

# 2025 IMPACT REPORT

## OUR YEAR-IN-REVIEW & LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

### Our Mission

Our mission is to convene and activate diverse stakeholders to design and advocate for evidence-informed public policies that address social isolation and loneliness and advance social connection for all.

### Our Vision

A vibrant society where social connection is at the heart of public policy and how we live.

## A Message from Leadership

As we close out 2025, we do so with a profound sense of hope and momentum. What could have been a year defined solely by deepening partisanship instead revealed a powerful and enduring truth: the need for social connection transcends political divides. Across the country, leaders, researchers, practitioners, and community partners continued to unite around a shared commitment to addressing social isolation and loneliness head on, affirming that meaningful connection remains a bipartisan priority and a true unifying force.

Throughout the year, this shared purpose was reflected in several significant milestones:

- **Testifying before the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging**, elevating national understanding of how loneliness and isolation impact health, aging, and community well-being.
- **Leveraging Global Loneliness Awareness Week** as a national convening moment to spotlight the urgency and cross-cutting impacts of social isolation and loneliness, with participation from bipartisan leaders including Representatives Ami Bera (D-CA) and Becca Balint (D-VT).
- **Achieving national visibility** through CBS News' Eye on America, which spotlighted both the scale of the challenge and the community-driven solutions emerging across the country.
- **Launching our 2025–2027 Policy Priorities**, a bold and actionable roadmap that aligns research, policy, and practice to drive sustained and meaningful change.
- **Deepening engagement with Hill champions**, mobilizing bipartisan leadership to advance policies that combat social isolation and loneliness nationwide.

These accomplishments—combined with deeper partnerships and expanded engagement across sectors—demonstrate the significant progress we have made toward shaping a coordinated, national response to social isolation and loneliness.

This year marked our first full year operating as the Foundation for Social Connection Action Network (F4SC-AN). We fostered and strengthened our continued partnership with the Foundation for Social Connection to ensure evidence-based policy, resource sharing, network growth, and collaboration across research, programming, advocacy, and awareness. With strengthened governance and a clearer organizational structure, we expanded our impact across policy, advocacy, awareness, and partnership development—positioning us to meet the moment with greater clarity, strength, and collective purpose.

As we reflect on a year of meaningful progress and look ahead to the opportunities before us, we remain guided by our mission: to convene and activate diverse stakeholders to design and advocate evidence-informed public policies that address social isolation and loneliness and advance social connection for all. Our work is rooted in the vision of a vibrant society where social connection is at the heart of public policy and how we live, and 2025 has brought us closer to making that vision a reality.

On behalf of our entire team, thank you for your partnership, your leadership, and your unwavering commitment to this movement. We look forward to continuing this work together in the year ahead.

**Andrew MacPherson**

Founder & Executive Chairman, F4SC-AN

# Policy & Advocacy Wins

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Our team has been hard at work throughout the year, meeting with and engaging dozens of members of Congress and their dedicated staff. These interactions have been invaluable opportunities to advocate for our shared goals, build awareness, and foster understanding around the critical issues of social isolation and loneliness in order to drive key legislation in alignment with our policy priorities

## Policy

The Action Network was proud to advocate for a range of comprehensive legislation in the 119th Congress that has been developed to address social isolation and loneliness, including:

Legislation	Led by	Purpose
<b>Older Americans Reauthorization Act</b>	Senate Special Committee on Aging Chairman Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL) with Ranking Member Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)	Would reauthorize and update the Older Americans Act through future fiscal years; strengthen support for community services, nutrition programs, caregiver support, tribal elder services, workforce training, and program integrity
<b>SENIOR Act (S. 473)</b>	Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL) and Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)	Would expand grant eligibility under the Older Americans Act to allow services targeting loneliness among people aged 60+; require HHS to report to Congress on how federal programs address loneliness and recommend improvements.
<b>Community Mental Wellness and Resilience Act</b>	Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE), Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY), Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), and Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA)	Would create a federal grant program to support community-designed initiatives that strengthen population-level mental wellness and community resilience, especially in disaster-affected or high-stress areas.
<b>Improving Measurements for Loneliness and Isolation Act (H.R. 1305)</b>	Rep. Mike Flood (R-NE) with bipartisan co-sponsors	Would direct HHS to create a national working group to develop standardized definitions and measurement tools for loneliness and social isolation.
<b>Strategic Plan for Aging Act</b>	Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)	Would require HHS to award grants to states, tribes, and tribal organizations to develop coordinated, multisector strategic plans for aging.

The Action Network also engaged with offices on forthcoming reintroductions:

Legislation	Was led by	Purpose
<b>Combatting Loneliness Act</b>	Rep. Becca Balint (D-VT) and Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY) in 2024; anticipating re-introduction this Congress	Would create grants and public-health initiatives to address loneliness, integrate loneliness measures into Older Americans Act programs, and support research and workforce training at HHS.
<b>Addressing SILO Act</b>	Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA) and Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT) in the last Congress	Would provide grants to aging agencies and community organizations to train staff, do outreach, and develop interventions to reduce social isolation and loneliness among older adults
<b>National Strategy for Social Connection Act</b>	Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT) in the last Congress	Would establish a federal national strategy to address loneliness, create a White House Office of Social Connection Policy, and coordinate research and agency actions to strengthen social connection.



### Updated Policy Priorities

The Action Network was proud to announce our **updated 2025–2027 Federal Policy Priorities for Social Connection** for the 119th Congress—a framework of 130 strategic solutions to end the public health crisis of loneliness.

As we do with each new Congress, these priorities reflect our current focus on combating social isolation and loneliness and promoting meaningful social connections through a bold, cross-sector strategy. Recognizing the profound health, economic, and societal consequences of social disconnection, this agenda advocates for targeted investments and policy reforms across health, education, employment, infrastructure, arts and culture, nutrition, and research.

### Testimony at the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging

Action Network's Founder & Executive Chairman, Andrew MacPherson, testified before the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging. His testimony called for comprehensive policy action—including passage of the SENIOR Act, expanded access to senior services such as nutrition programs and senior centers, increased investment in intergenerational programs, efforts to bridge the digital divide for older adults, and enhanced Medicare coverage for loneliness screenings, peer support, and non-medical transportation.



F4SC-AN's Andrew MacPherson testifying before the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging.



Global Loneliness Awareness Week Summit 2025.

### Fee Schedule Comments

The Action Network commented on the annual Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and provided template comments to our membership. The comments largely responded to the RFI included within the fee schedule and called wide-spread incorporation of social isolation and loneliness screening and intervention in fee-for-service payment. Additionally, the Action Network called on CMS to evaluate value-based care opportunities to pay for to social isolation and loneliness interventions by community organizations.

## Snapshot of Our Congressional Engagement

Since 2019, the F4SC-AN team has consistently identified and engaged with Members of Congress across the aisle whose work intersects with related issue areas, including older adult health, youth mental health, mental health and social media, and rural accessibility, to champion our efforts.

### Senate

Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)	Joni Ernst (R-IA)*	Jacky Rosen (D-NV)
Jim Banks (R-IN)	John Fetterman (D-PA)*	Bernie Sanders (I-VT)
Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)*	Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)	Rick Scott (R-FL)
Katie Britt (R-AL)*	Tim Kaine (D-VA)	Tim Scott (R-SC)
Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)*	Angus King (I-ME)	Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ)
Ben Cardin (D-MD)	Mike Lee (R-UT)	Tina Smith (D-MN)
Bob Casey (D-PA)	Roger Marshall (R-KS)*	Thomas Tillis (R-NC)*
Tom Cotton (R-AR)*	Markwayne Mullin (R-OK)*	Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)
Mike Crapo (R-ID)*	Chris Murphy (D-CT)	Peter Welch (D-VT)*
John Curtis (R-UT)*	Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)*	
Steve Daines (R-MT)	James Risch (R-ID)*	

### House of Representatives

Troy Balderson (R-OH)	Adriano Espaillat (D-NY)	Frank Pallone (D-NJ)
Becca Balint (D-VT)	Lucy McBath (D-GA)*	Chris Pappas (D-NH)*
Ami Bera (D-CA)	Mike Flood (R-NE)	August Pfluger (R-TX)*
Anna Eshoo (D-CA)	John Katko (R-NY)	Linda Sanchez (D-CA)*
Gus Bilirakis (R-FL)*	Pramila Jayapal (D-WA)*	Jason Smith (R-MO)
Vern Buchanan (R-FL)	Thomas Kean Jr. (R-NJ)*	Tina Strickland (D-WA)
Larry Buschon (R-IN)	Jennifer Kiggans (R-VA)*	Bryan Steil (R-WI)*
Cheri Bustos (D-IL)	Darin LaHood (R-IL)*	Melanie A. Stansbury (D-NM)*
Nikki Budzinski (D-IL)*	Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)	Lloyd Doggett (D-TX)
Brad Finstad (R-MN)*	Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA)	Eugene Vindman (D-VA)*
Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)*	Doris Matsui (D-CA)*	Robert Wittman (R-VA)*
Donald G. Davis (D-NC)*	Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA)*	David Trone (D-MD)
Debbie Dingell (D-MI)*	Grace Napolitano (D-CA)	
John Curtis (R-UT)	Jerry Nadler (D-NY)	
Tom Cole (R-OK)	Richard Neal (D-MA)	

\*Potential Hill Champions identified for engagement in 2026



### Our Key Focus Areas

The Action Network has engaged stakeholders across key focus areas by centering lived experience, cross-sector collaboration, and practical solutions to reduce social isolation.

- Our work with **older adults** emphasizes age-friendly communities and connection to health, housing, and social supports;
- Our **intergenerational** efforts foster meaningful relationships across age groups through community-based and institutional partnerships;
- Our engagement with **caregivers** elevates their unique social connection needs while recognizing their critical role in supporting others.

Across these focus areas, the Action Network convenes partners, amplifies shared learning, and advances strategies that strengthen social connection at both the community and systems levels.



*F4SC-AN's Andrew MacPherson joins the Artist for Action team and musician Neil Giraldo in Los Angeles*



*F4SC-AN's Andrew MacPherson speaking on the Take Action x SXSW panel, exploring the role of music in advancing mental health advocacy and social connection.*

### What's Next?



**Policy Platform Review.** We will revisit our federal policy priorities to ensure they are current and reflective of the evolving evidence base



**Bipartisan Advocacy.** The Action Network is continuing to engage bipartisan, bicameral Hill champions with targeted outreach related to older adults, youth and social media, rural accessibility, and other cross-cutting issues. See the list in "Snapshot of Our Hill Champions."



**Administration Engagement.** The Action Network is requesting meetings with the Administration in moving forward with a legislative and regulatory advocacy framework for 2026.

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## Committees & Working Groups

The Action Network has created committees, and the Foundation for Social Connection has working groups made up of our members to discuss and guide both organization's work. These committees and working groups help us further increase awareness of social isolation and loneliness as well as identify and promote solutions.

### NEW: OAA Strategy Workgroup

The Action Network, in partnership with F4SC, was awarded a grant from the RRF Foundation for Aging, a three-year engagement focused on advocating for social connection strategies within the Older Americans Act (OAA). As part of this work, we have convened an OAA Advocacy Strategy Workgroup comprised of industry leaders and advocates to develop, implement, and scale advocacy strategies for OAA reauthorization and expansion.



Global Loneliness Awareness Week Summit 2025  
Panel Session.

### 2026 Strategy Session

In December, the Action Network hosted an Advocacy Strategy session to align on goals and tactics for 2026. Key discussion points included aligning our membership on legislation endorsement and ways in which the Action Network can provide support for member fly-in days (e.g., talking points, data on social connection, speaking roles, and strategy). The session also highlighted opportunities to engage with the Administration, including meeting with CMS on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and Medicare Advantage plan changes.



2025 Global Loneliness Awareness Week Summit.

## Membership & Network Growth

As we reflect on a dynamic and impactful year, we're thrilled to celebrate the incredible individuals and organizations who joined our community in 2025.

### New member



**American  
Foundation  
for Suicide  
Prevention**

This year, we were honored to welcome the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) as member of the Action Network. AFSP is a voluntary health organization that gives those affected by suicide a nationwide community empowered by research, education and advocacy to take action against this leading cause of death. We're glad to have such a critically important perspective represented in our Coalition of advocates, and look forward to our continued impact on this issue.

### New board members



**Mark Meridy**  
Executive Director, DOROT



**Theresa Soriano**  
Chief Health Officer, Grouper



**KFF**



**American  
Foundation  
for Suicide  
Prevention**

### Speakers and Special Presentations

- **Jared Honts**, Policy Director for Senate Special Committee on Aging, Majority and Legislative Assistant for Chairman Rick Scott (R-FL)
- **Joshua McGuire**, Legislative Assistant, Representative Mike Flood, (R-NE)
- **Kaleigh Calvao**, Legislative Assistant, Representative. Becca Balint (D-VT)
- **Erica Solway**, PhD, MSA, MPH, Deputy Director, National Poll on Healthy Aging; Manager of Signature Initiatives and Partnerships, University of Michigan Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation (IHPI)
- **Juliette Cubanski**, PhD, MPP, MPH, Deputy Director, Program on Medicare Policy, KFF
- **Laurel Stine**, J.D., M.A., Executive Vice President and Chief Advocacy and Policy Officer, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

### *F4SC-AN's Research-to-Policy Framework*

In collaboration with the Foundation for Social Connection—our affiliated 501(c)(3) and dedicated research arm—the Action Network operates within a research-to-policy model. With the help of their Scientific Advisory Council and innovation work, the Foundation conducts scientific research, generating evidence that the Action Network uses to shape policy advocacy, develop public awareness campaigns, and support targeted interventions. Through this integrated approach, research insights are consistently translated into real-world practice to advance social connection.



### What's Next?

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**Expand our mission.** Know an organization that should be part of this movement? Share their information with us today and help grow our collective impact.



**Engage through Committees and Working Groups in 2026.** We will continue convening members to collaborate and elevate shared challenges, exchange solutions, and drive meaningful progress on social isolation and loneliness.



**Stakeholder Engagement.** By continuing to broaden our network through convenings, speaking engagements, strategic partnerships, etc., we reinforce our mission to bring together diverse stakeholders to take a coordinated approach at addressing social isolation and loneliness head-on.



**Advance data into action through the Research-to-Policy Framework.** We will amplify evidence for policymakers—clearly showing why action is needed to expand access to social connection services and accelerate efforts to end loneliness.



**Continued partnership with F4SC.** We continue to foster and strengthen our partnership with the Foundation for Social Connection (501(c)(3)) organization to ensure evidence-based policies, resource sharing and network growth, and collaboration across research, programming, advocacy, and awareness.



## GLAW 2025 EVENT

In 2025, we proudly hosted our fourth annual Global Loneliness Awareness Summit at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center in Washington, D.C., marking a significant milestone in our efforts to elevate social isolation and loneliness as urgent public policy priorities. Held during Global Loneliness Awareness Week, the Summit underscored the growing recognition that loneliness is a global public health, social, and economic challenge—one that demands coordinated, evidence-driven action.

This year's Summit brought together an inspiring and diverse community of participants, with hundreds joining both in person and virtually. The convening served as a powerful platform for collaboration, innovation, and advocacy, uniting leaders across government, health, research, philanthropy, and community-based organizations around a shared commitment to fostering meaningful human connection.

The program featured **Congressional keynote remarks from U.S. Rep. Ami Bera, M.D. (D-CA) and U.S. Rep. Becca Balint (D-VT)**, bipartisan champions who have helped elevate loneliness on Capitol Hill as a critical issue affecting health outcomes, community resilience, and system sustainability. Their leadership reinforced the importance of sustained federal engagement and cross-sector solutions to address social isolation across the lifespan.



U.S. Rep.  
Ami Bera,  
M.D., (D-CA)



U.S. Rep.  
Becca Balint  
(D-VT)



Throughout the day, attendees heard from a distinguished lineup of speakers and experts who reflected the breadth of perspectives needed to advance this work. Speakers included:



**Katie Adamson**, Vice President,  
Health Partnerships and Policy,  
YMCA-USA



**Morgan Baille**  
Policy Director, F4SC-AN



**Dr. Loren Cox**, Policy Director, Aspen  
Institute's Education & Society Program



**Ryan Elza**,  
CEO, Stratovation Labs



**Annette Fellows**,  
Board Chair, F4SC



**Dr. Nicole Stout**, Senior Director, Survivorship &  
Wellness, American Cancer Society



**Dr. Constance Hadley**,  
Founder, Institute for Life at  
Work



**Jillian Racoosin Kornmeier**,  
Executive Director, F4SC



**Andrew MacPherson**, Founder &  
Executive Chairman, F4SC-AN



**Dr. Paolo Narciso**,  
Co-Founder, PeopleCare.ai



**Dr. Jeremy Nobel**, President &  
Founder, Foundation for Arts &  
Healing

Reflecting the full scope of our policy priorities, the Summit agenda explored multiple pathways for action—from strengthening research, data, and measurement, to expanding access to social connection services, to better integrating health, aging, and community-based systems. Together, these discussions highlighted actionable solutions for governments, organizations, and individuals alike, and demonstrated how policy, practice, and innovation must work together to translate awareness into impact.

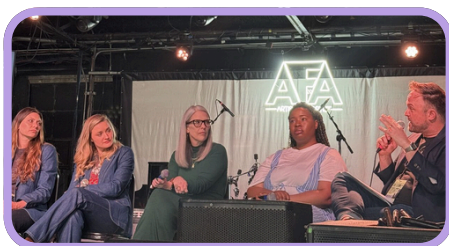


2025 Global Loneliness Awareness Week Summit.

As Global Loneliness Awareness Week concluded, the Summit reinforced our role as a trusted convener at the intersection of policy and practice—and helped build momentum for continued collaboration and bipartisan leadership. **For those who were unable to attend, or who wish to revisit the conversations, recordings of all speakers and panels are available on our [Summit webpage](#).**

## Artist for Action Activation

America is experiencing a worsening epidemic of loneliness and social isolation. Music, creativity, and intergenerational connection offer proven pathways to healing, empathy, and belonging.



F4SC-AN's Andrew MacPherson speaking on the Take Action x SXSW panel, exploring the role of music in advancing mental health advocacy and social connection.

The Action Network is proud to partner with Artist for Action (AFA), a coalition of artists and musicians uniting to address the growing crises of mental health, social isolation and loneliness in America, to launch a national campaign that puts creativity, culture and community at the center of change and helps to mobilize policymakers and the American people to rebuild connection across the country.

## What's Next?



**Intergenerational Connection Webinar.** This virtual briefing, co-hosted by the Action Network and Steering Member DOROT in early 2026, will explore how fostering intergenerational connections is a powerful and evidence-based strategy to reduce social isolation and loneliness across the lifespan. The session will bring together advocates, experts, and community changemakers to highlight policy opportunities and elevate successful models. Stay tuned for an announcements regarding date and registration!



**Artist for Action Campaign.** The Action Network is excited to continue partnering with Artist for Action to lead a national campaign that harnesses the power of music and the arts to address the escalating crises of mental health, social isolation, and loneliness in America.



**GLAW 2026 – Save the Date!** The Global Loneliness Awareness Summit 2026 is coming to Washington, DC next June — stay tuned for dates and details!



**Older Americans Act (OAA).** By aligning older adults, caregivers, service providers, advocates, and state and local aging agencies around shared priorities, the Action Network is helping to elevate lived experience, demonstrate impact, and build bipartisan support for reauthorization of the OAA. Coordinated outreach, clear messaging, and sustained collaboration ensure that the OAA remains responsive to evolving needs and continues to serve as a foundational support for older adults and their caregivers.



# Visibility

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Over the past several months, the Action Network has significantly expanded its digital footprint, strengthening engagement across LinkedIn, Instagram, and the F4SC-AN website. Through refreshed content, strategic outreach, and a more dynamic social presence, the organization has seen sharp growth in visibility, audience reach, and follower activity across all platforms.

 **LinkedIn**

 **56K+**  
Impressions

 **850+**  
New followers

 **Website**

 **26K+**  
Page views

**17K** New users

**703** File downloads

 **Instagram**

**New and improved feed!**



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# 2025 Year in Review Snapshot

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## Rebrand Launch

At the beginning of 2025, the Foundation for Social Connection launched its rebrand as the Foundation for Social Connection Action Network. This inaugural year as the Action Network underscores a renewed commitment to advancing solutions that strengthen social connection and address loneliness and isolation at scale.



## SENIOR Act reintroduced



Dr. Oz spotlights social isolation and loneliness

## New F4SC-AN policy priorities released



Sandy Hook PROMISE



## F4SC-AN takes on Take Action x SXSW Music & Social Impact Summit

F4SC-AN's Founder and Executive Chairman, Andrew MacPherson, joined the Take Action x SXSW panel, presented by Artist for Action and Sandy Hook Promise, to discuss the power of music in mental health advocacy and connection in fostering a more supportive industry.

## OAA 60th Anniversary & Reauthorization introduced



## Improving Measurements for Loneliness and Isolation Act reintroduced

## New F4SC-AN OAA one-pager released



## 4th Annual Global Loneliness Awareness Summit

- OAA Activation
- Dynamic sessions
- Congressional keynotes
- F4SC-AN on the Hill



## F4SC-AN testifies at the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging.

F4SC-AN's Andrew MacPherson delivered a powerful testimony on the urgent need to combat social isolation and loneliness among older adults.



## Strategic Plan for Aging Act introduced



### F4SC-AN at the **National Council on Aging Age+Action Conference**

F4SC-AN's Andrew MacPherson joined a dynamic panel on social isolation and loneliness, sharing powerful insights on the evidence-based impacts of fostering connection at every age.



### CBS Evening News' Eye on America Spotlight

CBS News highlighted stories on how disconnection impacts well-being and to showcase promising solutions. F4SC-AN's Andrew MacPherson represented the coalition in an interview and elevated this important issue on a national stage.



### F4SC-AN at the **GSA Conference**

F4SC-AN's **Andrew MacPherson** shared insights on the rapidly evolving federal aging landscape and opportunities to build a more socially connected aging society.



### Executive Leadership Presentation

F4SC-AN's Andrew MacPherson presented to the US Aging National Board of Directors on the federal health care policy landscape and political environment affecting older adults and their caregivers. We thank US Aging for its continued commitment to advancing social connection as a founding member of the Action Network.



### F4SC-AN x Lyft **Social Connection Holiday Campaign**



In partnership with Lyft, F4SC-AN led a rideshare code giveaway and amplified community stories highlighting how rideshare access helps people connect with others.

## Closing

As we reflect on 2025, we are deeply proud of the progress made and the collective impact achieved this year. None of this work would be possible without the dedication, leadership, and generosity of our members, partners, and supporters, whose commitment continues to fuel meaningful action to advance social connection. Together, we have strengthened awareness, elevated evidence-based solutions, and built powerful collaborations that are shaping a more connected future. As we look ahead to 2026, we do so with renewed energy, optimism, and excitement—ready to build on this momentum, deepen our impact, and continue advancing connection as a public health priority.