



## GEORGIA DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL

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### SUMMARY STATEMENT

The mission of the Dementia Care Specialist (DCS) Program is to support people living with dementia and their care partners so they can enjoy the highest quality of life. The DCS will accomplish this by creating community partnerships through outreach, education, and building awareness for families and care partners.

### BASIC CONSIDERATIONS

In collaboration with other programs and initiatives, the DCS Program is a critical component of Georgia's efforts to become a dementia capable state. The DCS Program was developed to drive the state to become a leader supporting in its aging population, specifically individuals with brain change and their care partners. The program is led by the Dementia Care Specialist Team Lead at the Division of Aging Services (DAS) and a DCS at each of the twelve Area Agencies on Aging (AAA). The DCS Lead will support the DCS through programming, skill building, data, and resource development.