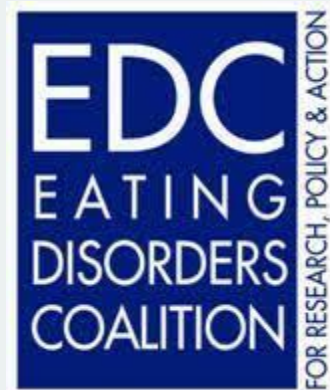


January 2022



## EDC Virtual Advocacy Day!

A graphic with a light blue background. On the left side, there are three overlapping circles in shades of blue and yellow. The text "SAVE the DATE" is centered, with "SAVE" and "DATE" in large, bold, blue, sans-serif capital letters, and "the" in a smaller, white, cursive font. Below this, a horizontal line is followed by the date "May 17, 2022" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Underneath the date, the text "Eating Disorders Coalition's Virtual Advocacy Day" is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, there is a small version of the EDC logo. At the bottom right, there are three overlapping circles in shades of blue and yellow. The text "Registration Opens March 14, 2022" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font at the bottom center.

### 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 (<https://thebowmanfamilyfoundation.org/>). 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, please click [here](#).

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## Legislative Updates

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

Representative Jeff Van Drew (R-NJ-02) is the latest co-sponsor of the Improving Mental Health and Wellness in Schools Act.

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

The Eating Disorders Coalition led a letter joined by over 40 organizations to the Senate Agriculture Committee and House Education and Labor Committee urging committee members to include the legislation in the Child Reauthorization Act. The full letter can be read [here](#).

## Letters of Support

The Eating Disorders Coalitions joined over 300 organizations in a letter of support to Congressional leadership urging them to facilitate a pathway to comprehensive permanent telehealth reform. The full letter can be read [here](#).

## 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.

**If you are interested in getting involved, please fill out this [form](#).**

Email Emily Rosenberg at [erosenberg@eatingdisorderscoalition.org](mailto:erosenberg@eatingdisorderscoalition.org) with any questions.



**Bronze Rank:**

- Send an email/letter to legislative office in support of EDC legislation

**Silver Rank:**

- All bronze goals
- Contact Congress after EDC meets w/ them + post on socials
- Share EDC's Action Alerts with 5 people

**Gold Rank:**

- All silver goals
- Recruit 5 people in your area to join EDC's base
- Share EDC's Action Alerts with 15 people.

**Platinum Rank:**

- All gold goals
- Send video to legislative office supporting EDC legislation
- Recruit 25 people in your area to join EDC's base
- Share EDC's Action Alerts with 25 people

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## Share Your Story

The Eating Disorders Coalition is looking to collect 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.

**Interested participants, please fill out this [survey](#).**

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

**Interested participants, please fill out this [survey](#).**

***Please know that your answers may be anonymously included in documents prepared for federal eating disorder policy and advocacy efforts.***

## 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!***

**Sign Up for Action Alerts!**

# Connect with us on Social Media!

We are excited to share that we are back on Instagram!



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  
Timberline Knolls

## **Leadership Circle**

National Alliance for Eating Disorders  
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)

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