We Want to Hear from You!

May 12th is National Mental Health Provider Appreciation Day.

Share your story on what your mental health provider (psychologists, psychiatrists, nutritionists, dieticians, life coaches, etc.) means to you!

We will be highlighting your stories on social media throughout the month of May!

Click the button below to submit a story!

Share Your Story!
Eating Disorders Coalition’s Chief Policy Officer, Katrina Velasquez (on stage right), was a panelist at The Partnership for Military Child Health Research Symposium. Katrina spoke on the panel for mental health care access.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES
Anna Westin Legacy Act (S.3686/H.R.7249)
The EDC thanks Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Representatives Seth Moulton (D-MA-06), Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE-AL), Bobby L. Rush (D-IL-01), and Gerald Connolly (D-VA-01) for becoming co-sponsors in the month of April!

Tell your Senators and Representative to become co-sponsors!

Click the button below to take action!

Take Action: Anna Westin Legacy Act

Protect kids online from harmful content promoted by social media algorithms.
Kids Online Safety Act (S. 3663)
The EDC is grateful for Senators Ben Ray Luján (D-MN) and Bill Cassidy (R-LA) becoming co-sponsors in the month of April!

Tell your Senators to become co-sponsors!

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Take Action: Kids Online Safety Act

Improving Mental Health and Wellness in Schools Act (S.2930/H.R.5526)
Legislation would integrate mental health promotion education and resources into existing local school wellness policies.

Currently, policies only teach about nutrition education and physical activity.

Improving Mental Health and Wellness in Schools Act (S.2930/H.R.5526)
The EDC thanks Representative David Valadao (R-CA-21) for becoming a co-sponsor in the month of April!

Tell your Senators and Representative to become co-sponsors!

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Take Action: Improving Mental Health and Wellness in Schools Act

FISCAL YEAR 2023 EATING DISORDERS APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS
• The EDC thanks Representatives Deutch, Fitzpatrick, Tonko, Garbarino, Spanberger, and Van Drew for championing our FY23 appropriations
requests and for urging LHHS leadership to sustain funding for eating disorders programs. Read their letter [here](#).

- The EDC wrote a letter to the Administrator and Director of HRSA inquiring about the implementation of eating disorders training for primary care providers.

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**PRESS RELEASES**

- The EDC and The Trevor Project hosted a briefing on social media’s impact on youth and eating disorders in communities of color.

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**LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

- EDC signed onto a letter led by the American Academy of Pediatrics thanking Representatives Schrier and Miller-Meeks and Senators Murphy and Cassidy for introducing the Children’s Mental Health Care Access Act of 2022. The House letter can be read [here](#). The Senate letter can be read [here](#).
- The EDC supported a letter led by Members of Congress to the DoD urging them to implement the provisions of the SERVE Act that were passed through FY22 NDAA.
- The EDC supported a letter to Congress urging them to support the mental health needs of the nation by including a prevention and early intervention set-aside in the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant.
- The EDC supported a letter led by MHLG to express support for the Virtual Peer Support Act of 2021.
- The EDC led a letter on behalf of MHLG urging Senators Cantwell and Wicker to advance the Kids Online Safety Act to protect current and future generations of young social media consumers.
- The EDC signed onto a letter led by National Association for School Psychologists to urge House and Senate Appropriations Committee leadership to address the shortages of school-based mental health professionals.

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**EDC AMBASSADORS**
The EDC continues to look for Ambassadors to represent the EDC throughout the nation. Become your state’s leader, a champion for change, and become connected with your Members of Congress!

Email Emily Rosenberg at erosenberg@eatingdisorderscoalition.org with any questions.

Click the button below to join!

Take Action: Become an EDC Ambassador

AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT
"I advocate for greater understanding awareness, recognition of eating disorders, policy change and more equipped and compassionate physicians who understand the Health at Every Size philosophy because it is truly life or death. As an eating disorder survivor, I am aware of the lack of understanding and recognition that accompanies an eating disorder. I have lived through doctors visits when all they cared about was the weight loss but not how the weight loss occurred or my mental state. I had to do my own research to find an eating disorder treatment center that provided reputable care and guidance to properly assist me on my healing journey. I advocate on behalf of those who went before me, who died as a result of their eating disorder, for the struggling youth whose voice may be quenched and for the millions more who will struggle with or be touched by an eating disorder. I advocate for me."

Sara Williams, Ohio Ambassador

STORY COLLECTION

Story Collection

We are collecting personal stories on social media’s impact on individuals’ body image concerns or eating disorder.

Share your story to help inform our policy efforts with Members of Congress.

Interested participants, click the button below!

Take Action: Social Media Story Collection
Interested participants, click the button below!

Take Action: Primary Care Provider Story Collection

ACTION ALERTS

Sign UP LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERTS!
Participate in Action Alerts
The Eating Disorders Coalition engages with our community through our email and text message Action Alerts. We need your voice to contact elected officials to further advance eating disorder legislative priorities. **Your voice matters!**

Click the button below to join!

Take Action: Sign Up for Action Alerts

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