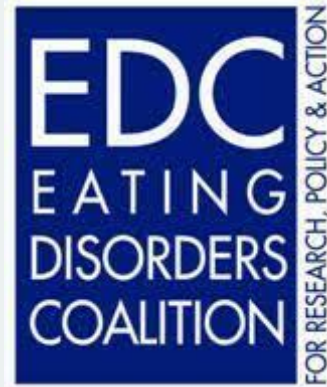


February 2022



EDC Virtual Advocacy Day!



Register for our Virtual Advocacy Day happening May 17 from 9am to 5:30pm EST! Have the opportunity to meet with Members of Congress and share your story while helping us advocate for important eating disorders legislation.

Click the button below to register!

[Register for Advocacy Day](#)

Legislative Updates

Improving Mental Health and Wellness in Schools Act ([H.R.5526/ S.2930](#))

This legislation, led by Representatives Kathy Manning (D-NC-06) and Vicky Hartzler (R-MO-04) and Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) would integrate mental health promotion education and resources into existing local school wellness policies. Currently, policies only teach about nutrition education and physical activity.

Representatives Joe Neguse (D-CO-02), Jenniffer González-Colón (R-PR-AL), Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ-02), Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ-03), Joe Morelle (D-NY-25), Mike Quigley (D-IL-05), and John Katko (R-NY-24) became co-sponsors in the month of February!

Tell your Representative and Senators to become co-sponsors!

Click the button below to take action!

[Take Action: Improving Mental Health and Wellness in Schools Act](#)

Anna Westin Legacy Act ([S.3686](#))

This legislation, led by Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), and Thom Tillis (R-NC) will authorize the Center of Excellence for Eating Disorders to continue training health care professionals to screen, briefly intervene, and refer individuals to treatment for eating disorders. This will build on the success of the Center, which has already trained over 7,000 primary care providers since 2019.

Tell your Senators to become co-sponsors!

Click the button below to take action!

[Take Action: Anna Westin Legacy Act](#)

Kids Online Safety Act ([S. 3663](#))

This legislation, led by Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) will protect children's mental health and safety online. The legislation will protect minors on social media from algorithmic harms, empower parents, and hold platforms accountable for their promotion of eating disorders and other mental and physical harms.

Tell your Senators to become co-sponsors!

Click the button below to take action!

[Take Action: Kids Online Safety Act](#)

White House Proclamation for Eating Disorders Awareness Week

The EDC commemorated the [White House Presidential Proclamation](#) for National Eating Disorders Awareness Week. This is the first administration in three decades to recognize the week. President George H.W. Bush signed the first ever proclamation in [1990](#).

This is a historic moment for the eating disorders community, and the EDC thanks President Biden for acknowledging February 21-27, 2022, as Eating Disorders Awareness Week to prioritize eating disorders as mental illnesses that deserve attention across the nation.



Instagram Live

The Eating Disorders Coalition worked with the White House and Department of Health and Human Services to organize an Instagram Live during Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

Featured speakers included:

National Alliance for Eating Disorders Development Manager, Lisa Murano, moderator.

Assistant Secretary for Health, Admiral Rachel Levine.

ABC News Chief Meteorologist and Climate Unite Managing Editor, Ginger Zee.

Actress and Author, Elisa Donovan.

To watch a recording click the button below!

[Watch Instagram Live!](#)

EDC's Press Releases

[EDC Applauds Bipartisan Introduction of the Kids Online Safety Act](#)
[Introduction of Anna Westin Legacy Act Broadens Impact of the Landmark Legislation](#)
[White House Declares Presidential Proclamation for Eating Disorders Awareness Week](#)

Letters of Support

The EDC signed onto a [letter](#) led by the Kennedy Forum to Majority Leader Schumer and Speaker Pelosi requesting that any reconciliation package that moves forward include civil monetary penalty authority for mental health parity.

The EDC led a [letter](#) to Congressional leaders urging them to delay implementation of the tele-mental health in-person requirement as a prerequisite for coverage of a telehealth service.

The EDC signed onto a [letter](#) to U.S. House & Senate Appropriations Committees regarding funding for a White House Conference on Food, Nutrition, Hunger, and Health.

The EDC signed onto a [statement letter](#), led by the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Coalition, to the Senate Finance Committee commending them for holding a hearing on mental health and to encourage bold action of a federal emergency declaration in children's mental health.

Members of Congress led a [letter](#) to Chairwoman DeLauro, Ranking Member Granger, and Ranking Member Cole urging them to prioritize House-passed funding levels of \$1 million for the Eating Disorders Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral, and Treatment (SBIRT)

Become an EDC Ambassador

The EDC continues to look for Ambassadors to represent the EDC throughout the nation. Our ambassadors help the EDC grow its advocate base in their states and are active in the legislative process by connecting with their Members of Congress. Email Emily Rosenberg at erosenberg@eatingdisorderscoalition.org with any questions.

Click the button below to join!

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**BECOME YOUR STATE'S
LEADER, A CHAMPION FOR
CHANGE, & BECOME
CONNECTED WITH YOUR
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.
BECOME AN AMBASSADOR
TODAY!**



Take Action: Become an EDC Ambassador

Share Your Story

The Eating Disorders Coalition is collecting stories from our advocates on their experiences with social media and the impact it may have had on yours or a loved one's eating disorder or body image concerns. Please know that your answers may be anonymously included in documents prepared for federal eating disorder policy and advocacy efforts.

Interested participants, click the button below!

Take Action: Social Media Survey

The Eating Disorders Coalition is collecting personal stories of individuals' experiences/relationships with their primary care provider.

Interested participants, click the button below! [survey](#).

Take Action: Primary Care Provider Survey

Survey Opportunity

Have you or someone you know had a hard time getting mental health or addiction care? Or had difficulty finding a provider who doesn't have a long waitlist?

If so, please take this important survey from NORC at the University of Chicago. We have been invited to assist in the survey led by the [Bowman Family Foundation](#). Your confidential responses could help drive policy change that will make a difference for everyone.

The survey is available in English or Spanish and will take about 5-15 minutes. You can respond for yourself or on behalf of someone you know, such as a family member, friend, or a patient. This research is covered by a Certificate of Confidentiality from the National Institute of Health – none of your personal information or your specific responses will be shared with others.

To learn more and to take the survey, click the button below!

[Take Action: Complete the NORC Survey](#)

Grant Opportunity

The Office on Women's Health (OWH) anticipates the availability of funds to support grants focusing on eating disorders during the COVID-19 pandemic. OWH anticipates funding projects designed to identify, develop, and implement evidence-based interventions aimed at detecting and preventing eating disorders, focusing on teen girls at risk for eating disorders during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The application is anticipated to open on March 15, 2022.

To apply, click the button below.

[Take Action: Apply for Grant](#)

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](#)

Connect with us on Social Media!



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