

# EDC ON THE HILL

## 2019

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#### **EDC Advocacy Day - Registration Closing April 10th!**

Time is running out to register for EDC Advocacy Day on May 7th! This year, we will be advocating for Medicare coverage for medical nutrition therapy for eating disorders and protecting provisions in the Affordable Care Act that affect Americans with the serious mental illness of eating disorders and their families.

Registration is open through April 10. You can register [here](#) and learn more about our annual advocacy day [here](#).

#### **NIMH Twitter Chat in honor of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week**

On Thursday, February 28th, the Eating Disorders Coalition was invited to participate in the National Institute of Mental Health's (NIMH) Twitter Chat. The chat covered the common types of eating disorders, how they are treated, current research, and how to find help. Mark Chavez, Ph.D., Program Chief of the NIMH Eating Disorders Research Program was answering questions live. Visit our Twitter account ([@EDCoalition](#)) to view Tweets from this chat.

#### **EDC Attends ICED 2019**

Several members of the EDC board attended the annual [International Conference on Eating Disorders](#), which took place March 13-16 in New York City. The EDC, in addition to our member organizations, exhibited at the conference, engaged with conference attendees and participated in the conference sessions. EDC Board Secretary Millie Plotkin was part of a presentation on advocacy efforts around the globe, including the recent achievements and future goals of the EDC as well as our members: National Eating Disorders Association, Residential Eating Disorders Consortium and the Strategic Training Initiative for the Prevention of Eating Disorders. On Saturday morning, EDC Immediate Past President Bryn Austin was sworn in as the Academy for Eating Disorders' new President for 2019-2020.

#### **Eating Disorders Coalition Joins 40+ mental health organizations in letter to Senate HELP Committee Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-TN)**

The Eating Disorders Coalition co-signed a letter to Senate HELP (Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee) Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-TN) on solutions to improve health care affordability. The letter addresses policies to address mental health parity compliance, health insurance market stabilization, and enhanced behavioral health care integration. Read the full letter here: <https://bit.ly/2NQMUnt>

## Press Statements

The Eating Disorders Coalition released a statement applauding the recent decision in the *Wit v. UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company* court case on mental health parity. Read the full press statement here: <https://bit.ly/2XNRCXp>

The Eating Disorders Coalition released a statement supporting the House Energy & Commerce Committee's investigation of Short-Term, Limited Duration Insurance Plans. The Eating Disorders Coalition supports the majority Committee's decision to examine these policies further as STLDI plans have a history of discriminating against individuals with pre-existing conditions. Read the full press statement here: <https://bit.ly/2HwR0jn>

## Action Alerts

The Eating Disorders Coalition has recently been working on sending out Action Alerts via email and text message when we need you to contact your elected officials to further our legislative priorities. Would you like to be notified about Action Alerts via our new text message advocacy system in the future? Sign up at this [link](#).

## Thank you to our members who support EDC's successful policy efforts!

### Champions Circle

- Residential Eating Disorders Consortium

### Executive Circle

- Clementine
- Eating Recovery Center
- The Emily Program
- Monte Nido
- Oliver-Pyatt Centers
- Veritas Collaborative
- WithAll

### Policy Circle

- Academy for Eating Disorders
- National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA)
- The Renfrew Center

### Leadership Circle

- Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness
- Bannister Consultancies
- The Donahue Foundation
- Focus Treatment Center
- Gail R. Schoenbach FREED Foundation
- Reasons Eating Disorder Center

### Advocacy Circle

- Center for Change
- International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals Foundation (iaedp)
- Laureate Eating Disorders Program
- Timberline Knolls

### Support Circle

- Aloria Health
- Cambridge Eating Disorder Center
- Center for Discovery
- The Center for Eating Disorders at Sheppard Pratt
- Eating Disorder Hope
- Mirasol Eating Disorder Recovery Centers
- Mothers Against Eating Disorders (MAED)
- Multi-Service Eating Disorders Association
- Park Nicollet Melrose Center
- Rosewood Centers for Eating Disorders
- Strategic Training Initiative for the Prevention of Eating Disorders (STRIPED)
- Walden Behavioral Care

### Hope Circle

- Eating Disorder Coalition of Iowa (EDCI)
- The Eating Disorders Center at Rogers Memorial Hospital
- Eating Disorder Therapy LA
- FEAST
- International Federation of Eating Disorders Dietitians (IFEDD)
- Moonshadow's Spirit
- The National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Eating Disorders
- Project Heal
- Stay Strong Virginia
- Wrobel & Smith, PLLP

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