



The EDC Meets with American Academy of Pediatrics

WASHINGTON, D.C. (February 8, 2023)—Today, the Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy, & Action (EDC) Board President, Christine Peat, Ph.D., and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) President, Sandy Chung, M.D., FAAP held an informal meeting to introduce Dr. Chung to the EDC and the organization’s mission to make eating disorders a public health priority in the United States. During the meeting, the EDC underscored its dedication to advocating for federal policies and initiatives that support individuals, families, and loved ones with eating disorders.

The meeting was held with an eye toward kickstarting important dialogue regarding how the EDC might serve as a resource and provide subject matter expertise in the broader portfolio of the AAP, including the development of its clinical guidelines. Encouragingly, both parties expressed an earnest desire for collaboration and an acknowledgement of the important work ahead.

“This meeting represents a significant benchmark in how eating disorders might be included in the work of the AAP,” **said Christine Peat, Ph.D., EDC Board President.** “It is my hope that continued conversation will allow our two organizations to work toward a shared vision wherein children, adolescents, and their families are provided with safe and effective care, particularly when it comes to eating disorders.”

The EDC seeks to have today’s conversation be one of many with AAP over the coming months and years. The EDC and AAP acknowledge that bias exists in many aspects of clinical practice and that these biases are most effectively addressed through collaborative efforts across varied stakeholder groups. The EDC remains committed to strive for a stronger, collaborative relationship with the AAP on these challenging issues as stewards of the eating disorders community.

The Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action (EDC) is a Washington, D.C. based, federal advocacy organization comprised of advocacy organizations, academics, treatment providers, family/loved ones of children with eating disorders, and people experiencing eating disorders nationwide. The EDC advances the recognition of eating disorders as a public health priority throughout the United States. Additional resources can also be found at eatingdisorderscoalition.org.

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