

**The Aging Constituent Committee  
Directors Advisory Council  
California Department of Alcohol and Drugs**

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“Aging is NOT for Sissies”**

**Recommendations**

The Aging Constituent Committee recommends the following strategies to improve alcohol and other drug services for older adults:

- Work with ADP to establish pilot projects in several California Counties for older adults with substance abuse problems. These programs need to incorporate best practices for older adults and include an evaluation program that examines costs saved in other health and social services.
- Advocate for set-aside funding to develop, implement and evaluate affordable, accessible and age-appropriate programs that address the unique needs of persons over 60.
- Include outcome measures in the CAL OMS that are specific to substance abuse/misuse and that incorporate substance abuse treatment issues relevant to older adults.
- Encourage providers in your County to avail themselves of the technical assistance and resources available through ADP funded TA contracts.
- Work with providers to modify assessment tools and programming to better serve older adults.
- Actively seek opportunities for collaboration and partnership with other agencies in your County that provide services to older adults.