

# EATING DISORDERS COALITION FOR RESEARCH, POLICY & ACTION



## EDC LOBBY DAY

April 30-May 1, 2007  
US Capitol

Join a hundred other people who care about eating disorders as we educate our elected officials in Washington, D.C. Our meetings will focus on the importance of the proposed Eating Disorders Dream Bill. **Register online NOW at [eatingdisorderscoalition.org](http://eatingdisorderscoalition.org).** Each EDC Lobby Day participant will receive a light breakfast, a lapel pin, an EDC Lobby Day packet, and training. You MUST register in advance for the training and EDC Lobby Day in order for us to make appointments for you. Details will be sent to those who have registered.



The Academy for Eating Disorders invites you to attend the  
**International Conference  
on Eating Disorders:  
ICED 07**

Baltimore, MD - May 2-5, 2007  
[www.aedweb.org](http://www.aedweb.org)



### Lobby Day Focus: The Eating Disorders Dream Bill

The Eating Disorders Dream Bill will be introduced in Congress this spring. The proposed bill will support research, treatment, and prevention of eating disorders.

Specifically, the bill will include professional education grants for school personnel, health care workers, and researchers. It will also support public awareness of eating disorders.

The bill will encourage health insurance companies, businesses, and treatment centers to work together to improve access to care for people with anorexia, bulimia, binge eating disorders, and other conditions.

The bill will direct the federal government to count the number of people with eating disorders and to report the statistics to the public. In addition, grants will stimulate new research on effective treatments for various eating disorders.

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**Monday, April 30, 7:30-9 pm**

**Basic Training** is recommended for all first-time advocates. EDC staff will define public policy, explain how Congress makes laws, and review what Congress and the government has done - or not done - about eating disorders. For those who have participated in a previous EDC Lobby Day, this session is optional.

**Tuesday, May 1**

**Message Training** (8:30-10 am) is **REQUIRED** of everyone joining us for the EDC Lobby Day. We will cover the talking points for the day and will practice those messages in EDC Lobby Day teams. If you miss this brief session, you will not know your specific points nor your role in the team. A light breakfast will be served.

**EDC Lobby Day** (10:30-5:00) At the US Capitol, we work in small teams meeting with elected officials and their staff. No one will lobby alone. Lobby teams will arrive for each appointment, deliver a packet of materials, and talk about how Congress can help. Most importantly, each team member can share how an eating disorder has changed her or his life. At the end of the day, we will gather again at a local restaurant and report on our meetings (5-6 pm).