January 2022

EDC Virtual Advocacy Day!

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.

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 Cynthia 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.

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**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

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 Disoders 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)