Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP, American Academy of Pediatrics, and Children’s Hospital Association, asking for a forum of all relevant stakeholders to discuss the impact of ongoing stimulant shortages and to identify solutions to the shortage. Sent to US HHS Secretary Becerra and DEA Administrator Milgram, dated May 2, 2024.

International Transformational Resilience Coalition Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 54 other medical and mental health organizations, asking for a legislative hearing on the bi-partisan Community Mental Wellness and Resilience Act (HR 3073). Sent to House Committee on Energy and Commerce Chairwoman McMorris Rogers and House Subcommittee on Health Energy and Commerce Chairman Guthrie and Vice-Chair Bucshon, dated April 4, 2024.

Joined medical society Amicus Curiae Brief in Pam Poe, Penny and Peter Poe et al v. Raul Labrador Attorney General of the State of Idaho et al, filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The brief cited the need for all adolescents, including those with gender dysphoria, to receive the optimal medical and mental health care they need and deserve. The brief provided an accurate description of the relevant treatment guidelines and summarized the scientific evidence supporting the gender-affirming medical care for adolescents prohibited by the gender-affirming health care ban. Filed April 2024.

Mental Health Liaison Group Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations Recommendations, from AACAP* and 51 other medical and mental health organizations. Sent to Congress, dated March 29, 2024.

Joined Amicus Curiae Brief in Rikki Held et al v. State of Montana filed in the Supreme Court of the State of Montana, citing the public health benefits of climate solutions and the corollary health dangers, including to youth mental health, of inaction. Filed March 2024.

Joined medical society Amicus Curiae Brief in Scarlet Van Garderen et al v. State of Montana, filed in the Supreme Court of the State of Montana. The brief provided an accurate description of the relevant treatment guidelines and summarized the scientific evidence
supporting the gender-affirming medical care for adolescents prohibited by the gender-affirming health care ban. Filed March 2024

Joined Amicus Curiae Brief representing child-serving organizations, in City of Grants Pass, OR v. Gloria Johnson et al, filed in the Supreme Court of the United States. The brief cited the unconstitutional criminalization of homelessness as uniquely harmful for youth, particularly marginalized youth who are disproportionately impacted by homelessness. Filed March 2024.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 38 other medical and mental health organizations, in support of the implementation of the Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment Program. Sent to HRSA Administrator Johnson, dated March 5, 2024.

AACAP* Statement on how integrating mental and behavioral health care in primary care can improve health care efficiency. Sent to Senate Committee on Budget Chairman Whitehouse and Ranking Member Grassley, dated March 4, 2024.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 51 other medical and mental health organizations, strongly supporting the Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act (HR 6205 and S 3211). Sent to Congressman Schneider, Bacon, Caraveo, and Cole, and Senators Durbin and Cramer, dated February 27, 2024.

AACAP Comment Letter responding to a RFI Regarding Mental Health and Substance Use Needs in Higher Education. Sent to Department of Education Assistant Secretary Paydar, dated February 26, 2024.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 48 other medical and mental health organizations, urging the inclusion of the bipartisan Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences Act (PACE) in the reauthorization of the Substance Use Disorder Prevention That Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT). Sent to Senate Committee on Health Education Labor and Pensions Chair Sanders and Ranking Member Cassidy, and House Committee on Energy and Commerce Chairwoman McMorris Rogers and Ranking Member Pallone, dated February 22, 2024.

Mental Health Liaison Group Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 48 other medical and mental health organizations, urging the reauthorization of the Substance Use Disorder Prevention That Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act). Sent to Senate Committee on Health Education Labor and Pensions Chair Sanders and Ranking Member Cassidy, and House Committee on Energy and Commerce Chairwoman McMorris Rogers and Ranking Member Pallone, dated February 9, 2024.

Mental Health Liaison Group Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 41 other medical and mental health organizations, urging inclusion of the bipartisan Kid Providing Resources for Optimal Outcomes Against Fatalities Act (Kid PROOF Act) in the final reauthorization of the SUPPORT Act. Sent to Senate Committee on Health Education Labor and Pensions Chair
Sanders and Ranking Member Cassidy, and House Committee on Energy and Commerce Chairwoman McMorris Rogers and Ranking Member Pallone, dated February 8, 2024.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Coalition Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 32 other medical and mental health organizations, urging passage of legislation addressing the youth mental health crisis. Sent to House Speaker Johnson and Minority Leader Jeffries, and Senate Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell, dated February 8, 2024.

Joint ITRC Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 159 other medical and mental health organizations, urging Congress to enact the bi-partisan Community Mental Wellness and Resilience Act, (HR 3073 and S 1452). Sent to Senate Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell, and House Speaker Johnson and Minority Leader Jeffries, dated February 6, 2024.

Joint Amicus Brief submitted to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals with professional medical, mental health, child welfare and immigrant rights organizations in Texas v. U.S., MALDEF, and New Jersey. The case is appealing a district court decision that found Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) likely unconstitutional. The brief expressed support for DACA and highlights the possible trauma and toxic stress exposures, among other negative impacts to the children of DACA recipients should DACA get overturned. Amicus brief was submitted February 1, 2024.

Joint Medical Society Amicus Brief submitted to the Third District Appeals Court of Texas with 24 professional medical and mental health organizations expressing support for gender affirming care in Masters v. PFLAG. The brief requests the court to affirm the District Court’s temporary injunction. The PFLAG case is challenging the February 2022 Texas Attorney General opinion incorrectly concluding that certain evidence-based medical treatments that are critical for many adolescents with gender dysphoria constitute child abuse. Amicus brief was submitted January 25, 2024.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP and 128 medical and mental health organizations, urging legislation to reverse the 3.37 percent Medicare physician payments cuts that recently took effect. Sent to House Speaker Johnson and Minority Leader Jeffries, and Senate Majority Leader Schumer and Republican Leader McConnell, dated January 17, 2024.

Joint Sign-On Letter with AACAP* and 109 medical and mental health organizations, opposing the Medicare Audiology Access Improvement Act (H.R. 6445). Sent to House Committee on Energy and Commerce Chair McMorris Rodgers and Ranking Member Pallone, and House Committee on Ways and Means Chairman Smith and Ranking Member Neal, dated January 9, 2024.

Joint Medical Society Amicus Brief submitted to the Texas Supreme Court with 21 professional medical and mental health organizations expressing support for gender affirming care and the plaintiffs in Lazaro Loe v State of Texas. The brief requests the court to affirm the trial court’s
temporary injunction. The *Loe* case is challenging Texas state law (SB 14) which prohibits best practice care for transgender youth, which was signed into law in July 2023. Amicus brief was submitted January 5, 2024.