



More than a Meal: Services, Resources, Programs

Annual Conference Agenda

Athens, GA

April 9, 2019

10:00 am	Welcome: The Honorable Kelly Girtz, Mayor of Athens-Clarke County
10:15 am	<p>More than a Meal: Telling Our Story Creating your story - Victoria Prevatt, Lead Strategist, Good Works Consulting MOWAG Messaging - Matt Pieper, Executive Director, Project Open Hand Patti Lyons, President, Senior Citizens, Inc. Eve Anthony, CEO, Athens Community Council on Aging</p> <p>The way we tell our story creates the image our communities have of our organization, the people that we serve and the impact that we make. During this session, we will present the new messaging architecture adopted by Meals on Wheels of Georgia and using it as a framework, walk each of you through creating your own story. Learn how to improve how your organization presents itself in order to craft that image in the positive, future-oriented way you want.</p>
12:00 pm	<p>Luncheon & Networking</p> <p>Keynote address by Robyn A. Crittenden, Commissioner Georgia Department of Human Services Commissioner</p> <p>Presentation of Meals on Wheels Champion Award</p>
1:30 pm	<p>More than a Meal: Responding to a Mental Health Crisis - Community Mental Health Resources Katie McFarland, Program Manager Criminal Justice Services, Advantage Behavioral Health Robie Cochran, Senior Officer Community Outreach, Athens Clarke-County Police</p> <p>As part of Athens Clarke County’s efforts to decrease the number of individuals with Mental Illness and Criminal Justice involvement, a police officer and a social worker are partnered together. This team works to help intervene before, during, and after a mental health crisis. They work to connect individuals and families to supports and services. They also teach and train police officers and members of the community about Mental Illness and Crisis intervention.</p> <hr/> <p>Short Session: When to call Adult Protective Services Eve Anthony, CEO, Athens Community Council on Aging</p> <p>Understanding the parameters of APS authority and its charge is key to developing a strong working relationship with your local APS workers. This session will highlight what can be done legally to help the people you serve as well as ways to coordinate with APS in order to improve their safety and well-being.</p> <hr/> <p>Short Session: More than a Meal: ASIST for HDM Volunteers</p> <p>Laura R. Shannonhouse, Ph.D., LPC, NCC, Assistant Professor Department of Counseling & Psychological Services, Georgia State University Mary Chase Mize, Doctoral Student, GSU</p>

	<p>Suicidal behavior in older adults is a major public health issue in this country, where suicide rates increase during the life course and are as high as 48.7/100,000 among older white men in the USA. Risk factors such as social isolation, marital status, bereavement, cognitive impairment, and physical illness may be related. Learn about a GSU/ Association for Community Living grant providing and evaluating training for suicide intervention in Meals providers.</p>
2:30 pm	Break
2:45 pm	<p>More than a Meal: UGA Roosevelt Institute White Paper Presentation Nancy Reddy, Jessica Ma, Sebastian Puerta, UGA Roosevelt Institute Scholars</p> <p>The Roosevelt Institute @ UGA is a non-partisan student-run think tank, which aims to empower students through civic engagement and policy development. This year, a small group of Roosevelt Scholars studied the provision of Meals on Wheels in Georgia. Learn about their findings.</p>
3:15 pm - 4:30 pm	<p>Fingerprint Background Checks: Everything you need to know Abby Cox, Director, Georgia Division of Aging Services David LeNoir, Inspector General, GA Dept of Human Services</p> <p>Fingerprint-based background checks for staff and volunteers of Meals on Wheels programs will be required in all contracts between the Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services and the Area Agencies on Aging and between the AAAs and local nutrition providers for Fiscal Year 2020. Name-based background checks have been deemed insufficient for persons performing duties that “involve direct care, treatment, custodial responsibilities, or any combination thereof for clients pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 49-2-14.” O.C.G.A. § 49-2-14 (b). Find out what this means for your organization and your volunteers.</p>
6:30 pm	<p>Wine Reception & Dinner Keynote Address by Abby Cox, Director, Georgia Division of Aging Services</p>

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8:30 am	Welcome
8:45-9:45 am	<p>Food Safety in Georgia’s Senior Nutrition Programs Renae Brown, MS, RD, LD, Chief Nutritionist, Georgia Division of Aging Services</p> <p>How do we ensure our meals are nutritious, appealing, <i>and</i> safe? This session will provide a crash course on food safety basics, debunk common misconceptions, and uncover how these apply to daily meal service and delivery. By the end of this session, you will gain the knowledge to recognize food safety risks and have the confidence to solve and prevent them. In this way, you can be a champion in protecting the safety and well-being of the clients we serve.</p>
9:45 am	Break
10:00	<p>Meals on Wheels of America Updates Patti Lyons, Board Chair, Meals on Wheels of America Carter Florence, Director Strategy and Impact, Meals on Wheels America</p>
10:30	Best Practices Round Table

	<p>This is your time to share and learn from one another in a discussion among participants facilitated by MOWAG Board members. Tell us what is going well, cool ideas you have implemented, ways to leverage your resources, volunteer success stories, and any other insight you can bring to making our work statewide as impactful as possible.</p>
11:30 am	<p>Wrap up & Evaluations</p> <p>Please share your thoughts on the evaluation form so we can serve your continuing professional development better.</p>