

Budget Cuts to Senior Services



Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) enable individuals to remain in a community setting rather than being admitted to a nursing home. The Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services (DAS) contracts with 12 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) for the provision of HCBS based on the needs of older Georgians in their area. AAAs sub-contract for service delivery with a network of approximately 250 organizations including cities, counties, for-profit and nonprofit providers. Services include:

- adult day care with medical monitoring and therapies
- in-home respite care
- in-home personal care
- support for caregivers and grandparents raising grandchildren
- food and groceries
- help with transportation

The Governor proposes to reduce over \$2.7 million from the DAS Elder Community Living Services section for FY 2010 and for FY 2011. These programs provide the option of remaining in their own communities to vulnerable Georgians who need nursing home level of care.

To prevent further dismantling of aging programs, we ask the Legislature to restore these statewide Elder Community Living Services in FY 2010 and FY2011:

- **\$1,376,718 (almost 135,000 respite hours) for non-Medicaid HCBS respite services.**
- **\$478,275 for Kinship Care (which in SFY 09 served over 56,378 grandparents raising grandchildren in support groups, provided 5,329 in material aide, tutored 1,527 children and trained 3,832 people).**
- **\$225,000 for Alzheimer's Services (almost 20,500 hours of day care and mobile day care annually).**



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