

WHERE TO FIND **NATIONAL** LEGISLATIVE AND ADVOCACY UPDATES

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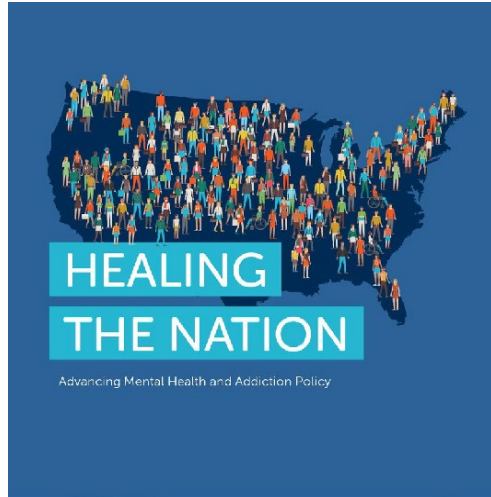


Find resources and information about
advocating on the national level.

Let's Go >



ABHW



Advancing Health Care Policy
for Mental Health and Addiction

www.abhw.org/advocacy

American Academy of Pediatrics



DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHILDREN™

For Advocacy Issues <https://services.aap.org/en/advocacy/>

State-Focused Advocacy <https://services.aap.org/en/advocacy/state-advocacy/>



The Center aims to improve children's lives through advances in law, justice, knowledge, practice, and public policy.

www.americanbar.org/groups/public_interest/child_law/



The Alignment for Progress is an action-oriented movement combining vision, commitment, and investment with the goal of redirecting the future of care.

<https://www.alignmentforprogress.org/>



*For people with intellectual
and developmental disabilities*

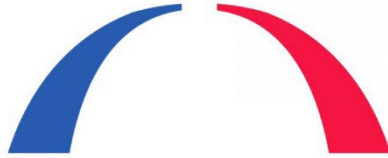
The Arc has been at the forefront of the fight for the civil rights and inclusion of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families, playing a lead role in major victories in civil rights, community living, education, income security, and other important issues.

<https://thearc.org/policy-advocacy>



The Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law has advocated for the civil rights, full inclusion and equality of adults and children with mental disabilities.

<https://www.bazelon.org/>



BIPARTISAN POLICY CENTER

The Bipartisan Policy Center is a not-for-profit organization that ensures policymakers work across party lines to craft bipartisan solutions.

<https://bipartisanpolicy.org/>

State Budgets and Tax Issues



TANF in the States

- <https://www.cbpp.org/topics/tanf-in-the-states>

Medicaid and CHIP

- <https://www.cbpp.org/topics/medicaid-and-chip>

SNAP Basics

- <https://www.cbpp.org/topics/snap-basics>

<https://www.cbpp.org/topics/state-budget-and-tax>



Child Trends is the nation's leading research organization focused exclusively on improving the lives of children and youth, especially those who are most vulnerable.

<https://www.childtrends.org/>



ChildFocus connects people, programs and policy to support non-profits, philanthropy and government as unrelenting champions for children, youth, and families.

<https://www.childfocuspartners.com/>



COALITION ON HUMAN NEEDS

The Coalition on Human Needs (CHN) is an alliance of national organizations working together to promote public policies which address the needs of low-income and other vulnerable populations.

www.chn.org



The Child Welfare League Of America (CWLA) is a coalition of private and public agencies that since 1920 has worked to serve children and families who are vulnerable. Their expertise, leadership and innovation on policies, programs, and practices help improve the lives of millions of children across the country.

<https://www.cwla.org/our-work/advocacy/>



**Depression and Bipolar
Support Alliance**

Building on a long history of championing personal advocacy, DBSA advocates for placing peers at the forefront when determining needs and best practices for mental health services. They support both policy and media related advocacy at national and state levels, ensuring the needs and concerns of peers are front and center in policy, service delivery, and treatment decisions.

<https://www.dbsalliance.org/get-involved/advocacy-center/>

disabilityscoop

Disability Scoop is the nation's largest news organization devoted to covering developmental disabilities. With daily coverage of autism, intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome and more, no other news source offers a timely and more comprehensive take on the issues that matter to the developmental disability community.

<https://www.disabilityscoop.com/latest-news/>



Families USA, a leading national, non-partisan voice for health care consumers, is dedicated to achieving high-quality, affordable health care and improved health for all. Their work is driven by and centered around four pillars: value, equity, coverage, and consumer experience.

<https://familiesusa.org/act/>



Family Voices is a national organization and grassroots network of families and friends of children and youth with special health care needs and disabilities that promotes partnership with families – including those of cultural, linguistic and geographic diversity – in order to improve healthcare services and policies for children. Family Voices provides information about current policy proposals that could affect children and their families, the policy-making process, and how families can influence policy decisions.

FamilyVoices.org/publicpolicy



FIRST FOCUS

CAMPAIGN FOR CHILDREN

The First Focus Campaign for Children is a bipartisan children's advocacy organization. The Campaign for Children advocates directly for legislative change in Congress to ensure children and families are a priority in federal policy and budget decisions. They maintain a bill tracker to help you stay up to date on the latest effecting children.

<https://ffccscorecard.org/billtracker>



Because we're stronger together[®]

Generations United believes that public policy should meet the needs of all generations and that resources are more wisely used when they connect generations rather than separate them. They promote an intergenerational approach to framing public policies that impact children, youth and older adult issues.

<https://www.gu.org/what-we-do/public-policy/>

inseparable

Inseparable envisions a world where mental health is treated as a critical and equal piece of overall health, and where systems are designed with their impact on mental health in mind and improve care for millions of Americans.

<https://www.inseparable.us/>

Juvenile Law Center

advancing the rights and
well-being of children in jeopardy

Juvenile Law Center advocates for rights, dignity, equity and opportunity for youth in the child welfare and justice systems. Through litigation, appellate advocacy and submission of amicus (friend-of-the-court) briefs, policy reform, public education, training, consulting, and strategic communications, they fight for children who come into contact with the child welfare and justice systems.

<https://jlc.org/>



**DON'T
DENY
ME**

The Kennedy Forum seeks to transform the way mental health and substance use disorders are treated in our health care system.

Parity Registry

- <https://www.parityregistry.org/>

Don't Deny Me Campaign

- <https://www.parityregistry.org/dont-deny-me/>

<https://www.thekennedyforum.org>



Maternal Mental Health Leadership Alliance (MMHLA) is dedicated to promoting the mental health of mothers and childbearing people in the United States with a focus on national policy and health equity. They provide reports by state.

<https://www.mmhla.org/advocacy-agenda>



MindSite News uses journalism to elevate the conversation around mental health, informing the public and policymakers and helping create better outcomes. They send a [daily newsletter](#) to your inbox summarizing the most important mental health stories of the day and have an [active policy tracker](#).

<https://mindsiteneews.org/policy-tracker/>



Mental Health America believes policy should ask people what they need to live the lives they want and support them in getting there. Recovery is founded on the principle that people can take on meaningful roles in the community despite mental health challenges, when they receive the support they need.

MHA's goal is recovery for all.

<https://mhanational.org/policy-issues>

- [Take Action](#)
- [State Fact Sheets](#)
- [Policy Priorities](#)
- [Public Policy Reports](#)
- [NAMI's Federal Advocacy](#)





NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES

NCSL represents the legislatures in the states, territories, and commonwealths of the U.S. Its mission is to advance the effectiveness, independence and integrity of legislatures and to foster interstate cooperation and facilitate the exchange of information among legislatures. Find comprehensive information for all 50 states in [NCSL's searchable bill tracking databases.](#)

www.ncsl.org

- [Public Policy](#)
- [Advocacy Handbook](#)
- [Advocacy Blog](#)
- [Advocacy Alerts](#)

NATIONAL COUNCIL
for Mental Wellbeing

HEALTHY MINDS ■ STRONG COMMUNITIES

The National Council for Mental Wellbeing is a membership organization that drives policy and social change on behalf of nearly 3,500 mental health and substance use treatment organizations and the more than 10 million children, adults, and families they serve. They advocate for policies to ensure equitable access to high-quality services and promote greater understanding of mental wellbeing as a core component of comprehensive health and health care.



National Council of **Nonprofits**

The National Council of Nonprofits keeps nonprofits informed and empowered to create a positive public policy environment that best supports nonprofits in advancing their missions. They offer a free bi-weekly newsletter, *Nonprofit Advocacy Matters*.

<https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/everyday-advocacy>



The National Health Law Program protects and advances health rights of low-income and underserved individuals and families. They advocate, educate and litigate at the federal and state levels to advance health and civil rights in the U.S.

<https://healthlaw.org/our-work/policy/>



The National Women's Law Center fights for gender justice—in the courts, in public policy, and in our society—working across the issues that are central to the lives of women and girls.

<https://nwlc.org/take-action/>

- [ParityTrack.org](https://www.paritytrack.org)
- [Federal Parity Reports](#)
- [State Parity Reports](#)



Parity is about fairness.

Americans with behavioral health conditions often have more difficulty getting the treatment and services they need when compared to individuals seeking other medical care. Explore parity-related information at the federal level regarding legislation, statutes, and regulatory actions since the Federal Parity Law was passed in 2008.



PARTNERSHIP
FOR AMERICA'S
CHILDREN

Connecting, strengthening, and inspiring
state and local child advocates

The Partnership for America's Children's mission is to support its' network of state and community child advocacy organizations in effective advocacy. The Partnership connects its members to peer expertise and national resources and facilitates interstate collaborations to deepen the level of impact of child advocacy within and across states.

<https://foramericaschildren.org/about/>



Partnership to End Addiction

The Partnership to End Addiction partners with families, professionals, and other organizations to end addiction in this country. Theirs is a public health approach, rooted in science and compassion.

<https://drugfree.org/advocate-for-change/>

SHATTERPROOF™

Shatterproof is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to reversing the addiction crisis in the United States.

shatterproof.org/advocacy

WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR LEGISLATIVE UPDATES?



Please let us know where you
get the legislative news
for your state.



Send additional organizations and resources to Mcovington@ffcmh.org.

Keep up with the latest on the National Federation of Families' [Legislative and Advocacy Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/NationalFederationLegislationAdvocacy).

A graphic for the National Federation of Families' Legislation and Advocacy. The background is light blue with a faint architectural pattern. On the right, there is a large, dense crowd of people. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout.

NFF NATIONAL FEDERATION OF FAMILIES
Bringing Lived Experience to Family Support

LEGISLATION AND ADVOCACY

We:

- ✓ Monitor Legislation that Impacts Families and Youth
- ✓ Identify Funding Opportunities that Support Families, Youth, and Family Peer Support
- ✓ Represent Family Voice at the National Level
- ✓ Provide Advocacy Tools and Resources

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