



CO-AGE Call for Issues

Now is the time for CO-AGE members to submit ideas for the 2023 Issue Priorities.

Evaluate your potential issue by reviewing this Priorities Setting Checklist.

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 2023 CO-AGE Priorities! For an issue to be voted on, **it must:**

- *be submitted on time,*
- *impact seniors,*
- *be a statewide issue,*
- *be solvable by legislative changes; and*
- *fit into one of the 2023 categories listed on the submission form.*

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

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 subject-matter expert input.

All accepted issues will be presented to CO-AGE members for the 2023 Priority Setting Meeting on July 14, 2022. Members will then vote to determine the CO-AGE priorities.

**For advice/technical assistance
contact Nikaela Frederick at:
404-281-0430 or
nikaela.frederick@gcoa.ga.gov**

Complete the Attached & Return to:

GEORGIA COUNCIL ON AGING
2 PEACHTREE ST N.W. SUITE 32-270
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-3142

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DEADLINE MAY 1, 2022

CO-AGE ISSUE SUBMISSION FORM

The Coalition of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly votes on policy issues each summer. Please use this form to propose an issue. For an issue to be voted on, it must *be submitted on time, impact seniors, be a statewide issue, be solvable by policy changes, and fit into one of the 2023 Categories.*

The perennial CO-AGE Budget issue is funding for non-Medicaid Home & Community-Based Services. We will NOT be accepting additional budget issues this year. We are accepting Legislative issue recommendations in selected categories, knowing that categories might change each year.

Title:

Submitted by:

Phone:

Email:

1. Which 2023 Category applies to your issue?

Direct Care Workforce Recruitment
& Retention in Long-Term Care
Services and Support

Long Term Care Services
& Support

Caregiver Support

Access to Home &
Community Based Services

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
2 Peachtree Street, N.W. Suite 32-270
Atlanta, GA 30303-3142

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

For any questions, contact: **Nikaela Frederick, Deputy Director**, at 404-281-0430

REMEMBER ISSUE SUMMARIES SHOULD BE
POSTMARKED BY MAY 1, 2022!