EDC Celebrates Passage of SERVE Act into Federal Law

Read our press release here.

2021 Top Lobbyist
The EDC is honored to work alongside Katrina Velasquez, Esq., MA., Chief Policy Officer for EDC and Managing Principal for Center Road Solutions & celebrate her well-deserved recognition as one of The Hill’s 2021 Top Lobbyists!

Learn more here.

EDC, National Eating Disorders Association, National Alliance for Eating Disorders & REDC Consortium Meet with ADM Rachel Levine
The Eating Disorders Coalition, along with our partner organizations, National Eating Disorders Association, National Alliance for Eating Disorders, and REDC Consortium met with U.S. Assistant Secretary of Health, ADM Rachel Levine to share policy recommendations the U.S. Health and Human Services can take up for eating disorders awareness, education, training, and prevention.

Read our full list of recommendations here.

EDC, The Emily Program, and National Alliance for Eating Disorders, Instagram Live Chat
The Eating Disorders Coalition, The Emily Program, and the National Alliance for Eating Disorders hosted an Instagram Live chat to discuss the passage of the SERVE Act.

Watch the recording here.

### Legislative Updates

**Nutrition CARE Act (H.R.1551/S. 584)**
The EDC would like to thank Representative Angie Craig (D-MN-02) for co-sponsoring the Nutrition CARE Act!

**Improving Mental Health and Wellness in Schools Act (H.R.5526/ S.2930)**
The EDC would like the thank Representatives Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-01), Gus Bilirakis (R-FL-12), and Susan Wild (D-PA-07) for co-sponsoring the Improving Mental Health and Wellness in Schools Act.

### Letters and Sign Ons

**Letter To Senate Appropriations and House Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education**
The EDC signed onto a letter urging Congress to pass Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations legislation to address the severe shortages of school-based mental health professionals and other specialized instructional support personnel.

The full letter can be read here.

**Letter to Center for Disease Control and Prevention**
The EDC signed a letter to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requesting the re-inclusion of items measuring "Unhealthy Weight Control Practices" within the standard and/or national Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).

The full letter can be read here.

### Story Collection, Super Advocates & Action Alerts

**Story Collection**
The Eating Disorders Coalition continues to collect stories from our advocates on their experiences as military members, veterans, and their families who are/were affected by eating disorders in order to inform our advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill and develop a strong grassroots network of advocates across the U.S.

We are collecting personal stories and advocacy interest from individuals regarding how social media may have triggered yours or a loved one’s body image concerns or an eating disorder.

If you have personal experiences with any of these issues, please fill out this survey for military, this survey for Medicare, disability, and/or Nutrition Counseling coverage, and this survey for social media’s impact on body image and eating disorder.

**Super Advocates**
The EDC would like to welcome and recognize 2 new Super Advocates in the month of December! These individuals will help the EDC grow its advocate base in their state, participate in social media
campaigns and partake in outreach to their legislators. If you are interested in getting involved, please fill out this form. Email Emily Rosenberg at erosenberg@eatingdisorderscoalition.org with any questions.

Silver: Lindsey Crofutt (NC)

Bronze: Veronica Lane (NH)

**Action Alerts**
The Eating Disorders Coalition continues to engage our community through Action Alerts via email and text message. 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? Click the button to sign up!

[Sign Up for Action Alerts]

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

**Champions Circle**
REDC Consortium

**Executive Circle**
Clementine
Eating Recovery Center
The Emily Program
Monte Nido
Oliver-Pyatt Centers
Veritas Collaborative
WithAll
SunCloud Health

**Policy Circle**
Academy for Eating Disorders
Be Real USA
National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA)
The Renfrew Center

**Leadership Circle**
Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness
Bannister Consultancy
The Donahue Foundation
Gail R. Schoenbach FREED Foundation
International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals Foundation (iaedp)
Montecatini

**Advocacy Circle**
Center for Change
Laureate Eating Disorders Program
Walden Behavioral Care

**Support Circle**
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND)
Alsana: Eating Disorders Treatment and Recovery Centers
Cambridge Eating Disorder Center
Center for Discovery
Eating Disorders Hope
Farrington Specialty Counseling
Multi-Service Eating Disorders Association