

**Government Affairs and Clinical Practice
2022 AACAP Major Actions and Documents Chronology**

As of June 7, 2022

(Association communications noted by *)

Joint Statement with AACAP* and 59 other medical and mental health organizations, expressing deep concern at attempts to link mental illness and gun violence, dated June 6, 2022.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 59 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of \$30 million in FY2023 funding for the Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment Program (PSLRP). Sent to Senate Committee on Appropriations Chairman Leahy (D-VT) and Vice Chairman Shelby (R-AL Subcommittee Chairman on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies and Committee on Appropriations, Murray (D-WA) and Ranking Member Blunt (R-MO) and House Subcommittee Chairman on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies and Committee on Appropriations Chairman DeLauro (D-CT), and Ranking Member Cole (R-OK), and Appropriations Ranking Member Granger (R-TX), dated May 17, 2022.

Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) Joint Sign-On with AACAP* and 26 other medical and mental health organizations, requesting \$718.8 million in FY2023 funding. Sent to Senate Subcommittee Chairman on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies and Committee on Appropriations, Murray (D-WA) and Ranking Member Blunt (R-MO) and House Subcommittee Chairman on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies and Committee on Appropriations Chairman DeLauro (D-CT), and Ranking Member Cole (R-OK), dated May 12, 2022.

Mental Health Liaison Group Sign-On with AACAP* and 49 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of the Strengthen Kids' Mental Health Now Act, (H.R. 7236). Sent to the sponsors, Reps. Eshoo (D-CA), Fitzpatrick (R-PA), and Rochester (D-DE), dated May 10, 2022.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 77 other mental health and medical organizations, in support of the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022 (H.R. 7666). Sent to House Committee on Energy and Commerce Chairman Pallone (D-NJ) and Ranking Member

McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) and Health Subcommittee Chairwoman Eshoo (D-CA) and Ranking Member Guthrie (R-KY), dated May 10, 2022.

AACAP Comments on draft Recommendations Statements released by USPTF on screening for anxiety and depression and suicide risk. Sent to U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Chair Mangione, dated May 9, 2022.

AACAP* hosted its virtual annual Legislative Conference training and Hill visits for 185 members on May 5 and May 11, 2022.

Amicus Brief in the matter of Eknes-Tucker v. Ivey Medical. Sent to the Alabama District Court on May 4, 2022.

AAP Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 287 other mental health and medical organizations, in support of \$60 million for gun violence prevention research to the CDC and NIH for fiscal year 2023. Sent to Senate Committee on Appropriations Chairman Leahy (D-VT) and Vice Chairman Shelby (R-AL), and House Committee on Appropriations Chair DeLauro (D-CT) and Ranking Member Granger (R-TX), dated April 28, 2022.

Association of American Publishers Sign-on Letter with AACAP and 82 other scientific research and publishing organizations, opposing the inclusion of Section 2527(b) in the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act (“USICA”) in the final conferenced legislation. Sent to Senate Majority Leader Schumer (D-NY), Speaker of the House Pelosi (D-CA), Senate Minority Leader McConnell (R-KY), and House Minority Leader McCarthy (R-CA), dated April 27, 2022.

AACAP responses to the CMS Request for Information on increasing access to coverage and care in the Medicaid and CHIP programs. Survey responses suggested strengthening the mental health continuum of care, implementing robust network adequacy standards to improve availability of child psychiatrists and other mental health providers, increasing diversity in the mental health workforce, and increasing/incentivizing adoption of collaborative care models in Medicaid and CHIP, dated April 18, 2022.

Mental Health Liaison Group Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 41 other mental health and medical organizations, in support of the Kids Online Safety Act (S.3663). Sent to Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee Chair Cantwell (D-WA) and Ranking Member Wicker (R-MS), dated April 13, 2022.

Mental Health Liaison Group Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 47 other mental health and medical organizations, in support of the Virtual Peer Support Act of 2021, (S. 157). (H.R. 2929). Sent to Senate Health Education and Labor Committee Chairman Murray (D-WA) and Ranking Member Burr (R-WA), and House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Pallone (D-NJ) and Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), dated April 11, 2022.

AAP Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 46 other mental health and medical organizations, in support of the Supporting Children’s Mental Health Care Access Act of 2022. Sent to the

sponsors, Reps. Schrier (D-WA) and Miller-Meeke (R-IA) and Sens. Murphy (D-CT) and Cassidy (R-LA), dated April 4, 2022.

Kennedy Forum Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 82 other mental health and medical organizations, urging a full review of the federal court decision in Wit v. United Behavioral Health (UBH). Sent to US Department of Labor Secretary Walsh and US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Becerra, dated April 1, 2022.

AAP Joint Writ of Mandamus, as part of the Amicus Brief with AACAP and multiple other mental health and medical organizations, filed in the matter of Doe v. Abbott, calling for a temporary injunction of the Texas actions on transgender and gender diverse youth and families. Sent to the Texas Supreme Court, dated April 1, 2022.

AACAP and Wisconsin Council of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Joint Amicus Brief in the matter of Doe v. Madison Metropolitan School District. Sent to the Wisconsin State Supreme Court, dated March 25, 2022.

Kennedy Forum Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 20 other mental health and medical organizations, urging the inclusion of mental health and substance use in humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. Sent to US Secretary of State Blinken and USAID Administrator Power, dated March 22, 2022.

AAP Joint Amicus Brief with AACAP and multiple other mental health and medical organizations, filed in the matter of Doe v. Abbott, calling for a temporary injunction of the Texas actions on transgender and gender diverse youth and families. Sent to the Texas Court of Appeals, dated March 17, 2022.

AAP Joint Amicus Brief with AACAP and multiple other mental health and medical organizations, filed in the matter of Doe v. Abbott, calling for a temporary injunction of the Texas actions on transgender and gender diverse youth and families, dated March 10, 2022.

AACAP Statement urging the Biden Administration to declare the Children's Mental Health Crisis a Public Health Emergency, dated March 1, 2022.

AACAP Statement Opposing Actions in Texas Threatening the Health, Mental Health and Well-Being of Transgender and Gender Diverse Youth and Their Families, dated March 1, 2022.

Mental Health Liaison Group Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 56 other mental health and medical organizations, in support of the 9-8-8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Implementation Act, sent to Reps. Cardenas (D-CA), Beyer (D-VA), Blunt Rochester (D-DE), Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Moulton (D-MA), Napolitano (D-CA), and Raskin (D-MD), dated February 18, 2022.

Project THRIVE Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 20 other medical, educational, and human services organizations, urging state legislators to oppose the onslaught of bills targeting marginalized communities, dated February 15, 2022.

Mental Health Liaison Group Joint Statement for the Record with AACAP* and other MHLG members, on Protecting Youth Mental Health: Part 1 – An Advisory and Call to Action, sent to the U.S. Senate Finance Committee for hearing on February 8, 2022.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Coalition Joint Statement for the Record with AACAP* and 15 other mental health and medical organizations, on Protecting Youth Mental Health: Part 1 – An Advisory and Call to Action, sent to the U.S. Senate Finance Committee for hearing on February 8, 2022.

AACAP, AAP, and CHA Joint Statement for the Record, on Protecting Youth Mental Health: Part 1 – An Advisory and Call to Action, sent to the U.S. Senate Finance Committee for hearing on February 8, 2022.

AACAP and CHA Joint Statement for the Record on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders: Responding to the Growing Crisis, sent to the U.S. Senate HELP Committee for hearing on February 1, 2022.

Mental Health Liaison Group Letter with AACAP* from Reps. Napolitano (D-CA) and Katko (R-NY) and 37 other members of Congress, urging passage of several bills to address the nationwide mental health crisis due to COVID, sent to Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Chairwoman Murray (D-WA) and Ranking Member Burr (R-WA), dated February 1, 2022

Joint APA Amicus Brief with AACAP and other mental health organizations, in *Brandt v. Rutledge*, advocating on behalf of patients and physicians in Arkansas. Sent January 20, 2022.

AACAP President Dr. Warren Ng, participated in two federal policy convenings: The first was a meeting of Senate Democrats, coordinated by the Senate Democrat Steering and Outreach Committee, to discuss the impact of our nation’s child mental health crisis on parents and caregivers. The second was a roundtable discussion hosted by U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra, to discuss how HHS can help implement key policy recommendations offered in the [Surgeon General’s Advisory: Protecting Youth Mental Health](#). January 12, 2022.