



Eating Disorders Victories in Congress' Fiscal Year 2024 Funding Package

WASHINGTON D.C. (April 25, 2024) – The Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy, & Action (EDC) has championed several appropriations requests each Fiscal Year to address research, early intervention, prevention, and treatment of eating disorders across various agencies. For Fiscal Year 2024, the EDC, in strong partnership with our Congressional Champions, Representatives Stephanie Bice (R-OK-05), Marcy Kaptur (D-OH-09), Chellie Pingree (D-ME-01), Mark Pocan (D-WI-02), and David Valadao (R-CA-22), and Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), John Boozman (R-AR), Shelly Moore Capito (R-WV), Deb Fischer (R-NE), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), secured funding and strong report language including:

- \$1 million for the training of primary health care providers on eating disorders screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment (SBIRT) within the Health Resources and Services Administration.
- \$750,000 under the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for research on eating disorders to improve prevention, identification, and treatment.
- Encouraging the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to diversify its research across all eating disorders, which is a strong step toward a comprehensive understanding of eating disorders.
- Urging the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to include one question on eating disorders within the Youth Risk Behavioral Surveillance System survey. This language will help identify public health trends, prevalence and inform future interventions for children and adolescents.
- The continuation of eating disorders as an eligible research topic in the Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program within the U.S. Department of Defense. The inclusion of eating disorders as an eligible research topic ensures that eating disorders will continue to be studied among service members, who are estimated to have higher rates of eating disorders than the general population.

The EDC acknowledges these successes would not be possible without the leadership of the Appropriations Committee specifically House Chair Kay Granger (R-TX-12), House Ranking Member DeLauro (D-CT-03), Senate Chair Patty Murray (D-WA), and Ranking Member Susan Collins (R-ME). The funding will have profound impacts on the lives of those with eating disorders.

“The range of victories EDC has secured this year, including dedicated funding for much needed eating disorders research from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration and Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health, is a true testament to the dedication of our champions in Congress and tireless advocacy of our community,” said **S. Bryn Austin, ScD, Board Member, Eating Disorders Coalition and Professor, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and Boston Children’s Hospital**. “Our champions understand that advances in prevention and treatment of these devastating illnesses are possible only through rigorous and sustained research, and they heard our call for greater federal support. For this we are deeply grateful.”

The Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action is a federal advocacy organization based in Washington, D.C. The EDC advances the recognition of eating disorders as a public health priority throughout the United States.

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