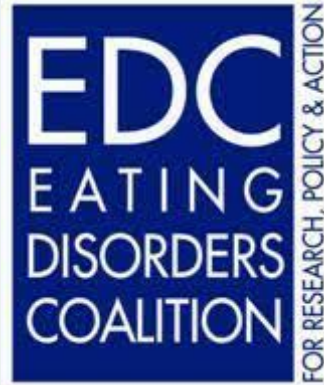


March 2022



## EDC Virtual Advocacy Day!



Join us on Capitol Hill (virtually), where you can influence federal policy and make a difference in the lives of those affected by eating disorders.

Don't worry if it is your first time joining us. We provide a training session where we will review our unified message and the legislation for which we will advocate. We will also teach you about lobbying and how to share your story in a way that leaves a notable impact on Congressional members and staff.

Your experiences are important- we need your voice!

Click the button below to register!

[Register for Advocacy Day](#)

## Legislative Updates

### Anna Westin Legacy Act ([S.3686/H.R.7249](#))

This legislation, led by *Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), and Thom Tillis (R-NC)* and *Representatives Doris Matsui (D-CA-06), David B. McKinley (R-WV-01), Theodore E. Deutch (D-FL-22), and Jefferson Van Drew (R-NJ-02)* 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 and Representative to become co-sponsors!

Click the button below to take action!

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

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

The EDC is grateful to have the following Members of Congress sign on as co-sponsors in the month of March: *Senators Edward J. Markey (D-MA) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)*.

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](#)

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

The EDC is thrilled to have the following Members of Congress sign on as co-sponsors in the month of March: *Representatives Seth Moulton (D-MA-08), Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA-40), Ted Lieu (D-CA-33), Stephen F. Lynch (D-MA-08), Madeleine Dean (D-PA-04), C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD-02), Grace F. Napolitano (D-CA-32), Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ-11), Judy Chu (D-CA-27), and Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC-At Large)*

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.

Tell your Senators and Representative to become co-sponsors!

**Click the button below to take action!**

**Take Action: Improving Mental Health and Wellness in Schools Act**

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## 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!  
Deadline April 31, 2022.**

**Take Action: Complete the NORC Survey**

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## EDC's Press Releases

- [Statement from the EDC: President Biden to Spotlight Mental Health During State of the Union Address.](#)
  - [Eating Disorders Coalition Call to Action: Story Collection for Insurance Discrimination.](#)
  - [EDC Celebrates Multiple Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations Successes for Eating Disorders Research, Prevention and Treatment.](#)
  - [EDC Applauds Omnibus Passage of Telehealth Provisions to Inform Future Telehealth Policy.](#)
  - [Bipartisan Anna Westin Legacy Act Companion Bill Introduced in U.S. House of Representatives.](#)
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## Letters of Support

- EDC signed onto a [letter](#) led by Fairplay and Center for Digital Democracy to urge Congressional leadership to enact policy safeguards to protect children and teens online.
- EDC signed onto a [letter](#) led by the American Psychological Association to the U.S. Surgeon General urging him to create a public awareness campaign on the dangers of social media to adolescents.

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## 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 [rosenberg@eatingdisorderscoalition.org](mailto:rosenberg@eatingdisorderscoalition.org) with any questions.

Click the button below to join!



Take Action: Become an EDC Ambassador

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## Advocate Spotlight

## #WhyAdvocate

“I advocate because I personally have been affected by an eating disorder as well as many of my friends and loved ones. I believe it’s important to raise awareness to the public about the seriousness of eating disorders and the many health risks that come along with them. It’s important to improve access to care, education, and research for the treatment of eating disorders.”



**Hannah Case, Colorado 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!**

[Take Action: Primary Care Provider Survey](#)

## 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](#)

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## Connect with us on Social Media!



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[Donate](#)

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

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**Executive Circle**

Clementine

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National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA)

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Strategic Training Initiative for the Prevention of Eating Disorders (STRIPED)  
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