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The Top Eight Recommendations from Ohio for Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act

During the next 10 years Ohio's age 60-plus population will increase 12 percent. While we have made great strides to remove institutional bias and support our citizens in their homes and communities, much work remains. Below are recommendations for the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA) that the Ohio Department of Aging believes will have a positive impact on the lives of Older Ohioans and their caregivers.

- Increase the authorized federal funding level of all OAA titles and chapters by at least \$100 million above the FY 2005 appropriated funded level, except for Title III E which should be authorized at \$250 million.**
- Strengthen and broaden the federal role of the Assistant Secretary for Aging to establish new partnerships with CMS for the administration of HCBS Medicaid Waiver and other long term care programs.**
- Fund statewide initiatives that help communities address the needs of their growing aging populations.**
- Provide grants to sustain and expand Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) in Ohio and 42 other demonstration states and territories.**
- Ensure that the OAA promotes the effectiveness of the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman at all levels in the context of a comprehensive elder rights system.**
- Revise Title III Part D and provide states with funds to support evidenced-based prevention, disease management and health promotion programs.**
- Add provisions to the OAA (e.g., interagency coordination) that will help the aging network promote senior mobility and coordinate human services transportation.**
- Reduce statutory and regulatory barriers to participation in federal employment and training programs and increase funding to train older adults to compete in a changing workplace.**