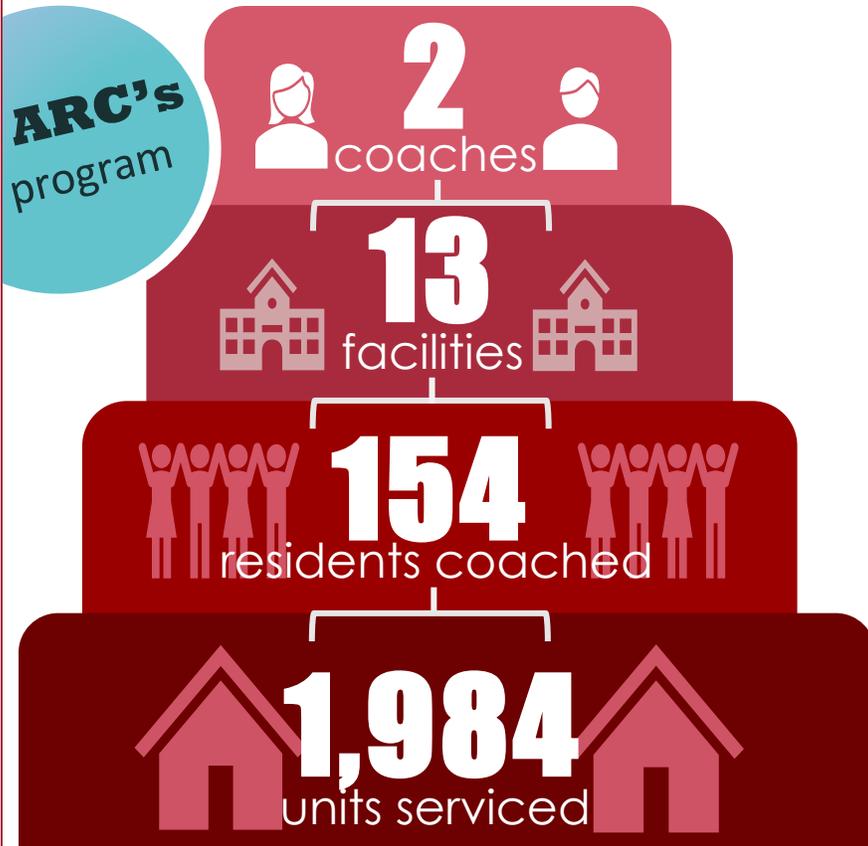


# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & HOUSING

**98%**  
success rate  
in avoiding  
evictions

Safe, affordable housing is critically important to the independence of older adults. Residents with **unmet behavioral health needs** are at risk of eviction from non-profit and HUD subsidized senior living communities. Without access to other options, some of these individuals **unnecessarily move into higher levels of care** such as personal care homes or nursing homes, and some become **HOMELESS**. The Atlanta Regional Commission's (ARC) behavioral health coaches focus on empowering individuals with behavioral health issues through a holistic and supportive approach, and the Fuqua Center provides clinical support.



## Fund Behavioral Health Coaches

to help more residents, and cover more residential facilities, at an approximate cost of \$180K per coach, per project

## Act Now

to help reduce evictions, keeping older Georgians in safe and affordable housing

## Frannie's Story



An ARC behavioral health coach was contacted to assist Frannie, a 79-year-old resident, who was facing eviction due to multiple failed housing inspections. Frannie lived in a HUD-funded, low-income senior housing community in Atlanta. Upon entry to her apartment, the coach immediately noticed a hoarding issue. There was a single slim walkway among the clutter, the place was infested with bed bugs, and there was nowhere for Frannie to sleep - she slept on the floor daily. In addition to her poor living conditions, Frannie had been diagnosed with multiple health issues including congestive heart failure and chronic kidney disease.

Working with ARC's behavioral health coach and a decluttering specialist, Frannie was able to successfully declutter her home and pass her housing inspection, which secured her housing. Frannie continues to work with her mental health provider on the issues associated with hoarding and is able to recognize how that behavior puts her housing at risk.