Government Affairs and Clinical Practice
2022 AACAP Major Actions and Documents Chronology
As of February 18, 2022
(Association communications noted by *)

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.