



Research: 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 highlights the importance of expanding federal research and coordination to address social isolation, loneliness, and social connection through increased funding, cross-sector collaboration, and centralized leadership. Key actions include creating a national coordinator role, forming cross-agency research groups, developing an open-access research platform, and funding longitudinal studies and disaster-related economic impact research.



To address social isolation and loneliness and to engage social connection in the housing, transportation, and nutrition sectors, policymakers should:

Establish a federally funded cross-agency working group for interdisciplinary research on social isolation and its determinants.



Institute an Inter-Departmental and Agency National Coordinator of Social Isolation and Loneliness to lead and coordinate administrative efforts, identify and leverage current federal and state resources, and make recommendations to cabinet officials and the White House.



Partner with the National Academy of Sciences to investigate the impact of social media and other online platforms on social isolation and loneliness among youth.



Direct funding to organizations and research coalitions to create a knowledge base on the most effective interventions and existing research gaps across key factors identified in the SOCIAL Framework.



Fund the Equitable Long-Term Recovery and Resilience (ELTRR) Workgroup that provides interagency, cross-collaboration recommendations to strengthen social connection, community and individual resilience, and well-being.



Request a GAO report to study the impact of social isolation and loneliness, and determine government efforts currently underway to address them.



Establish sustainable, federally managed research funding streams to explore the economic effects of isolation following a natural disaster.



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