

OLDER IOWANS

Position Statement

NASW Iowa Chapter affirms the right of older Iowans to maintain their dignity and self-determination regarding medical care and supportive services either in their own homes or in their communities while acknowledging the need to balance the issues of safety, cost containment, and informed choice.

Recommendations

NASW-Iowa chapter makes the following recommendations to the State of Iowa:

- Expand the current Elder Abuse Law to include criminal penalties for perpetrators and define penalties for the failure to report abuse.
- Provide funding to create and provide LGBT cultural competency training for long-term health providers and to conduct research on the needs of LGBT older Iowans.
- Provide sufficient funding to support the Office of Substitute Decision Making.

The full version of this statement with references can be found at <https://nasw-heartland.site-ym.com/?183>