

Oklahoma Mental Health and Aging Coalition

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Dear Coalition Member:

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The Coalition has been meeting monthly to actively address the mental health needs of senior Oklahomans. To date the Coalition

- has an expanded and up-to-date website
- has developed a new brochure
- has created and distributed THE FACTS, a document listing 7 facts about senior mental disorders, treatment, recovery, substance misuse, pathological gambling and suicide. Currently each fact is being expanded as an individual document
- has compiled a SPEAKERS BUREAU on topics ranging from depression to addictions to suicide
- is developing a listing of MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES exclusive to seniors
- has presented a workshop on Aging and Mental Health at the Oklahoma Mental Health Consumer Conference
- has partnered with Areawide Aging Agency, the Mental Health Association of Central Oklahoma, Integris Third Age Life Center, Mercy Senior Health and NorthCare to provide Geriatric Depression Screenings in Canadian, Cleveland, Logan and Oklahoma Counties
- will provide Geriatric Depression Screenings and depression management brochures at the Grandparents Raising Grandparents Conference
- will host a Coalition Poster Session at the Oklahoma Minority Aging Conference
- has submitted a proposal to present a Depression Workshop and offer Depression Screenings at the Minority Aging Conference.

Your participation in the Oklahoma Mental Health and Aging Coalition – and your financial support – are critical to meet our common goals. Our necessary expenditures include website maintenance, a laptop computer for workshops and trainings, the design, preparation and printing of materials and copying costs.

Dues are **not** a requirement of Coalition membership or participation. Your tax-deductible donation will support all of these activities and allow the Coalition to expand advocacy and training efforts.

Thank you for considering this request,

Karen Orsi

Coalition Chair