



2025 Membership Packet

Our Mission

Our mission is 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 Vision

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



Championing a more connected future

Since its founding in 2018, the Foundation for Social Connection Action Network, formerly the Coalition to End Social Isolation & Loneliness, has been advocating for policy change that addresses the adverse effects of social isolation and loneliness. The Action Network 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, all who share a mission to create a more socially connected nation. Through disseminating research findings and leading public awareness campaigns alongside its sister organization, the Foundation for Social Connection, and advocating for legislative and regulatory interventions, the Action Network envisions a society where every individual will one day have the opportunities and support necessary to be socially engaged.



WHAT WE DO

Taking Action Through



Advocacy

Informed by the latest research, the Action Network 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 Action Network 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 advocate for meaningful action to combat the detrimental impacts of social isolation and loneliness. Through our signature events and actionable initiatives, we rally thought leaders and changemakers across industries to drive transformative solutions and foster the power of social connection.

Our Progress

The Action Network was proud to support a range of comprehensive legislation in the 118th Congress, which will have been developed to address social isolation and loneliness, including:

Passed in the 118th Congress

- Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act

Will be reintroduced in the 119th Congress

- SENIOR Act
- Addressing SILO Act
- Community Mental Wellness and Resilience Act
- Improving Measurements for Loneliness and Isolation Act
- National Strategy for Social Connection Act
- Combatting Loneliness Act



50+ Hill Visits In 2024!



Comment Letters

We regularly comment on key federal regulations that have the potential to address SIL - learn more [here](#).



White House Domestic Policy Council

In 2024, our team, along with several of our members, had the privilege of engaging in a meaningful discussion with senior leaders from the White House's Domestic Policy Council.

Our Policy Goals

[Read More](#)

- 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.

Our Strategy

We developed the following pillars and their corresponding goals so that, over the next three years under this strategic plan, our team can make these aspirations reality alongside you, our amazing members and partners.



Policy

- Establish a consensus-based, bi-annual policy platform representative of all sectors and/or stakeholders.
- Ensure policy platform is representative of evidence base.
- Enshrine substantial aspects of Action Network policy platform in law.

Advocacy

- Educate all appropriate/relevant federal policymakers by 2027.
- Support 10 state-level Coalitions in their state-level advocacy.
- Engage 100% of our network in advocacy activities.

Communications

- Increase awareness around issue and role of policy & politics in its solution; position SILC as 'politically winning' issue.
- Expand & foster external visibility of Action Network; position ourselves as national leader

Organizational & Operational Sustainability

- Formalize partnerships and collaborate effectively with the Foundation for Social Connection, Global Initiative on Loneliness and Connection, and/or other strategic partners.
- Expand and diversify Board of Directors leadership & staff dedicated to our mission.
- Retain, expand, and diversify membership base consistent with annual revenue targets.
- Develop additional organizational policies and best practices for streamlined operations.

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 Former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy, Senators Chris Murphy (D-CT), Tina Smith (D-MN), Seth Moulton (Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Representative Seth Moulton (D-MA) & Mike Flood (R-NE).



Senator Seth Moulton



Former U.S. Surgeon
General Dr. Vivek Murthy



Senator Tina Smith



Interested in sponsoring an initiative?

Contact us to learn about
sponsorship opportunities.

[Contact Us](#)

Member Benefits

* = benefits exclusive to the Steering level

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

Our Members

The Action Network 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!

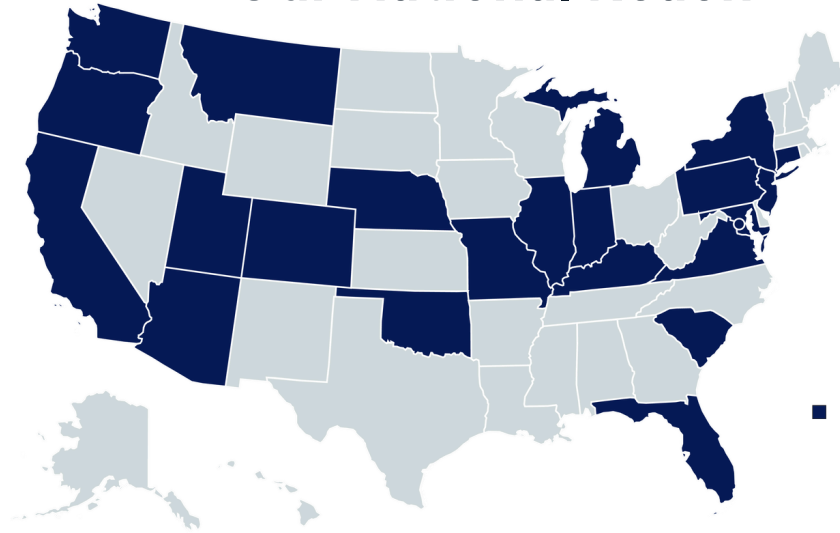


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Join our movement to end social isolation & loneliness

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.

