

# USPRA

## US Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association

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# The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act 2009

- Money = Services
- Services = Assistance
- Assistance = Opportunities
- Opportunities = Recovery



# What Does This Mean For Us

- Health Care Issues
- Research
- Children's Issues
- Education and Job Training
- Aid to States
- Aid to Communities
- Miscellaneous Information



# Health Care Issues

## Community Health Centers

1.5 Billion - Modernization

500 Million- Provide Care

## Prevention - Health Care

1 Billion – Prevention and Wellness Programs



# COBRA

**24.7 Billion 2009 – 2011**

- 9 month 65% subsidy to jobless people to continue health care coverage
- 8.8 Billion – Increase Unemployment Benefit Compensation 25.00 per week
- **Transitional Medical Assistance**
- 1.3 Billion - extend programs for 12 months
- **Qualified Individual Program**
- 562 Million - Medicare Part B premiums for low-income and/or persons with disabilities through 12/2010



# Modernizing Health Care System

19 Billion for Health Information Technology (HIT)



# Research NIH Funding

10.4 Billion Total Dollars

- 8.2 Billion – Total Scientific Research
  - 7.4 Billion – Institutes, Centers and Common Fund (CF)
  - 800 Million - Office of the Director

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# NIH Funding continued

- 1 Billion – Construction and Repairs
- 500 Million – Buildings and Facilities
- 300 Million – Capital Equipment
- 400 Million – Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER)





# Children

## Child Care and Development Block Grant

- 2 Billion - subsidized child care - quality improvement activities for infant/toddler care

## Head Start

- 2.1 Billion Total/Two Years
  - 1 Billion – Head Start
- 1.1 Billion – Early Head Start



# Education and Job Training

## Workforce Investment Act

- 3.95 Billion – Job Training/Employment Services

## Individual with Disabilities Education Act

- 12.2 Billion- School Grants/Special Education



# Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants

- **680 Million**
- 540 Million to States/2 year with out the need of State matching funds (part B of Title I Rehabilitation Act)



# Vocational Rehabilitation – continued

- 140 Million – Independent Living Programs
- 87 Million- Independent Living Centers
  - 18.2 – State Grants
  - 34.3 Million – Older Blind Adult Services



# Aid to States

## Increased Federal Share of Medicaid (FMAP)

- 87 Billion covering 10/1/09 through 12/31/10 6.2 % increase for each state

## State Fiscal Stabilization Fund

- 53.6 Billion to prevent cuts in education and other services



# Aid to Communities

- **Community Services Block Grant - 1 Billion - enactment**
- **Community Development Block Grant - 1 Billion - 2 years**
- **Public Housing Capital Fund - 4 Billion Total**
  - 3 Billion distributed by existing formula to Public Housing Authorities
  - 1 Billion in competitive awards for improving energy efficiency



# Miscellaneous Information

## SS Beneficiaries, Veterans, Rail Road Retirees

250.00 - One-time payment (do not have to file an income tax return)

## Work Pay Tax Credit

400.00 - individuals

800.00 - couples or 6.2 % - earned income for individuals  
(which ever is less)



# 2009 Appropriations Bill

## SAMHSA

- CMHS \$58 million over 2008
- Summary: 2009 Labor, Health & Education Appropriations Consolidated Appropriations Bill  
<http://appropriations.house.gov/pdf/LHEFY0902-23-09.pdf>





# BILLS TO WATCH FOR ON CAPITOL HILL

- The Mental Health on Campus Improvement Act [S.682](#) introduced 3/24/09 by Senator Dick Durbin (IL)
- The CLASS ACT [S.697](#) introduced 3/25/09 by Senator Edward Kennedy (MA)



# BILLS TO WATCH FOR ON CAPITOL HILL - continued

- Child Health Care Crisis Relief Act of 2009 [H.R.1932](#) introduced 4/2/09 by Congressman Patrick Kennedy (RI)
- The Combat PTSD Act [H.R.952](#) introduced 2/10/09 by Congressman John Hall (NY)



# Final Thoughts

- Unprecedented times
- Evolving; dynamic; fluid
- Continue to monitor

Thank you



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USPRA believes that the principles and practices of psychiatric rehabilitation lead to recovery, and is committed to supporting and strengthening the quality of community-oriented rehabilitation services and resources for persons with psychiatric disabilities.

