



## 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.