

# Georgia Supportive Housing Association Annual Conference



*Housing Opportunities and Plans for the new  
Department of Community Supervision*

**Michael W. Nail, Commissioner**

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# Georgia's Newest State Agency



- Created by law from House Bill 310
- To supervise offenders in the community, who are serving a probated sentence or granted a parole
- Composed of staff selected from the Georgia Department of Corrections, the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, and Department of Juvenile Justice
- The goal – to coordinate resources to improve offender supervision, raise successful completions, strengthen public safety, and increase governmental efficiency

# DCS Board Members



Homer Bryson, DCS Board Chairman  
Commissioner, Georgia  
Department of Corrections



Bobby Cagle  
Director, Georgia Division of Family  
and Children Services



James Mills  
Vice-Chairman, Georgia State Board  
of Pardons and Paroles



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Chairman, Georgia State Board  
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Avery Niles  
Commissioner, Georgia  
Department of Juvenile Justice



Frank W. Berry  
Commissioner, GA Department  
of Behavioral Health &  
Developmental Disabilities



Kevin Little  
Chairman, Walton County  
Board of Commissioners



Sheriff Mike Yeager,  
Sheriff of Coweta County

## Our Mission

As an integral part of the criminal justice system, we protect and serve all Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in our communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.

## Our Vision

To become the national leader for innovative and progressive community supervision; we will accomplish this by:

- Embracing best and next evidence based practices
- Utilizing an integrated approach to improve offender behavior
- Effectively coordinating between all concerned stakeholders
- Ensuring victim's voices are heard and their rights protected

## Our Values

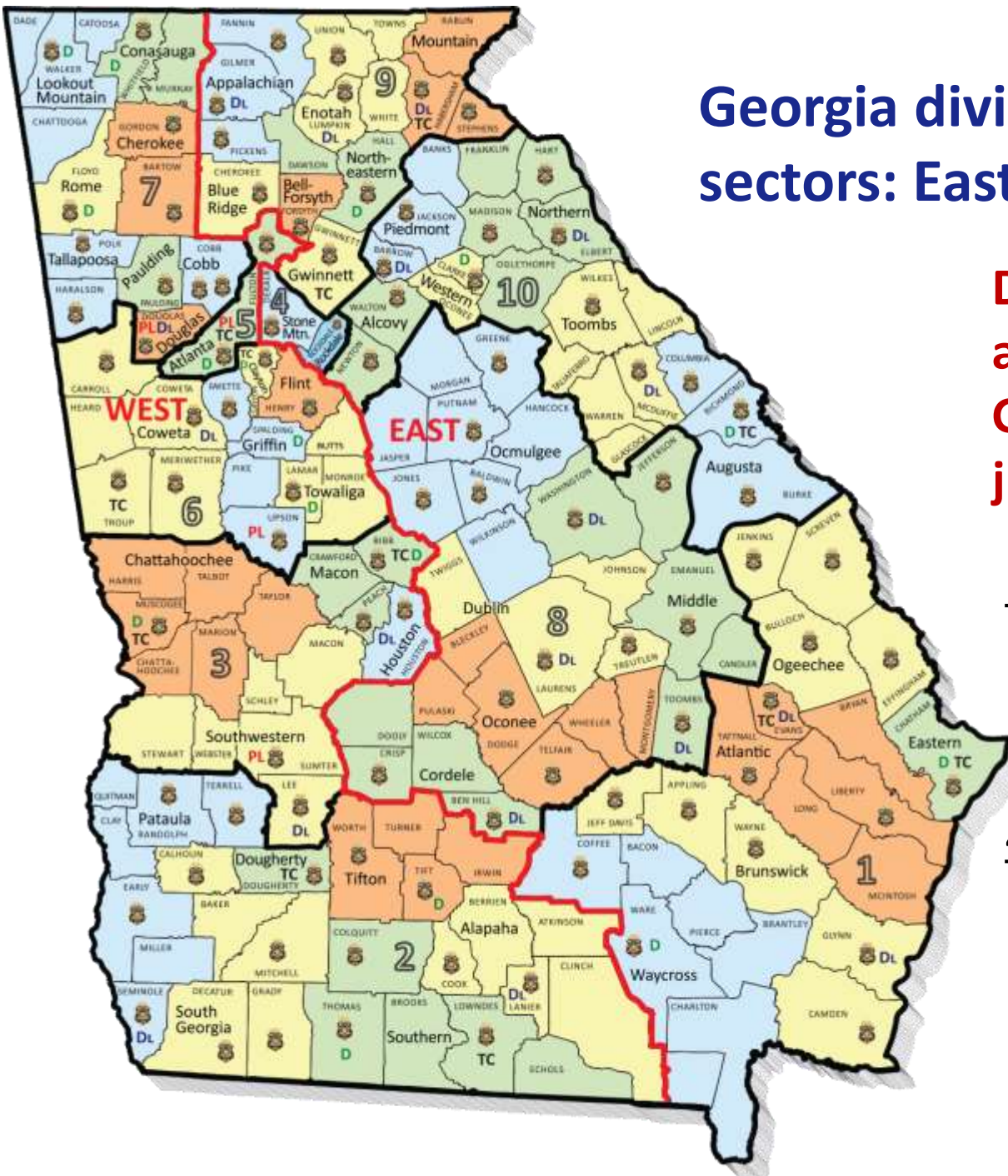
- Accountability
- Integrity
- Selfless service
- Teamwork
- Personal and professional development

# Georgia divided into 2 major sectors: East and West

**DCS field offices are aligned within Georgia's established judicial boundaries**

10 Judicial Districts  
Supervised by a DCS District Director

49 Judicial Circuits  
Supervised by a Chief Community Supervision Officer





# The Numbers

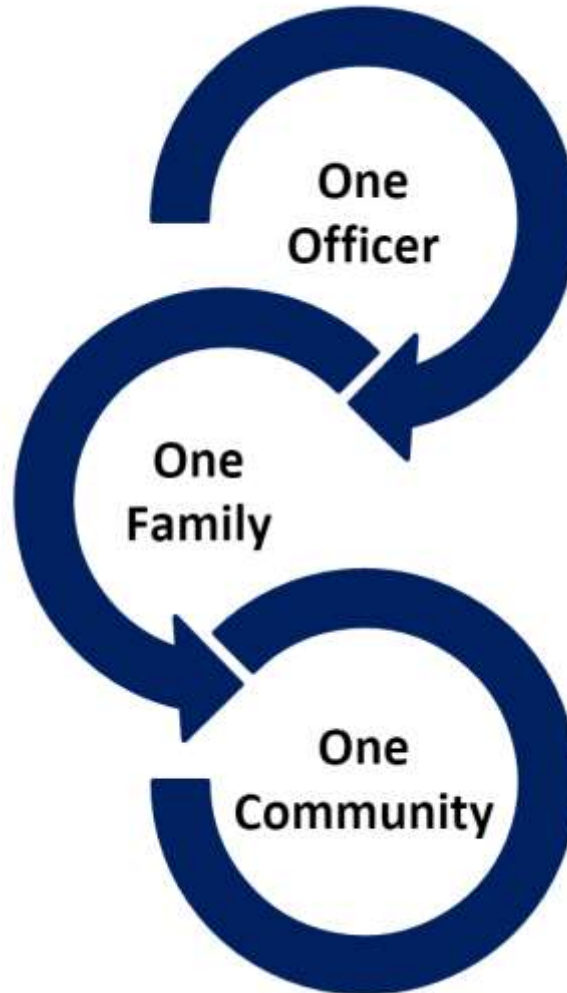


	From GDC Probation +/-	From the Parole Board +/-	DCS Total +/-
P.O.S.T. Certified Staff	1,150	330	<b>1,480</b>
Counselors and Support Staff	450	50	<b>500</b>
<b>Total offenders under Supervision</b>	<b>155,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>180,000</b>



# The Future of Community Supervision

**Invoke a holistic  
approach to  
offender supervision:**



# DCS Housing Issues

## Our Needs:

- Suitable sex offender housing: 600 +/- cases
- Housing for mental health (Level III) cases: 90 +/- cases
- Long term housing for all types of cases up to 1 year
- Housing with access to mass transit





**Questions?**