



EDC on the Hill

December 2021 Newsletter

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Updates & Press Releases

EDC Celebrates Passage of SERVE Act into Federal Law

The EDC applauds the House and Senate for passing a bipartisan provision based on the Supporting Eating Disorders Recovery through Vital Expansion (SERVE) Act ([S.194/H.R. 1309](#)) within the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (NDAA).

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 to 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](#)

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)

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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

Park Nicollet Melrose Center
Rosewood Centers for Eating Disorders
Strategic Training Initiative for the Prevention of Eating Disorders (STRIPED)
Stay Strong Virginia

Hope Circle

Eating Disorder Coalition of Iowa (EDCI)
International Federation of Eating Disorders Dietitians (IFEDD)
Moonshadow's Spirit
Project HEAL
The National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD)
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