

Aging and Developmental Disabilities Coalition



**Overview of the
Greater Atlanta Coalition**

The Aging and DD Coalition

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Mission: To enable all to age in place with quality of life by collaborating to provide information, education, and opportunities.

Collaborative communities that promote:

- Choice and decision making
- Access to supports and information
- Appropriate health services
- Meaningful relationships
- Opportunities to age in place



About the Aging and DD Coalition

- Established in 1999- grassroots effort
- Collaborative group of professionals representing public and private social services, educational and health care agencies, state and local government
- Older adults, individuals with DD, and caregivers






Evolution of the Coalition

- Group of people started meeting with a common concern
- Initial focus on cross-training
- Organized training events for larger audiences
- Goal was to create a “learning community” around aging & DD issues

Aging and DD Coalition Members

- Atlanta Regional Commission
Area Agency on Aging
- All About Developmental Disabilities
- DHS Division of Aging Services
- Dept. of BHDD
- Aldersgate Homes
- Visiting Nurse Health System
- Jewish Elder Access
- Georgia Council on Aging
- Compeer Atlanta, Inc.
- DeKalb Community Services
- Parents of Individuals with DD
- RTM Center for Leadership, Ethics and Character
- The Arc of Georgia
- Cobb Senior Services
- May South, Inc.
- DeKalb DD Council
- Jewish Family and Career Services
- Georgia Council on DD
- The Frazer Center
- Marcus Jewish Community Center
- Parent to Parent
- Weinstein Hospice
- GA Assoc of Homes and Services for Aging
- GA Baptist Developmental Disabilities ResCare

Goals of the Aging and DD Coalition

-  Expand information, assistance and support services for people who are aging with DD
-  Health care training programs for future professionals
-  Professional development conferences to discuss issues and generate interest in field
-  Marketing and public relations to increase awareness of aging and DD issues
-  Build Coalitions throughout the state that include all aging and DD partners

Aging and DD Coalition Accomplishments

- Collaborative relationships and partnership on projects
- Ongoing forum for communication
- Annual workshops and informative programming
- Increased awareness of aging and DD issues in both communities
- Legislative Resolution: Aging For All (2004)
- Development of shared resource database that include both aging and DD services
- Partnership on Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)