2010 Priorities

TOP FIVE PRIORITIES
the Iowa Coalition on Mental Health and Aging.

1) OUTREACH
   - increase the identification and referral of older Iowans with mental health needs among case managers, other aging service providers, and primary care providers.

2) AGING SERVICES
   - support the expansion of Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) efforts to develop evidence-based programs targeted to older Iowans with mental illness (e.g., Healthy IDEAS & PEARLS).

3) COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS
   - increase staff training and expand programming within community mental health centers to improve delivery of specialty services to older Iowans with mental illnesses.

4) LONG-TERM CARE
   - expand efforts to implement and evaluate Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) for nursing facility residents who may have mental health needs.

5) ALLIANCES
   - the ICMHA supports the expansion of home and community-based program and service delivery across the Iowa AAAs.