AACAP Statement, in support of the $1.7 trillion federal government spending bill signed into law. This “omnibus” bill, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, funds government agencies and programs through 2023 and authorizes new policy reforms, including many mental health programs and policies supported by AACAP, dated December 29, 2022.

Mental Health Liaison Group Statement with AACAP* and other MLHG members, urging the passage of a comprehensive end-of-year package prioritizing mental and behavioral health. Sent to Congress, dated December 12, 2022.

AACAP* Letter, urging action on urgent reforms needed to address youth mental health before the end of the 177th Congress. Sent to House Speaker Pelosi (D-CA), House Leader McCarthy (R-CA), Senate Majority Leader Schumer (D-NY), and Senate Leader McConnell (R-KY), dated December 8, 2022.

Children’s Hospital Association Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 33 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of the Investing in Kids’ Mental Health Now Act (S. 4747). Sent to the sponsors, Senators Casey (D-PA) and Portman (R-OH), dated November 29, 2022.

Reimagine Crisis Response Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 29 other medical and mental health organizations, urging the expansion of nationwide behavioral health crisis response systems in end of year legislation. Sent to House Speaker Pelosi (D-CA), House Leader McCarthy (R-CA), Senate Majority Leader Schumer (D-NY), and Senate Leader McConnell (R-KY), dated November 18, 2022.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 19 other mental health and medical organizations, providing feedback on the draft “Enhancing the Mental Health Workforce”. Sent to Senate Finance Committee Chairman Wyden (D-OR), Ranking Member Crapo (R-ID), Senators Stabenow (D-MI) and Daines (R-MT), dated November 15, 2022.
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Coalition (CAMH) Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 24 other mental health organizations, urging the advancement of legislation to enhance pediatric mental health. Sent to House Speaker Pelosi (D-CA), House Leader McCarthy (R-CA), Senate Majority Leader Schumer (D-NY), and Senate Leader McConnell (R-KY), dated November 14, 2022.

AACAP, American Psychiatric Association, American Telemedicine Association, and ATA Action co-lead a stakeholder letter urging the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to outline short-term action the agency could take to ensure patients have continued access to treatment once the Public Health Emergency ends and until the DEA issues rules on a Special Registration for Telemedicine, dated November 11, 2022.

AACAP joined a stakeholder letter developed by the American College of Emergency Physicians to President Biden urging the White House to convene a summit of stakeholders from across the healthcare system to identify immediate and long-term solutions to the emergency department boarding crisis, dated November 7, 2022.

AACAP Action Alert urging Congress to take action on children’s mental health this session, given the child and adolescent mental health crisis, dated October 14, 2002.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 133 other medical and mental health organizations, urging continued work on the National State Emergency in Children’s Mental Health. Sent to President Biden, dated October 13, 2022.

AACAP expressed support for proposed regulations reinstating and improving upon the Affordable Care Act’s Section 1557 nondiscrimination protections. Sent to Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Becerra, dated October 6, 2022.

MHLG Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 44 other medical and mental health organizations, urging the advancement of the bipartisan Advancing Telehealth Beyond COVID-19 Act of 2021. Sent to US Senate Committee on Finance Chair Wyden (D-OR) and Ranking Member Crapo (R-ID), dated September 14, 2022.

APA Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 155 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of the bipartisan Kids Online Safety Act (S. 3663). Sent to House Committee on Energy and Commerce Chairman Pallone (D-NJ) and Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), Senate Majority Leader Schumer (D-NY), and Senate Leader McConnell (R-KY), dated September 12, 2022.

MHLG Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 45 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of the Health Care Capacity for Pediatric Mental Health Act (S. 4472). Sent to the sponsors Sens. Casey (D-PA) and Cassidy (R-LA), dated September 7, 2022.
Joint Sign-On with AACAP* and 152 other medical and mental health organizations, urging reauthorization of the 21st Century Cures Act. Sent to US Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee Chairwoman Murray (D-WA) and Ranking Member Burr (R-MO), dated September 7, 2022.

AACAP Comments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule proposals for CY 2023, dated September 6, 2022.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 47 other medical and mental health organizations, urging HHS to focus on children and adolescents in implementation of 988. Sent to HHS Secretary Becerra and SAMHSA Assistant Secretary Delphin-Rittmon, dated August 26, 2022.


AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges) Joint Amicus Brief with AACAP* and 44 medical and mental health organizations, to the U.S. Supreme Court in support of the limited consideration of an applicant’s racial or ethnic background or experiences in higher education admissions in the Students for Fair Admission v. Harvard and Students for Fair Admission v. University of North Carolina (UNC) cases before the Court this fall, dated July 29, 2022.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 62 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of the Conrad State 30 and Physician Reauthorization Act (S.1810 and H.R.3541). Sent to Senate Committee on the Judiciary Chair Durbin (D-IL) and Ranking Member Grassley (R-IA), and House Committee on the Judiciary Chair Nadler (D-NY) and Ranking Member Jordan (R-OH), dated July 29, 2022.

APA Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 41 other medical and mental health organizations, urging the inclusion of funding for the Collaborative Care Model in the reauthorization of the 21st Century Cures Act. Sent to Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee Chair Murray (D-WA) and Ranking Member Burr (R-MO), dated July 27, 2022.

AMA Joint Statement with AACAP* and 59 other medical and mental health organizations, in opposition to *Kelley v. Becerra*, before a federal district court judge in the Northern District of Texas threatening the Affordable Care Act. Dated July 25, 2022.


Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 74 other medical and mental health organizations, urging greater understanding of the implications of Long COVID. Sent to Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee Chair Murray (D-WA) and Ranking Member Burr (R-MO), and House Committee on Energy and Commerce Chairman Pallone (D-NJ) and Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), dated July 14, 2022.

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and AMA Joint Statement with AACAP* and 74 other medical and mental health organizations, opposing any legislative interference in medical care, specifically abortion care, dated July 7, 2022.

Sandy Hook Promise Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 99 other medical, mental health, and education organizations, in support of The Bipartisan Safer Communities Package. Sent to Senate Majority Leader Schumer (D-NY), Minority Leader McConnell (R-KY), and Sens. Murphy (D-CT) and Cornyn (R-TX), dated June 23, 2022.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 35 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of prioritizing primary prevention for all young people. Sent to Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee Chair Murray (D-WA) and Ranking Member Burr (R-MO), and House Education and Labor Committee Chair Scott (D-VA) and Ranking Member Foxx (R-NC), dated June 22, 2022.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Coalition Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 18 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of the Mental Health Reform Authorization Act (S.4170). Sent to Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee Chair Murray (D-WA) and Ranking Member Burr (R-MO), dated June 21, 2022.

AACAP* Statement for the Record to the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, for the hearing on Protecting America’s Children from Gun Violence, dated June 15, 2022.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 113 other medical and mental health organizations, urging a markup for the Kids Online Safety Act (S.3663). Sent to Senate Commerce Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Chair Cantwell (D-WA) and Ranking Member Wicker (R-MS), dated June 14, 2022.

Mental Health Liaison Group Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 44 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Reauthorization Act (S.4271).
Sent to Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee Chair Murray (D-WA) and Ranking Member Burr (R-MO), dated June 7, 2022.

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-Meeks (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.


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.