2009 Priorities

Federal initiatives supported by the Iowa Coalition on Mental Health and Aging

1) RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE POSITIVE AGING ACT
   - promote integration of mental health services for older adults into primary care settings and for multidisciplinary geriatric mental health outreach teams in community settings.

2) HEALTH PROFESSIONAL RE-INVESTMENT ACT
   - expand Geriatrics Education and Training initiatives to include graduates and professionals in behavioral and mental health.

3) FUNDING FOR TITLE IV OF OLDER AMERICANS ACT
   - authorize funding for mental health services and screening in multidisciplinary centers and aging network programs.

4) TARGETED CAPACITY EXPANSION FOR OLDER ADULTS
   - request Substance Abuse and Mental Health and Services Administration to renew funding for targeted service demonstration programs.

5) CENTER FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES WAIVERS
   - implement programs for older adults with mental illnesses including those with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias.