

Policy Priorities



Improve behavioral health services for older adults

- Ensure older adult representation on State and local advisory bodies.
- Establish leadership positions with older adult behavioral health expertise at both the State and local government levels.
- Leverage Geriatric Emergency Departments to collect data on older adult behavioral health needs and access to services.
- Assure standardized data collection to include older adult behavioral health, inclusive of racial, ethnic and sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) data.

Increase workforce opportunities & expand the workforce serving older adults

- Streamline access to employment programs that support older adults.
- Incentivize businesses to provide accommodations for older adults.
- Leverage current workforce initiatives to encourage specialization in geriatrics and gerontology (medical, behavioral health, social services, etc.).
- Recruit and support individuals from underrepresented regions and backgrounds to create a more diverse, representative workforce.



Address homelessness & increase housing options for older adults

- Expand capacity of residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFEs).
- Advocate for State funding to support the expansion of local home-sharing programs and to remove barriers that impede opportunities for low-income older adults.
- Expand the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).

