



## Academy for Nutrition and Dietetics and the International Association for Eating Disorders Professionals Join the Eating Disorders Coalition

WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 5, 2019)—The Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy and Action (EDC) is proud to welcome the Academy for Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) and the International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals (iaedp) as the latest additions to the growing EDC family.

“We welcome these two respected entities as they bring our growing coalition to 56 member organizations,” said Chase Bannister, President of the Eating Disorders Coalition. “As we continue our work to gain Medicare coverage for nutrition counseling within the Nutrition CARE Act, having member organizations steeped in the practice of training providers and delivering treatment will only strengthen our resolve to codify this coverage in law.”

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is the world’s largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. Representing more than 107,000 credentialed practitioners, registered dietitian nutritionists, nutrition and dietetics technicians, registered and other professionals, AND is dedicated to improving the nation’s health and advancing the profession of dietetics through research, education, and advocacy.

“Registered dietitian nutritionists offer trusted, accurate, timely, and practical nutrition information for individuals and families, as we translate nutrition science into practical advice,” said registered dietitian nutritionist and Academy President Terri J. Raymond. “RDNs play a critical role in the detection and treatment of eating disorders, so the Academy is very pleased to join our colleagues in the Eating Disorders Coalition.”

The International Association for Eating Disorders Professionals leads the eating disorders treatment field through the promotion of standards of excellence through several certification programs. Providing quality education and high-level training standards for health care professionals who treat the full spectrum of eating disorders, iaedp has certified over 900 professionals.

“We are proud to partner with the EDC in an effort to build a stronger unity and support for advocacy in the field of eating disorders,” said iaedp President Dr. Dena Cabrera. “The relationship with the EDC fits with the mission of iaedp in that iaedp is dedicated to the training and education of professionals with the ultimate goal of bringing excellent patient care to those suffering with this devastating illness. Joining our resources and bringing our members together, we can strive to accomplish this goal—there is healing in connection and community.”

As the EDC membership continues to grow, our work providing effective, meaningful, and long-lasting policy change for individuals and families with eating disorders will endure. If you’re interested in becoming a member of the Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy and Action, please contact: [manager@eatingdisorderscoalition.org](mailto:manager@eatingdisorderscoalition.org).

*The Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action (EDC) is a Washington, DC-based, federal advocacy organization comprised of advocacy organizations, academics, treatment providers, family/loved ones of children with eating disorders and people experiencing eating disorders nationwide. The EDC advances the recognition of eating disorders as a public health priority throughout the United States. EDC member organizations include the Academy for Eating Disorders, Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness, Academy for Nutrition and Dietetics, Bannister Consultancy, Cambridge Eating Disorder Center, Center for Change, Center for Eating Disorders at Sheppard Pratt, Clementine, Donahue Foundation, Eating Disorder Coalition of Iowa (EDCI), Eating Disorders Center at Rogers Memorial Hospital, Eating Disorder Hope, Eating Disorder Therapy LA, Eating Recovery Center, The Emily Program, Families Empowered and Supporting Treatment of Eating Disorders (F.E.A.S.T.), Focus Treatment Center, Gail R. Schoenbach FREED Foundation, International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals (iaedp), International*

*Federation of Eating Disorders Dietitians, Laureate Eating Disorders Program, Monte Nido, Mothers Against Eating Disorders, Mirasol Eating Disorder Recovery Center, Moonshadow's Spirit, Multi-Service Eating Disorders Association, National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA), The National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Eating Disorders, Oliver-Pyatt Centers, Park Nicollet Melrose Center, Project HEAL, Reasons Eating Disorder Center, Renfrew Center, Residential Eating Disorders Consortium, Rosewood Center for Eating Disorders, Stay Strong Virginia, Strategic Training Initiative for the Prevention of Eating Disorders (STRIPED), Timberline Knolls, Veritas Collaborative, Walden Behavioral Care, Wrobel & Smith PLLP, and WithAll. Additional resources can also be found at [www.eatingdisorderscoalition.org](http://www.eatingdisorderscoalition.org).*

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