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May 18-22: Join our week of action on OAA!

It's Older Americans Month and the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act (OAA). Along with the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations, NCOA is promoting

May 18-22 as a week of action to spotlight the OAA and urge

Congress to fund, reauthorize, and protect it. Join us—there are ways to participate each day!

[See the schedule](#)

It's Mental Health Month

Depression and anxiety are not a “normal” part of aging and should not be ignored. May is Mental Health Month, and we've teamed up with Mental Health America to bring you resources about mental illness to share with older adults. Find them on our My Medicare Matters® website! Then join us on May 14 at 2 p. m. ET for the #BoomerMH Twitter chat.

[Read a blog post](#) | [Take an anonymous mental health screening](#) | [Join the Twitter chat](#)

Making the case for evidence-based programs

Frontiers in Public Health has published a Research Topic to advance knowledge about evidence-based programs (EBPs) for older adults. NCOA staff and partners contributed to the coordinated set of papers that represents a variety of disciplines, community sectors, agencies, and locations. The companion eBook, to be released later this month, aims to enhance practice, inform policy, and build systems of support and delivery for EBP.

[Access the full volume](#)

WHCOA issue briefs: Your chance to add your voice

The White House Conference on Aging (WHCOA) has now released three policy briefs on key issues related to this year's event. You're encouraged to review and comment on each. Topics include healthy aging, long-term services and supports, and elder justice.

[Read and comment](#)

Coming up ...

- **Building Community Partnerships with the VA: Providing Options Counseling to Rural Veterans** : Discover an innovative partnership that connects rural veterans to counseling, information, and referral for VA and community services and benefits. *May 19 @ 3 p.m. ET*
- **Marketing CDSME: Using the Personal Touch to Put "Butts in Seats"** : Learn two "hands-on" strategies to market self-management education programs to the people who need them. *May 19 @ 3 p.m. ET*

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