



## Health Sector: Recommendations to Advance Social Connection



Foundation for  
Social Connection  
**ACTION NETWORK**

*We envision a vibrant society where social connection is at the heart of public policy and how we live.*

## CALL TO ACTION

Join the movement to confront the growing crisis of social disconnection. Call for bold investments and policy reforms across health, education, employment, infrastructure, arts and culture, nutrition, and research to build a more connected, resilient, and thriving society for all.



## OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

The Action Network believes that to address social isolation and loneliness as critical health determinants, social connection strategies must be embedded across health systems—from Medicare and Medicaid to maternal and child health and chronic disease prevention. Key actions include expanding screenings, funding intergenerational and community-based programs, integrating social metrics into national surveillance, and increasing access to services like peer support, behavioral health, and long-term care.



**To provide better health services and supports across the lifespan, policymakers should:**

**Expand Medicare and Medicaid to cover screening, interventions, counseling, supportive services, home care, and community support for loneliness.**



**Increase SAMHSA funding for community-based behavioral health programs that include loneliness mitigation.**



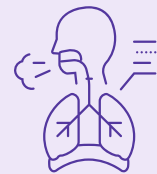
**Include loneliness screening in Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program.**



**Require federally funded health programs to include loneliness as a determinant in mortality prevention research.**



**Require federally funded health systems to assess loneliness as part of cardiovascular, diabetes, and other chronic disease prevention programs.**



**Establish a national working group to build a set of core competencies for streamlined measurement and data collection of social isolation, loneliness, and social connection**



**Expand state initiatives and Medicaid waivers addressing social determinants of health (SDOH), including peer support groups.**



## About Us

The Foundation for Social Connection Action Network (F4SCAN), formerly known as the Coalition to End Social Isolation and Loneliness (CESIL), has the mission to bring together a diverse set of national organizations, including consumer groups, health plans, healthcare providers, technology innovators, patient advocates, and more to develop and advocate for federal policy solutions to address the epidemic of social isolation and loneliness. Our efforts span a wide range of activities – developing and advocating for federal and state policy solutions, leading public awareness activations in Washington D.C. and across the nation, and incorporating the latest research into our policy platform. Our full 2025-2027 Policy Priorities can be found [here](#). Visit our website at [www.endsocialisolation.org](http://www.endsocialisolation.org)