



# OLDER AMERICANS

Substance Abuse & Mental Health  
Technical Assistance Center



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration  
Center for Substance Abuse Prevention



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## **Mission**

- To enhance the quality of life and promote the physical and mental well-being of older Americans by reducing the risk for and incidence of substance abuse/misuse and mental health issues late in life



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## **Expert Panel**

- Representatives from national aging organizations, older adult substance abuse and mental health experts, and consumers
- Key representatives from other Federal agencies
- Provide advice and guidance to the Center on how to develop, plan, communicate and disseminate information on a range of issues related to substance abuse and mental health programs and initiatives for older adults
- Annual meetings, first meeting held in March 2005



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## **Documentation Year**

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Among Older Adults: The State of Knowledge and Future Directions
- Evidence-Based Practices for Preventing Substance Abuse and Mental Health Problems in Older Adults
- Substance abuse and mental health annotated bibliography



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### **Key Activities**

- Help States develop State plans around substance abuse and mental health
- Identify evidenced-based programs for older adults on substance abuse, mental health, and health promotion and health education
- Provide training and technical assistance to States, communities, and health and social service providers



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## Partnerships

- SAMHSA is partnering with the U.S. Administration on Aging (AoA) to:
  - Identify and disseminate evidence-based programs
  - Work with SAMHSA staff around development of substance abuse and mental health state plans for older adults



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