17—2.1(231) Mission statement. The mission of the department on aging is to develop a comprehensive, coordinated and cost-effective system of long-term living and community support services that help individuals maintain health and independence in their homes and communities. [ARC 8489B, IAB 1/27/10, effective 1/7/10; ARC 0621C, IAB 3/6/13, effective 4/10/13]