## Education & Training

### Objectives

**I.** Conduct a state-wide public education campaign targeted towards older Iowans and their families

**II.** Support the training of professional service providers including physicians, nurses, social workers and psychologists

### Actions

- Distribute fact sheets and action plans
- Present at conferences and public forums
- Circulate press releases and interest stories in media
- Maintain a comprehensive website
- Facilitate use of web-based training programs in mental health and aging
- Support graduate training in medicine, nursing, social work, psychology and pharmacy that focuses on mental health and aging
- Administer continuing education opportunities for licensed providers across the state

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The Iowa Coalition on Mental Health and Aging (ICMHA) exists to expand and improve mental health care for older Iowans so that they can live, learn, recreate, engage in meaningful activities and access appropriate services in the communities of their choice.

Anyone who is interested in expanding and improving the care provided to older Iowans with mental illnesses is welcome to join.

Coalition members who are interested in the education of clinical services provided to older persons with mental illnesses are encouraged to join the Education & Training Work Group.

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- Conduct a public education campaign to increase public awareness about aging and mental health issues
- Facilitate provider training to expand the supply of qualified mental health service providers