

Greetings OPD members--

A few months ago an email was sent to all of you informing you that the National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging is trying to identify all of the state and local mental health and aging coalitions in the country. The list of state and local coalitions on the National Coalition website (www.ncmha.org) is several years old and needs to be updated to be useful.

So far coalition representatives from 22 states responded to the survey. An analysis of the current responses is attached. The states that are represented in the responses are California, Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

We believe that there are other states not represented on this list that have active state and/or local coalitions. We kindly request that if you are aware of state and/or local coalitions in your state to please complete the survey or ask the coalition to complete and submit the survey. We are trying to identify every coalition in the country to create a nationwide network that will benefit all.

Here is a link to the survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/mentalhealthandaging>

We are asking that the survey be completed by July 20, 2011.

Thanks in advance for your assistance with this very important project. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Williams, who is on the Executive Council of the National Coalition and is heading up the project at kwilliams@mhaofnyc.org or 212-614-5751.

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