



GEORGIA COUNCIL ON AGING

# Call for Issues

**Now is the time for CO-AGE members to submit ideas for the 2026 Issue Priorities!  
Evaluate your potential issue by reviewing this Priorities Setting Checklist.**

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## Does your issue:

- Affect older Georgians throughout the state?
- Require state legislative action for correction?

If the answer is “yes” to both of these questions, then your issue may be eligible to become one of the 2026 CO-AGE Priorities! For an issue to be voted on, **it must be**

- ***submitted on time***
- ***impact seniors to be a statewide issue and***
- ***be solvable by legislative changes, and***
- ***all questions must be answered***

## Here’s what you need to submit:

- Description of specific problem and possible solution
- Description of how legislative request would address the issue
- Available research, data or evidence to support your concern/solutions
- Georgia statute affected by legislation, if available
- Contact information for additional groups that may be supportive
- All questions must be completed

If your submission meets the above criteria, GCOA will make it part of the issue summaries. If it lacks enough research to prevent completion prior to January, your issue will be tabled and you will be notified that it needs further research or expertise input. All accepted issues will be presented to CO-AGE members at the Annual CO-AGE Meeting on July 14, 2025. Members will then vote to determine the CO-AGE priorities.

**For advice/technical assistance  
contact Ashley Burton at:  
404-281-0430 or  
gcoastaff23@gmail.com**

**Complete the Attached & Return to:  
GEORGIA COUNCIL ON AGING  
47 Trinity Ave. 1st floor ATLANTA,  
GEORGIA 30334  
or email downloaded submission to  
gcoastaff23@gmail.com  
**DEADLINE MAY 10, 2025****

## CO-AGE ISSUE SUBMISSION FORM

The Coalition of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly votes on policy issues each summer. This form is to help you propose an issue. For an issue to be voted on, it *must be submitted on time, impact seniors, be a statewide issue, and be solvable by policy changes, and the submission form complete.*

Title:

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Does your issue fall into one of the following categories?

Direct Care Workforce  
Recruitment & Retention

Recommendations for  
Long Term Care Services  
& Support

Caregiver Support

Access to Long Term Care  
Services & Support

Elder Abuse

Other

### 2. Please state the problem and tell why you believe it should be a top priority for the Coalition of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly (CO-AGE).

### 3. Please describe what other states are doing for this issue.

**4. Please provide any data or evidence to support your idea (additional info can be added in the comments/information section on last page).**

**5. What could legislation do? Be as specific as possible. Describe how the legislation or funding solves the problem you identified.**

**6. Please supply any references or resources with whom you have discussed this issue and who may have the expertise to help you and the committee with additional research into the problem, including how to reach other groups that have an interest in the issue.**

**7. Please list or describe any opposition or barriers to enacting the policy suggestion. Be as specific as possible.**

**Additional Comments / Information:**

**Please send your completed issue summary by mail to:**

**Georgia Council on Aging**  
47 Trinity Ave. 1st Floor Atlanta, GA 30334

**or by email to: [gcostaff@GMAIL.COM](mailto:gcostaff@GMAIL.COM)**

***\*Please include any additional or supporting documentation with your submission form.***

For any questions, contact Ashley Burton, Deputy Director, at 404-281-0430

**REMEMBER ISSUE SUMMARIES SHOULD BE POSTMARKED  
BY MAY 10, 2025!**