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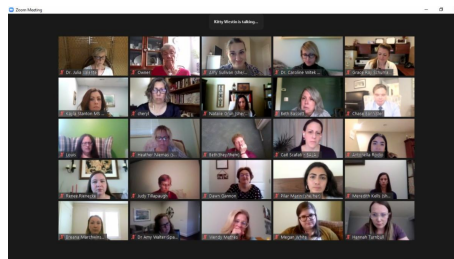
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New Co-Sponsors of the Nutrition CARE Act ([H.R. 1551/S. 584](#))

The EDC is pleased to announce that 19 Representatives signed on to the Nutrition CARE Act in the month of May as a result of our Virtual Advocacy Day efforts! Thanks to Rep. Cohen [D-TN-9]; Rep. Castor [D-FL-14]; Rep. Peters [D-CA-52]; Rep. Ross [D-NC-2]; Rep. Cicilline [D-RI-1]; Rep. Crist [D-FL-13]; Rep. Davis [R-IL-13]; Rep. Pascrell [D-NJ-9]; Rep. Yarmuth [D-KY-3]; Rep. Lowenthal [D-CA-47]; Rep. Jacobs [R-NY-27]; Del. Norton [D-DC-At Large] Rep. Trone [D-MD-6]; Rep. Schakowsky [D-IL-9]; Rep. DeGette [D-CO-1]; Rep. Kelly [D-IL-2]; Rep. Kilmer [D-WA-6]; Rep. Lynch [D-MA-8]; and Rep. Pingree [D-ME-1].



New Co-Sponsors of the SERVE Act ([H.R. 1309/S. 194](#))

The EDC is also happy to inform the community that 7 Representatives became new co-sponsors of the SERVE Act in the month of May. Shout out to Rep. Trone [D-MD-6]; Rep. Khanna [D-CA-17]; Rep. Harder [D-CA-10]; Rep. Baird [R-IN-4]; Rep. Johnson [D-GA-4]; Rep. Van Drew [R-NJ-2]; and Rep. Perlmutter [D-CO-7] for supporting this legislation. The SERVE Act would improve early identification, access to care, and quality of care for servicemembers and military family members affected by eating disorders.

EDC Virtual Advocacy Day – Recap

On May 6, 173 advocates from 31 states and the District of Columbia participated in EDC Virtual Advocacy Day 2021, and met with their Members of Congress to lobby their support for the Nutrition CARE Act. In total, advocates from 29 different teams took part in a total of 154 meetings with their Members of Congress virtually through Zoom. To read more about the advocacy day, see our press release [here](#).

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies (LHHS) FY 2022 Appropriations Bill – Eating Disorders Coalition Requests (Press Release)

The EDC helped organize a [letter](#) to the leadership of the House Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies (LHHS) Appropriations Subcommittee, in an effort to secure support and funding for a set of eating disorders initiatives in the upcoming LHHS Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 appropriations bill. The letter, led by Rep. Deutch [D-FL-22], Rep. Fitzpatrick [R-

PA-01], Rep. Tonko [D-NY-20], and Rep. Spanberger [D-VA-07], and signed by over 50 Members of Congress, can be found [here](#).

Senate Committee on Finance, Health Care Subcommittee Statement Submission

The EDC formally submitted a statement to the Senate Committee on Finance, Health Care Subcommittee in response to the subcommittee's hearing, "The COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond: Improving Mental Health and Addiction Services in Our Communities," urging the subcommittee to advance the Nutrition CARE Act as part of their priorities this Congress. The submission can be found [here](#).

National Women's Health Week (May 9-15) and Mental Health Awareness Month

The EDC partnered with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health to promote National Women's Health Week. As a part of this week, the EDC shared helpful resources for promoting good health practices and highlighting the impact of women in the mental health field. The EDC also participated in Mental Health Awareness Month, led by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, by sharing tools and raising awareness around mental health and Mental Health Action Day led by MTV.

EDC Letters of Support

Medicaid Coverage Gap

The EDC signed on to a letter led by The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, urging Congress to close the Medicaid coverage gap as part of recovery legislation this upcoming year, which would help provide coverage for the first time to over 2 million low-income persons. Read the full letter [here](#).

Equality Act

The EDC signed on to a letter led by the American Academy of Pediatrics to the United States Senate in support of the Equality Act, which provides affirmative, statutory nondiscrimination protections for LGBTQ Americans both in the workplace and in the community. The full letter can be accessed [here](#).

Passage of Bipartisan Mental Health Bills

The EDC, along with a coalition of mental health and wellness organizations, signed on to a letter applauding a slate of bipartisan mental health bills that passed in the U.S. House of Representatives, which include the Pursuing Equity in Mental Health Act and the STANDUP Act. Read the full letter [here](#).

Moms MATTER Act

The EDC signed on to a letter led by 2020 Mom to House Energy & Commerce Committee leadership in support of the bipartisan Moms MATTER Act, which provides critical investments in programs to expand access to treatments and support for maternal mental health conditions and substance use disorders for individuals from racial and ethnic minority groups. The full letter can be accessed [here](#).

2021 Child and Adolescent Mental and Behavioral Health Principles

The EDC signed on to a letter led by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health in support of the 2021 Child and Adolescent Mental and Behavioral Health Principles, in order to help improve and enhance mental health services for this population. Read the full letter [here](#).

Eating Disorders Personal Story Collection

The Eating Disorders Coalition continues to collect stories from our advocates on their experiences as military members, veterans, and their families who are/were affected by eating disorders in order to inform our advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill and develop a strong grassroots network of advocates across the U.S.

We are also collecting personal stories and advocacy interest from individuals on Medicare including persons aged 65 years of age and older and persons experiencing disabilities, and non-Medicare recipients who have had issues gaining insurance coverage for Nutrition Counseling (i.e. dietitian services) for their eating disorder.

If you have personal experiences with any of these issues, please fill out this [survey](#) for military and this [survey](#) for Medicare, disability, and/or Nutrition Counseling coverage.

EDC 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 through this [link](#).

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

Leadership Circle

- Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness
- 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 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)
- 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)
- Rogers Behavioral Health
- Wrobel & Smith, PLLP

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