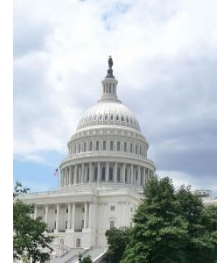


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[House Armed Services Committee Expands Military Access to Eating Disorders Care](#)

The EDC celebrates the passage of Amendment 840 within the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which includes key provisions of the Supporting Eating Disorders Recovery through Vital Expansion (SERVE) Act. The full press release can be read [here](#).

[New Co-Sponsors of the Nutrition CARE Act \(H.R. 1551/S. 584\)](#)

The EDC would like to thank Representative John B. Larson (D-CT-01) for becoming a co-sponsor of the Nutrition CARE Act!

[New Co-Sponsors of the SERVE Act \(H.R. 1309/S. 194\)](#)

The EDC is happy to share that 2 new Representatives signed on as co-sponsors for the SERVE Act! Thank you to Representatives Kai Kahele (D-HI-02) and Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-07).

[STRIPED and Be Real Present to CDC State Grantees](#)

EDC members, the Strategic Training Initiative for the Prevention of Eating Disorders (STRIPED) and Be Real USA hosted a virtual presentation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Healthy School Grantees. The presentation and discussion highlighted how schools can create supportive learning environments at the intersection of food insecurity, weight stigma, body dissatisfaction, and eating disorders. A full recording of the presentation can be found [here](#).

EDC Letters of Support

Increasing Access to Mental Health in Schools Act

The EDC signed onto a letter led by the Mental Health Liaison Group (MHLG) to support the Increasing Access to Mental Health in Schools Act (H.R. 3572/S.1811). The bill would strengthen Americans' access to mental health and addiction care. The full letter can be found [here](#).

Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Expansion Act

The EDC signed onto a letter led by the MHLG to support the Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Expansion Act. The legislation would allow for every state and territory the ability to join the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) demonstration project and would authorize investments in the model for current and prospective CCBHCs. The full letter can be accessed [here](#).

Evaluating Disparities and Outcomes of Telehealth (EDOT) During the COVID-19 Emergency Act of 2021

The EDC led a letter endorsing Representative Robin Kelly's (D-IL-02) legislation that would develop data-driven policies for telehealth following the COVID-19 public health emergency. The full press release can be found [here](#) and our letter of support can be found [here](#).

Improve Children's Access to Mental Health

The EDC signed onto a letter led by the MHLG urging Congress to improve children's access to mental health. The policy recommendations are to strength Medicaid, extend and preserve telehealth flexibilities, strengthen systems of care, invest in infrastructure to promote care in the appropriate setting, and support the growth of the pediatric mental health workforce. The full letter can be accessed [here](#).

Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment Program (PSLRP)

The EDC signed onto a letter led by the American Academy of Pediatrics thanking Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA-08) and Rep. John Joyce (R-PA-13) for their leadership in securing \$25 million for PSLRP and another letter thanking the Committee on Appropriations' Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT-03) and Ranking Member Kay Granger (R-TX-12) for supporting this request. Both letters can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

EDC Super Advocates

The EDC would like to welcome and recognize 20 new Super Advocates in the month of August! 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 email Emily Rosenberg at erosenberg@eatingdisorderscoalition.org.

Diamond: Hannah Case (CO)

Platinum: Taylor Aassand (AZ) and Alexandra Haeflein (PA)

Gold: Megan Mikail (MD), Rachel Farner (OK), Margaret Yeakel (SC), and Hiedi Touney (IA)

Silver: Ann Sassano (IL), Paul Sassano (IL), Megan Reid (IA), Ricci-Lee Hotz (CO), Heart Your Body Charitable Trust (PA), Annalee Drum (PA), and Kristy Cloetigh (PA)

Bronze: Kevin Hurst (PA), Martha Watson (PA), Kristen Blomquist (UT), Jud Felder (CO), Katie Beastro (AL), and Jody Herman (CA)

Eating Disorders Personal 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 also collecting personal stories and advocacy interest from individuals on Medicare including persons aged 65 years of age and older and persons experiencing disabilities, and non-Medicare recipients who have had issues gaining insurance coverage for Nutrition Counseling (i.e., dietitian services) for their eating disorder.

If you have personal experiences with any of these issues, please fill out this [survey](#) for military and this [survey](#) for Medicare, disability, and/or Nutrition Counseling coverage.

EDC 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? Sign up through this [link](#).

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
- 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)
- Rogers Behavioral Health
- Wrobel & Smith, PLLP

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