

# EDC ON THE HILL

## 2019

### April Newsletter

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#### **EDC Advocacy Day - Next week!**

On Tuesday, May 7, 150 advocates from the Eating Disorders Coalition community will be arriving in Washington, DC to meet with Congressional members and their staff. This year, we will be advocating for Medicare coverage for medical nutrition therapy for eating disorders and protecting provisions in the Affordable Care Act that affect Americans with the serious mental illness of eating disorders and their families. For those unable to join us next week, you can advocate for these initiatives through our Virtual Advocacy Day. Stay tuned to our social media channels to see how to get involved.

#### **Health and Human Services Office of Women's Health Roundtable Convening on Eating Disorders & Obesity**

The Eating Disorders Coalition joined scholars, advocates and advisors for a convening on March 29 hosted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Women's Health (HHS/OWH) entitled, "How to Talk About Healthy Weight and Healthy Eating: A Cross-Disciplinary Dialogue on Messaging to Promote Healthy Behaviors and Positive Body Image". This meeting served as the latest iteration in implementation of the EDC's flagship legislation—Anna Westin Act, which passed in 21st Century Cures (P.L. 114-255). The EDC worked closely with HHS/OWH to include federal agencies and researchers to discuss the intersections of obesity and eating disorders. You can read the full statement summarizing the day [here](#).

#### **EDC Letters of Support**

##### **Investing for the People Act**

The Eating Disorders Coalition joined fellow members of the Mental Health Liaison Group (MHLG) in sending a letter to the House Committee on the Budget Chairman Yarmuth (D-KY) and Ranking Member Womack (R-AR) in support of the Investing for the People Act of 2019. The full letter can be read [here](#).

##### **Mental Health Services for Students Act**

The Eating Disorders Coalition joined fellow members of the Mental Health Liaison Group (MHLG) in sending a letter to Senator Tina Smith (D-MN) in support of the Mental Health Services for Students Act of 2019. This legislation will provide federal support to assist local communities and schools with health providers who can effectively support our nation's youth in dealing with trauma and violence by increasing funding through Project AWARE and strengthening school-based resources for students. The full letter can be read [here](#).

## Behavioral Health Workforce Data

The Eating Disorders Coalition joined 66 other organizations in expressing concern about the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) latest behavioral health workforce projections and to offer suggestions for future improvements in workforce estimates for behavioral health professionals caring for children, adolescents, and young adults. The full letter can be read [here](#).

## May Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month 2019! Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed in May in the United States since 1949. The EDC will be engaging on social media to promote mental health awareness throughout the month. Mental Health America has put together a social media [toolkit](#) for information and resources for partner organizations and individuals to use throughout the month.

## Action Alerts

The Eating Disorders Coalition continues to engage our community through Action Alerts via email and text message when we need your voice to contact elected officials to further important eating disorder legislative priorities. Would you like to be notified about Action Alerts via our new text message advocacy system in the future? Sign up at this [link](#).

## Thank you to our members who support EDC's successful policy efforts!

### Champions Circle

- Residential Eating Disorders Consortium

### Executive Circle

- Clementine
- Eating Recovery Center
- The Emily Program
- International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals Foundation (iaedp)
- Monte Nido
- Oliver-Pyatt Centers
- Veritas Collaborative
- WithAll

### Policy Circle

- Academy for Eating Disorders
- National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA)
- The Renfrew Center

### Leadership Circle

- Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness
- Bannister Consultancy
- The Donahue Foundation
- Focus Treatment Center
- Gail R. Schoenbach FREED Foundation
- Reasons Eating Disorder Center

### Advocacy Circle

- Center for Change
- Laureate Eating Disorders Program
- Timberline Knolls
- Walden Behavioral Care

### Support Circle

- Aloria Health
- Cambridge Eating Disorder Center
- Center for Discovery
- The Center for Eating Disorders at Sheppard Pratt
- Eating Disorder Hope
- Mirasol Eating Disorder Recovery Centers
- Mothers Against Eating Disorders (MAED)
- Multi-Service Eating Disorders Association
- Park Nicollet Melrose Center
- Rosewood Centers for Eating Disorders
- Strategic Training Initiative for the Prevention of Eating Disorders (STRIPED)

### Hope Circle

- Eating Disorder Coalition of Iowa (EDCI)
- The Eating Disorders Center at Rogers Memorial Hospital
- Eating Disorder Therapy LA
- FEAST
- International Federation of Eating Disorders Dietitians (IFEDD)
- Moonshadow's Spirit
- The National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Eating Disorders
- Project Heal
- Stay Strong Virginia
- Wrobel & Smith, PLLP

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