio Reading Service (GaRRS), Georgia’s only radio reading service, is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit closed circuit radio station. GaRRS provides access to broadcasts through distribution of free radios and via the internet.

- Website: https://garrs.org
- Email: info@garrs.org
- Phone: (404) 685-2820
- Toll-Free: 1 (800) 672-6173

Georgia’s Audible Universal Information Access Service (AUIAS) and NFB Newsline
The Georgia AUIAS is a service, enacted by the Georgia Legislature, that provides blind and print disabled citizens the opportunity to listen to newspapers and magazines by calling a toll-free number. To use the service, Georgia residents must apply with the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) and obtain a Personal Identification Number (PIN).

- Website: www.nfbnewsline.net
- Email: newsline@nfbga.org
- Phone: (855) 476-9911
TOOLS FOR LIFE NETWORK
Expanding Assistive Technology Outreach in Georgia

Aging and Disability Resource Centers by Region

1. NORTHWEST GA AREA AGENCY ON AGING
   Serving: Bartow, Calhoun, Cherokee, Dade, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Hamilton, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Walker, & Whitfield

2. LEGACY LINK GA MOUNTAINS AREA AGENCY ON AGING
   Serving: Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, White

3. ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION AGING DIVISION
   Serving: Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, & Rockdale

4. NORTHEAST GA AREA AGENCY ON AGING
   Serving: Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Jackson, Jasper, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, & Walton

5. THREE RIVERS AREA AGENCY ON AGING
   Serving: Butts, Carroll, Coweta, Heard, Lamar, Meriwether, Pike, Spalding, Talbot, Troup, & Upson

6. MIDDLE GEORGIA AREA AGENCY ON AGING
   Serving: Baldwin, Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach, Pulaski, Putnam, Twiggs, & Wilkinson

7. CSRA AREA AGENCY ON AGING
   Serving: Burke, Columbia, Glascock, Hancock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Screven, Taliaferro, Warren, Washington, & Wilkes

8. RIVER VALLEY AREA AGENCY ON AGING
   Serving: Chattahoochee, Clay, Crisp, Dooly, Harris, Macon, Marion, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Taylor, & Webster

9. HEART OF GA AREA AGENCY ON AGING
   Serving: Appling, Bleckley, Candler, Dodge, Emanuel, Evans, Jeff Davis, Johnson, LaGrange, Montgomery, Tattnall, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Wayne, Wheeler, & Wilcox

10. COASTAL GA AREA AGENCY ON AGING
    Serving: Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, & McIntosh

11. SOWEGA AREA AGENCY ON AGING
    Serving: Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas, & Worth

12. SOUTHERN GA AREA AGENCY ON AGING
    Serving: Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Pierce, Tift, Turner, & Ware