

# COALITIONS ON THE MOVE

## NEWSLETTER

February 2021

## Highlighting Central Savannah Regional Area Coalition (CSRA)

Welcome to the second edition of our Senior Hunger Coalitions on the Move newsletter! Each month, we want to use this resource to share information and updates on Georgia's 12 coalitions committed to stamping out senior hunger in our state! Each issue will provide an update from one of the coalitions.

## Coalition Spotlight: CSRA

### Membership Diversity

The Central Savannah Regional Area (CSRA) Coalition includes Golden Harvest ([goldenharvest.org](http://goldenharvest.org)), Jessye Norman School of the Arts ([jessyenormanschool.org](http://jessyenormanschool.org)) and area senior centers.

### Innovative Ideas and Strategies

The CSRA put out a Request for Proposal for \$5,000 mini-grants to identify organizations in the community that could help address senior hunger. Three grantees were selected.

### Key Resource in the Region

The coalition has access to statistical data from its Regional Planner regarding where CSRA food deserts are located and can provide other key data for the region.

### Meeting Challenges

With the onset of COVID-19 and new restrictions, meeting with community partners moved to a virtual platform with the goal of recreating a personable experience.

### Accomplishments

The coalition awarded three mini-grants to community coalition partners to address food insecurity in the coalition's service area. Data is currently being collected from the coalition's region on farms, farmer's markets/roadside stands, food banks, grocery stores and community gardens.

### What's Next

The coalition aims to cultivate a living food resource document for our service area that is available to providers and partners serving those in need. This document will identify all food resource locations in CSRA counties.

### Member Highlight



## The Augusta Dream Center

The Augusta Dream Center is a resource center dedicated to providing immediate relief to individuals and families in the Central Savannah River Area facing poverty. The center provides weekly groceries, a hot meal every Sunday and mobile food distribution to seniors who lack transportation.

The Augusta Dream Center's mission is to help people who are hurting by meeting some of life's basic needs, building relationships and helping people reach their fullest potential. Funds from the CSRA Area Agency on Aging have helped the Dream Center serve every person who needs food assistance during the pandemic. Together, these organizations are addressing food insecurity among seniors and building relationships in the community. Visit [augustadreamcenter.org](http://augustadreamcenter.org) for more information.



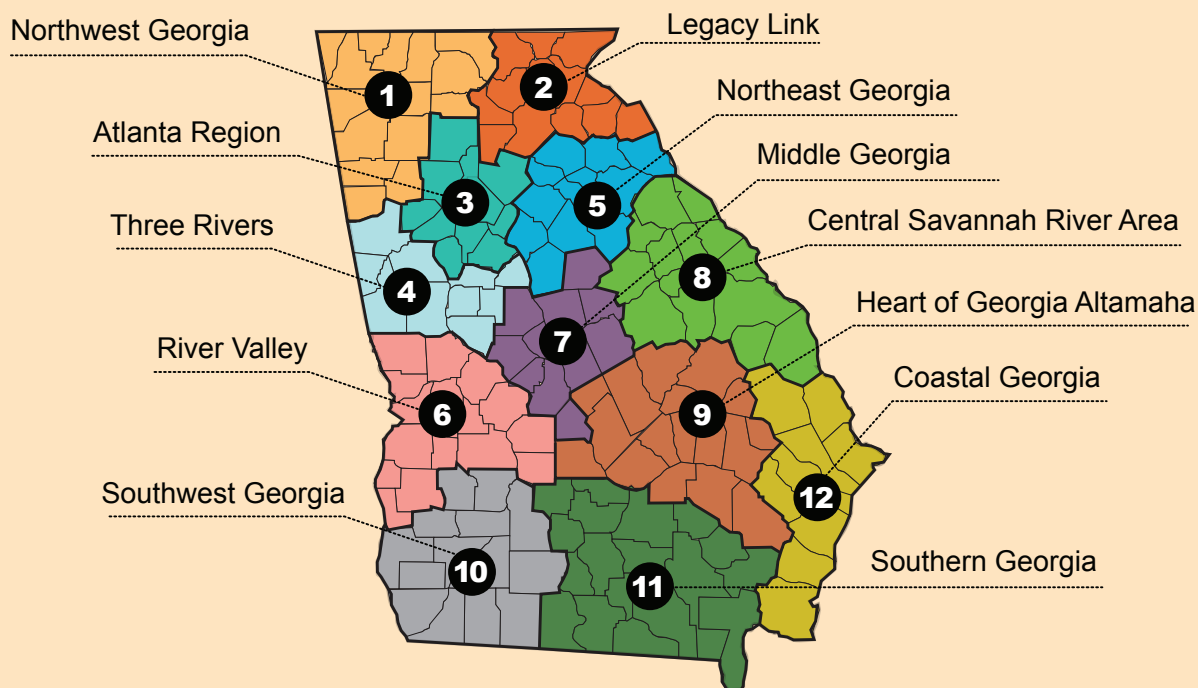
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## Statewide Updates

### Senior Hunger Coalition Coverage Areas

Below is a map containing the 12 Senior Hunger Coalitions.



#### The 5 Focus Areas

### Spotlight on Food Waste and Reclamation

Food waste occurs on a global, national and individual level. The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act provides criminal and civil liability protection for food donors and recipient nonprofit organizations that receive and distribute food to individuals in need. Donors such as farmers, distributors, processors, commercial service food operators, wholesalers or food retailers are protected under the Georgia statute, **O.C.G.A. § 51-1-31**.

#### Data and More

**Statistics:** In Georgia, food residuals make up 12% of landfill waste annually. That is nearly 151 pounds of food per Georgian every year, a total of 1.6 billion pounds of trash annually in Georgia. This amount of food waste translates to about \$1.92 billion each year. Visit [epd.georgia.gov/food-residuals-diversion](http://epd.georgia.gov/food-residuals-diversion) and [rts.com/resources/guides/food-waste-america/](http://rts.com/resources/guides/food-waste-america/) for more information.

**Funding Info:** The 2021 AARP Community Challenge, [aarp.org/livable-communities/](http://aarp.org/livable-communities/), is open until April 14. Grants fund "quick-action" projects that can range from several hundred dollars for small, short-term activities to several thousand or tens of thousands of dollars for larger projects.