Eating Disorders Coalition
Advocacy Day Recap

Thank you to everybody who participated in the EDC Virtual Advocacy Day

190 people attended from 34 states & D.C.
125 meetings were held.
800 people sent emails & tweets to their Members of Congress.
"Addressing Eating Disorders and the COVID-19 Pandemic."

OWH invites applicants to:

1. Create partnerships between community organizations, hospitals, and nutritionists to address gaps in care.
2. Address modifiable risk factors, encourage behavior change, and improve health outcomes.
3. Create developmentally appropriate education and outreach for teen girls at risk for eating disorders. Interventions should address the contributing factors resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic which has exacerbated eating disorders.

Application closes Friday, July 15.
More information can be found here.
Eating Disorders Coalition's Chief Policy Officer, Katrina Velasquez, Esq., M.A. attended the **White House Mental Health Youth Action Forum**. Speakers included First Lady Dr. Jill Biden, U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek H. Murphy, and Singer Selena Gomez.

You can watch a recording of the forum below.

[Watch Recording Here!](#)

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**Insurance Discrimination Survey**

Help us inform the U.S. Department of Labor and Congress to better enforce and improve mental health parity laws.
Looking back over the past three years, please share any examples of an insurance company's refusal to cover eating disorders care.

Confidential patient information like names and date of birth will not be asked for.

The responses may be shared with the Department of Labor as they continue to work to enforce mental health parity and new auditing law.

**Click the button below to submit a response.**

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**LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

**ANNA WESTIN LEGACY ACT**

(113-736/93.569)

**TRAINING FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS TO IDENTIFY SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF EATING DISORDERS AND REFER PATIENTS FOR TREATMENT.**

The EDC extends gratitude to Representatives Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ-01), Mondaire Jones (D-NY-17), Gus M. Bilirakis (R-FL-12), Marc A. Veasey (D-TX-33), Diana DeGette (D-CO-01), Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL-27), Sean Casten (D-IL-18), Ro Khanna (D-CA-17), and Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC-AL) for becoming co-sponsors of the Anna Westin Legacy Act in the month of May!

Tell your Senators and Representative to become co-sponsors!

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

[Take Action: Anna Westin Legacy Act]
The EDC extends gratitude to Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Joni Ernst (R-IA) for co-sponsoring the Kids Online Safety Act in the month of May!

Tell your Senators to become co-sponsors and for your Representatives to become original 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)

Legislation would integrate mental health promotion education and resources into existing local school wellness policies.

Currently, policies only teach about nutrition education and physical activity.
The EDC extends gratitude to Representative Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE-AL) for co-sponsoring the Improving Mental Health and Wellness in Schools Act in the month of May!

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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PRESS RELEASES

- Eating Disorders Coalition Hosted Annual Advocacy Day.

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LETTERS OF SUPPORT

- EDC signed onto a letter led by the Campaign for Trauma-Informed Policy and Practice to House and Senate leadership urging them to bring the Post-Disaster Mental Health Response Act up for a vote.
- EDC signed onto a letter led by the Children's Hospital Association requesting $718.8 million for the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) program to strengthen the pediatric workforce and access to care for children.
- EDC signed on a letter led by MHLG to House Energy and Commerce Committee leadership requesting their support for the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Reauthorization Act. This legislation would reauthorize a federal grant program to support states, tribes, and campuses with the implementation of youth suicide prevention and early intervention strategies.
- EDC signed onto a letter led by the American Academy of Pediatrics requesting $30 million for the Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment Program to continue providing loan repayment for medical subspecialists, pediatric surgical specialists, and child mental health professionals who care for children in underserved areas. Read the House letter here and the Senate letter here.
EDC AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Become your state's leader, a champion for change, and become connected with your Members of Congress!

Email Emily Rosenberg at erosenberg@eatingdisorderscoalition.org with any questions.

Click the button below to learn more and join!

Become an EDC Ambassador

AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT
#WhyIAAdvocate

"As the mother of an 18yo daughter with ED, I advocate for her, for myself, for my family and for every family struggling while navigating this difficult and exhausting disease. Eating disorders are the sneakiest of mental illnesses. They take years to develop, are complex and very difficult to recognize and treat, and cause the sufferer to hide in shame and isolate themselves from the world and from the people who care about them. It is this disconnection, from food, from loved ones, from self, and ultimately from life that can do lasting damage. I advocate to rebuild these connections and bring compassionate support to my family and others."

Cheryl Barcal, Illinois Super Advocate

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**STORY COLLECTION**

**Story Collection**

We are collecting personal stories on social media’s impact on individuals’ body image concerns or eating disorder.

Share your story to help inform our policy efforts with Members of Congress.

Interested participants, click the button below!
Story Collection

We are collecting personal stories of individuals’ experiences & relationships with their primary care provider.

Share your story to help inform our policy efforts with Members of Congress.

Interested participants, click the button below!

Primary Care Provider Story Collection

PARTICIPATE IN EDC 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!

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Advocacy Circle
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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
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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)
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