

Be There Seniors



HEALTHY PEOPLE COST LESS - BUDGET CUTS HURT SENIORS AND HURT GEORGIA!

Eliminating vital supports that keep older adults active and healthy costs Georgia more money. Georgia must find the way to stop cuts to essential services, restore those that provide a safety net for seniors and control future spending with proven measures.

Vulnerable seniors are at the center of a perfect storm. Losses are four-fold for both Georgia and its older adults:

- 1. More People** - Georgia MUST plan for the certain and rapid growth in the older adult population. The growth in the older adult population far exceeded the total population growth in almost every county in Georgia between 2000 and 2007. The booming 60+ population has begun to double and ranks Georgia 9th in the nation.
- 2. Less Money** - Georgia MUST plan to realize future savings through proven prevention practices. Budget cuts are dismantling prevention programs and shredding lifelines to older Georgians including meals, respite care, adult day care and access to prescription drug resources.
- 3. Skyrocketing Costs** - Georgia MUST budget to meet the essential needs of vulnerable older adults on fixed incomes. The rising costs of fuel, food and basic energy needs are limiting services to the elderly, particularly the homebound. Fewer volunteers deliver meals; more people are seeking food, housing and financial assistance; and agencies are unable to serve more people with less money.
- 4. Overburdened Caregivers** - Georgia MUST support families taking care of their own. Limiting support for family caregivers overburdens families who then turn to the State for care. When informal caregiving is not supported, Georgia's burden increases through lost productivity in the workplace and increased demands on the Medicaid and long-term care systems.



Georgia AND older Georgians can't afford more cuts to support for the elderly. Healthy people cost less... Please - **Be There 4 Seniors!**

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