



Coalition to End
Social Isolation
& Loneliness

2024
Membership Packet



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Our Mission

The Coalition's mission is to engage diverse stakeholders, increase public awareness, promote innovative research, and advocate for policy change to create a society where every individual will one day have the opportunities and support necessary to be socially engaged.



Championing a more connected future

Since its inception in 2018, the Coalition to End Social Isolation & Loneliness has championed policy changes aimed at addressing the detrimental impacts of social isolation and loneliness. The Coalition represents some of the most influential consumer groups, patient advocates, health plans, community-based organizations, behavioral health groups, and private sector innovators in the United States. Together, we actively pursue our objectives through disseminating research findings, leading public awareness campaigns, and advocating for legislative and regulatory interventions. As we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, with its waves of isolation, disconnection, and loss, the Coalition's mission becomes critical – even now more than ever – in grounding ourselves in meaningful connection, resiliency, and belonging.



WHAT WE DO

Taking Action Through



Advocacy

Informed by the latest research, the Coalition develops and advocates for federal and state legislative and regulatory policy interventions. Leveraging our connections with federal Hill Champions, we influence the introduction of key legislation and help congressional officials secure bipartisan, bicameral support.



Collaboration

Through partnerships, subcommittees, and working groups, the Coalition elevates the latest advancements and innovation in this field to national and international prominence. Additionally, these collaborations feed into our advocacy and activation efforts, helping our members continue their invaluable work.



Activation

Using our national platform, we raise awareness about the detrimental impacts of social isolation and loneliness and educate the public about the transformative power of social connection. Through our signature events and commitments to action, we mobilize thought leaders and change makers from every industry to join our efforts.



Our Progress

- National Strategy for Social Connection Act
(SENS. MURPHY AND SMITH)
- Addressing Social Isolation and Loneliness in Older Adults (SILO) Act of 2023
(REP. SANCHEZ AND SEN. CASEY)
- Improving Measurements for Loneliness and Isolation Act
(REPS. FLOOD AND TRONE, SEN. RICKETTS)
- The Higher Education Mental Health Act
(REP. TRONE AND SEN. CASEY)
- Resolution: Older Americans Bill of Rights
(REPS. SCHAKOWSKY AND MATSUI)
- Strategic Plan for Aging Act
(SENS. GILLIBRAND AND CASEY)
- Community Mental Wellness & Resilience Act
(SEN. MARKEY, REPS. TONKO AND FITZPATRICK)



Congressmen Flood & Trone Introduce Bipartisan Bill to Measure Scope of Loneliness Epidemic

TheMessenger.
It's time to break the news.

A Federal Office to Combat the Loneliness Crisis? New Bill Introduced

Senator Chris Murphy aims to establish government interventions to bring Americans together, but will they work?

VANITY FAIR

Chris Murphy Wants to Make America a Little Less Lonely

AXIOS PRO

Loneliness gets its own legislation

BUSINESS INSIDER

Our crisis of loneliness, the new bet investors are going after



Our Policy Goals

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1 Increase public awareness regarding social isolation, loneliness, and the effect on health and well-being.

Increase awareness and understanding of social isolation and loneliness as well as highlight solutions to address the problem

2 Enhance social services and supports to address social isolation and loneliness.

Leverage Medicare and Medicare Advantage benefits, capitalize on the Aging Network's existing role, and support policies to provide PACE programs with more flexibility to expand their model of care

3 Advance health services and supports that address social isolation and loneliness.

Advocate for health education and training, enhance federal funds, and expand innovative state initiatives.

4 Leverage innovative technology solutions that foster connection and social integration.

Expand Medicare reimbursement for telehealth and remote communication technology services and leverage information and assistive technology.

5 Advance research to continue to develop the evidence base necessary to design effective programs and policies.

Promote federal grants for research, request GAO reports, provide further resources, leverage new and existing funding opportunities, and advocate for stakeholders.



Every sector plays a role



Education



Workforce



**Built
Environment**



Health



Awareness



**Housing,
Transportation,
& Nutrition**



Research



**Civic
Engagement**



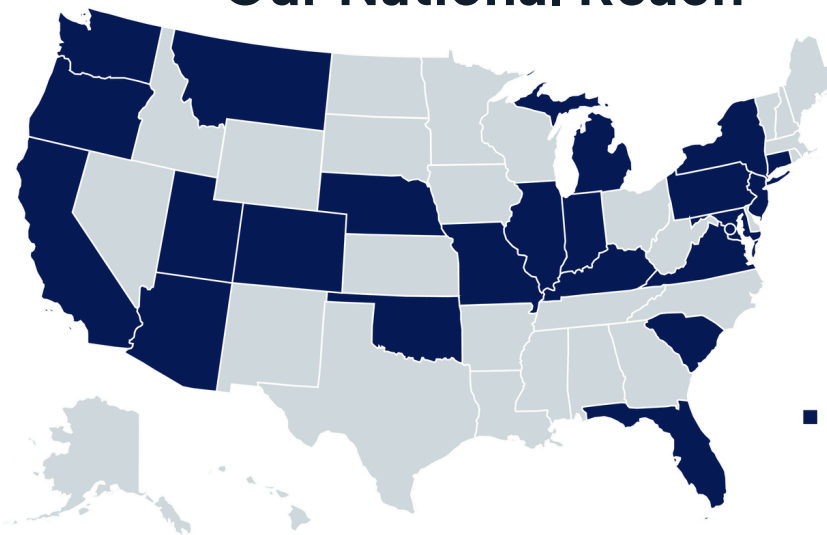
Technology.



Join our movement to end social isolation & loneliness

We drive the national conversation about our crisis of connection and mobilize collective action to address this epidemic.

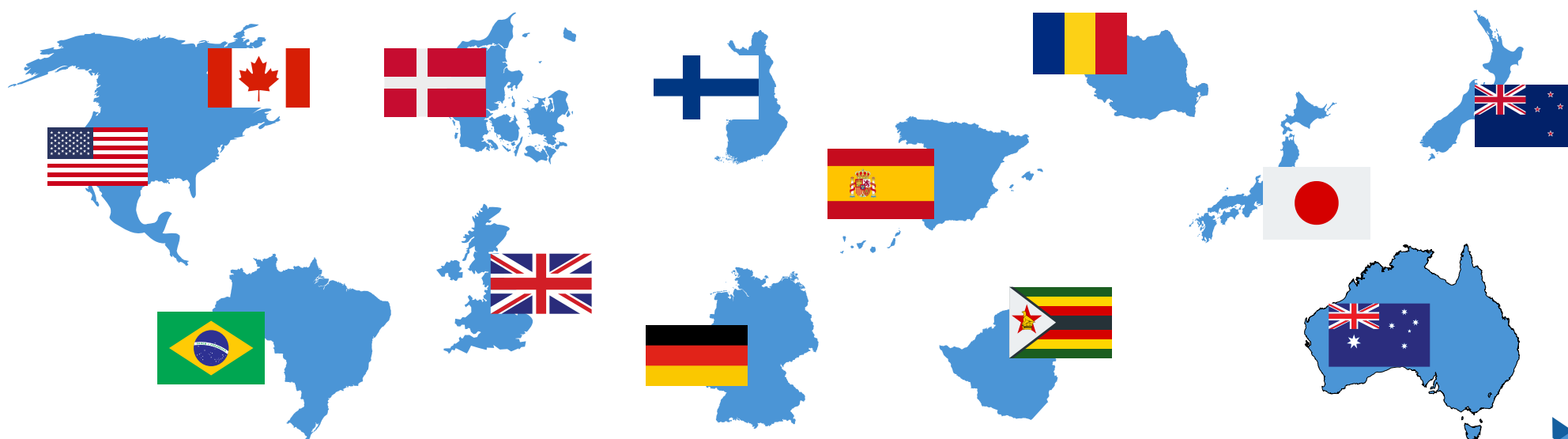
Our National Reach



Met with
36+
Members of
Congress,
representing
23
states

The Global Initiative on Loneliness & Connection

The Coalition is proud to represent the U.S. in this international organization of liaisons supporting the collaboration and dissemination of system-wide, national approaches to building social connection.



OUR SIGNATURE EVENT

Global Loneliness Awareness Week

Each June, alongside our partners at the [Global Initiative on Loneliness and Connection](#) (GILC) and [Marmalade Trust](#), we activate local communities, policymakers, and innovators to share resources, identify areas of collaboration, and educate the public on the importance of belonging and resiliency. Together, we mobilize relationships across the globe to elevate awareness of this crisis. Past speakers include the U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy, Today host Jenna Bush Hager, and Senators Chris Murphy (D-CT) and Tina Smith (D-MN).



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Member Benefits

* = benefits exclusive to the Steering level

- Provide input and make recommendations to Coalition leadership on policy priorities, awareness goals, and overall agenda;
- Participation in the Coalition's subcommittees (Policy, Communications) and working groups (Older Adults, Young Adults);
- Attend monthly convenings of the full Coalition, often featuring presentations by external thought leaders and changemakers;
- Participate in the Coalition's activities and meetings on Capitol Hill;
- Publicize research, events, programs, resources in the Coalition's public channels including a monthly newsletter, weekly research report, thought-leadership blog, and social media platforms;
- Access the Coalition's network of policy experts, researchers, and interventionists including the Foundation for Social Connection's Scientific Advisory Council;
- **Steer policy agenda, awareness efforts, and overall direction of the Coalition;***
- **Develop and lead a population-specific working group;***
- **Speaking role at the Coalition's annual summit each June and other relevant events the Coalition is involved in***



Our Members

The Coalition welcomes organizations to partner with us and work towards ending social isolation and loneliness. Ready to join the movement? Contact our Partnerships Manager, Meg Wallace, at margaret@social-connection.org!



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