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2021
November Newsletter

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New Board of Directors
The EDC welcomes Dr. Avanti Bergquist and Dr. Christine Peat as new members to the EDC’s Board of Directors. The full press release can be read here.

Instagram Live with National Alliance for Eating Disorders
The EDC partnered with National Alliance for Eating Disorders in an Instagram Live chat titled “Health Equity and Eating Disorders in the Trans Community.” Maddie Schumacher (they/them), EDC Government Relations Representative and Matthew Murray (he/him), Alliance’s LGBTQ+ Support Group Facilitator had a candid conversation around the health equity and eating disorders in the trans community. You can view a recording here.

New Co-Sponsors of the Nutrition CARE Act (H.R. 1551/S. 584)
The EDC would like to thank Rep. Tony Cárdenas (D-CA-29) and Rep. Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX-07) for becoming co-sponsors of the Nutrition CARE Act!

New Co-Sponsors of the Improving Mental Health and Wellness in Schools Act (H.R. 5526/S.2930)
The EDC would like to thank Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-01) for becoming a co-sponsor of the Improving Mental Health and Wellness in Schools Act!

EDC Letters of Support
National State of Emergency in Children’s Mental Health
The EDC signed a letter led by the American Academy of Pediatrics to Senate Finance to announce a National State of Emergency in Children’s Mental Health declaration and recommendations to address the crisis. The full letter can be read here.
Pediatric Subspeciality Loan Repayment Program
The EDC signed a letter to House and Senate Appropriations leadership urging them to finalize a full-year spending bill with $30 million for the Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment Program. The full letter can be found [here](#).

EDC Super Advocates
The EDC would like to welcome and recognize 14 new Super Advocates in the month of November! 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.

**Gold:** Shannon Nunnelly (IN), Drusilla Rosales (TX), Ryan Young (VA), Malinda Ann Hill (VA), Mindy Sheikh (WI), Takechia Jackson (NC), Rachel Stevens (NC), Stephanie Zerwas (NC), Samantha Flynn (Gold), Caitlin Shea (MA), Zoe Hatsios (NC)

**Silver:** Mary Green (WV)

**Bronze:** Elisha Tomkins (TX), Jasmine Chikkala (MN)

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 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.

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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