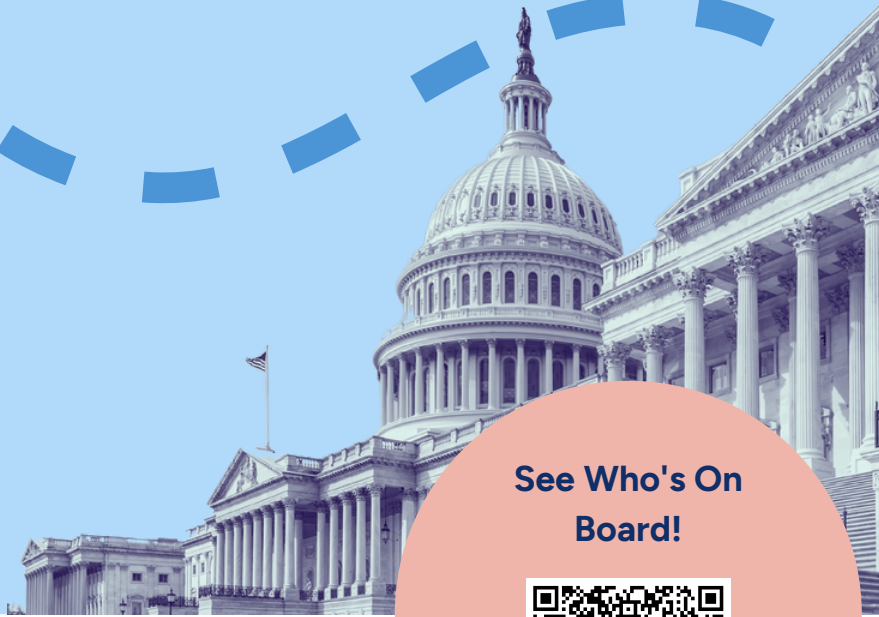




Coalition to End
Social Isolation
& Loneliness

The Time to Act Is Now

Urge your congressional colleagues to address social isolation, loneliness, and social connection in legislative packages within the 118th Congress to ensure all Americans have the opportunities and supports necessary to be socially engaged in society.



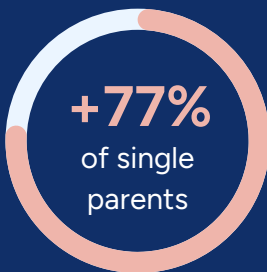
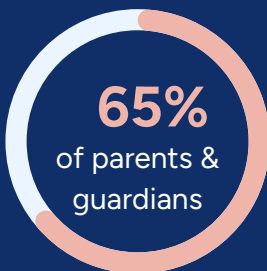
See Who's On Board!



The Numbers Speak for Themselves

Global Loneliness Awareness Week (GLAW), is an annual campaign dedicated to raising awareness of loneliness, and encouraging people to start the conversation around belonging, connection, and resiliency. This GLAW, the Coalition will focus on key populations that are at high risk of loneliness, including parents, caregivers, youth and young adults, and Veterans.

Parents and guardians of children are more likely to experience feelings of loneliness¹



4 out of 5



wounded women Veterans reported feelings of loneliness, isolation, and disconnection from their peers²

Loneliness affects people across all generations.¹

adults aged 18-24

79% feel lonely

older adults aged 65+

41% feel lonely

¹The Loneliness Epidemic Persists: A Post-Pandemic Look at the State of Loneliness among U.S. Adults, Published December 2021, <https://newsroom.thecignagroup.com/loneliness-epidemic-persists-post-pandemic-look>.

²Women Warriors Initiative Report, Published March 2021, <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/media/tt0ftq4a/wwp-women-warriors-initiative-report-2021.pdf>.

Global Loneliness Awareness Week 2023: Advocating for Connection

Read Our Full
Priorities Here!



Key Priorities

1.

Establish a Social Isolation and Loneliness Task Force to develop a national strategy to address social isolation and loneliness and prioritize the benefits of social connection among all populations.



2.

Support federal legislation that would establish grants and opportunities for braided funding for state and local governments to implement social interventions and foster social connection in health, education, employment, housing, transportation, environment, and arts sectors.



3.

Expand the scope of screenings for health-related social needs or social drivers to include social isolation, loneliness, and social connection.



4.

Remove federal and state barriers that impede access to mental and behavioral health care services provided through telehealth and remote communication technology (RCT) for those socially isolated.



5.

Bolster nationwide screening and surveillance efforts for social connection through prioritizing specific items related to social isolation, loneliness, and connection in existing surveillance data such as the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) survey and the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS).



About Us

The Coalition to End Social Isolation & Loneliness is the premier national alliance that brings together some of the most influential consumer groups, patient advocates, health plans, community-based organizations, behavioral health groups, and private sector innovators committed to advocating for policy change to combat the adverse effects of social isolation and loneliness. Visit our website at www.endsocialisolation.org