

# EDC ON THE HILL

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#### **EDC Advocacy Day**

On Tuesday, May 7, 142 advocates representing 27 states and the District of Columbia participated in the Eating Disorders Coalition's annual Capitol Hill Advocacy Day. Participants advocated for stabilization of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and critical new legislation that would ensure individuals and families covered by Medicare have access to the medical nutrition therapy needed to initiate and sustain recovery from eating disorder illnesses. Read the EDC's full statement on the day [here](#) and *Roll Call*'s profile on the day [here](#).



#### **Affordable Care Act Stabilization Success - H.R. 986/987**

The Eating Disorders Coalition celebrated the U.S. House of Representatives' passage of the *Marketing and Outreach Restoration to Empower Health Education Act of 2019* (H.R. 987), which provides critical reforms and funding to support the ACA. This legislation immediately follows the passage of the *Protecting Americans with Preexisting Conditions Act of 2019* (H.R. 986), which the EDC successfully advocated for during our EDC Capitol Hill Advocacy Day. Both bills are now awaiting further movement in the U.S. Senate. The full press release can be read [here](#).

#### **Introduction of the SERVE Act - Residential Eating Disorders Consortium (REDC) Initiative**

The Eating Disorders Coalition praises U.S. Congressmen and veterans Seth Moulton (D-MA-06) and Brian Mast (R-FL-18) for introducing the Supporting Eating Disorders Recovery through Vital Expansion Act (SERVE) Act of 2019 (H.R. 2767) to ensure our nation's servicemembers and their families have access to comprehensive eating disorders treatment under the TRICARE health insurance program. Read the EDC's full statement on the legislation [here](#).

#### **Re-Introduction of the LIVE Well Act - National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA) Initiative**

The Eating Disorders Coalition praises Congresswoman Alma Adams (D-NC-12) for reintroducing the Long-term Investment in Education for Wellness (LIVE Well) Act (H.R. 2625). The LIVE Well Act incorporates evidence-based, long-term health practices into an existing USDA grant program to protect people with eating disorders and improve overall health outcomes for children.

NEDA's press release on the legislation can be read [here](#).

### **Mental Health Parity Bill**

The Eating Disorders Coalition was proud to support mental health parity legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. *The Behavioral Health Coverage Transparency Act* was reintroduced in the House and the Senate by Congressman Joe Kennedy III (D-MA-04) and Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA). This legislation would increase oversight and enforcement to ensure that insurance companies cover behavioral health benefits and services on par with physical health benefits and services. Read Senator Warren's press release on the legislation [here](#).

### **National Center of Excellence for Eating Disorders (NCEED) Webinar**

Are you a healthcare professional in primary care who wants to learn about managing eating disorders in your practice? The National Center for Excellence for Eating Disorders (NCEED) is holding a free online webinar training on Tuesday, June 4 at 1pm EST entitled "Screening and Referral: Evidence-Based Eating Disorder Treatment in Primary Care Practice". This webinar is a product of the Anna Westin Act's provisions to provide funding for the acceleration of research into prevention and cures for serious illnesses and address improvements in mental health service delivery. For more information on the webinar, visit this [link](#).

### **Strategic Training Initiative for the Prevention of Eating Disorders (STRIPED) Webinar on Dietary Supplements**

On Tuesday, June 4 at 1pm EST, Harvard University's Strategic Training Initiative for the Prevention of Eating Disorders (STRIPED) Director Bryn Austin will sit down for a Facebook live interview with actress Jameela Jamil and body image researcher, Nadia Craddock. The discussion will explore the dangers of dietary supplements, the physical and mental health effects stemming from body image issues, and the role celebrities can play in driving positive culture change. For more information, visit this [link](#).

### **Action Alerts**

The Eating Disorders Coalition continues to engage our community through Action Alerts via email and text message. We need your voice to contact elected officials to further important eating disorder 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
- International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals Foundation (iaedp)
- Monte Nido
- Oliver-Pyatt Centers
- Veritas Collaborative
- WithAll

#### **Policy Circle**

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

#### **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)

#### **Hope Circle**

- Eating Disorder Coalition of Iowa (EDCI)
- The Eating Disorders Center at Rogers Memorial

**Leadership Circle**

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

**Advocacy Circle**

- Center for Change
- Laureate Eating Disorders Program
- Timberline Knolls
- Walden Behavioral Care

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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