The PANDA Project is a new program funded by a grant from the Administration for Community Living (ACL). PANDA will provide M4A the resources needed to enhance direct services to People with Dementia (PWD), people with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD), and caregivers in Shelby County.

Direct services will begin in April 2020 and include individual Coordination of Care Plans; regular Home Visits and Telephone Calls; One-on-One Caregiver Interventions & Training; Homemaker and Respite; Transportation; Remote Safety Technologies; Home Modifications; Medication Therapy Management; Nutrition Counseling; and Legal Help. The initiatives developed through the grant will be piloted in Shelby County, sustained beyond the grant period, and made replicable statewide.

New Initiatives will include:

- The statewide expansion of our Dementia Friendly First Responder Training Program
- Two new local Caregiver Respite programs available in Shelby County
- Healthy Brain Education Workshops
- The implementation of a City of Pelham Community Paramedic Program
- Dementia Education & Marketing Campaign

The three-year grant began October 1, 2019 and M4A will involve several partners as part of a Coordinated Care Team (CCT). CCT partners will include the University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB), Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy, the University of Alabama Tuscaloosa, the Pelham Fire Department, People First of Alabama, Alzheimer’s of Central Alabama, the Alzheimer’s Association, Collatt Jewish Family Services, HCBS Strategies, Inc., TCARE, Care Predict, Inc., and Jan Neal Law Firm, LLC.

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