

# How to Say No

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# Vision, Mission and Core Values

## *Vision*

**Stronger Families for a Stronger Georgia.**

## *Mission*

**Strengthen Georgia by providing Individuals and Families access to services that promote self-sufficiency, independence, and protect Georgia's vulnerable children and adults.**

## *Core Values*

- **Provide access to resources that offer support and empower Georgians and their families.**
- **Deliver services professionally and treat all clients with dignity and respect. Manage business operations effectively and efficiently by aligning resources across the agency.**
- **Promote accountability, transparency and quality in all services we deliver and programs we administer.**
- **Develop our employees at all levels of the agency.**

# History of Older Americans Act

- 1965 – signed into law
- 1978 – Consolidated AAA administration and social services, nutrition services and multipurpose centers into Title III, added Title IV and old Title V became SCSEP

# History of Older Americans Act

- 1987 – added distinct appropriations for in-home services, LTCO, health education and promotion, A/N/E prevention
- 2000 – added National Family Caregiver Support Program

# History of Older Americans Act

- 2006 – added evidence-based prevention programs, and self-directed community based services (reauthorized for 5 years)

# Eligibility

“The Congress hereby finds and declares that, in keeping with the traditional American concept of the inherent dignity of the individual....the older people of our Nation are entitled to, and it is the joint...duty and responsibility of the governments of the United States, of the several States and their political subdivisions...to assist our older people to secure equal opportunity to the full and free enjoyment of the following objectives...”

# Eligibility

- Older individual – an individual who is 60 years of age or older
- Title III-E
  - Grandparent or relative caregiver: 55 years of age +
  - Caregiver of person with ADRD

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## Older Americans Act

- Provide assurance that preference will be given to
  - At risk of institutional placement
  - Greatest social need
  - Greatest economic need
  - Frail

\*Particular attention to low-income minority individuals



# The Practical Side of Saying No

- Understand your agency's policy and procedures
- Understand "how it works" in your system
- Understand your level of support of superiors
- Understand politics