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TRANSFORMING HEALTH POLICY STARTS  
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May 18, 2022



April 25: The Academy along with forty-eight members of the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC) signed onto a letter urging Congress to take action to make **waivers permanent beyond this Public Health Emergency (PHE)**. Waivers have allowed nurses to practice to the top of their licensure and have expanded telehealth coverage throughout the pandemic. [Read more.](#)

April 28: The Academy, along with 287 other organizations, signed onto a letter to House and Senate Appropriations leaders requesting \$60 million in funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and National Institutes of Health (NIH) to **conduct public health research into firearm morbidity and mortality prevention**. [Read more.](#)

May 4: The Academy signed on to an amicus brief along with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and other health care organizations challenging the state of Alabama's efforts to ban **gender-affirming care**. [Read more.](#)

May 17: [Gun Violence and Racism are Public Health Crises in America](#)

This weekend, the nation was traumatized again by acts of gun violence. Families and the surrounding communities in Buffalo, New York; Laguna Woods, California; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Houston, Texas, are now faced with caring for the injured and mourning the devastating loss of life as a result of these mass shootings. The horrific events of this weekend are a stark reminder that racism, gun violence, and mass shootings remain public health crises that must be addressed. [Read the full statement.](#)

## Finding Gain in the Losses: Strategic Solutions to the Mental and Behavioral Health Crisis in Children and Youth

Hosted by the Child, Adolescent, and Family Expert Panel, in collaboration with the Expert Panels on Psychiatric, Mental Health & Substance Use and Violence

2022 POLICY DIALOGUE SERIES

JUNE 29, 2022

**June 29, 2022:** Policy Dialogue: **Finding Gain in the Losses: Strategic Solutions to the Mental and Behavioral Health Crisis in Children and Youth** (*Academy Policy Priority: Promote Innovation and Sustainability*)

The [Child, Adolescent, and Family Expert Panel](#), in collaboration with the Expert Panels on [Psychiatric, Mental Health, and Substance Use](#) and [Violence](#), will address strategies and best practices to mitigate the effects of the national crisis of chronic stress on children, youth, and families, explore the impact of nursing on mental health resources, and address these policy implications. *Registration for this dialogue will be opening soon!*

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## [LEARN MORE ABOUT THE 2022-2023 POLICY DIALOGUES](#)

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### Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

- HRSA has a [number of new research funding initiatives and opportunities](#) that are available for submission. [View all funding opportunities](#).

### National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)

- NINR is seeking applications from outstanding candidates for [Clinical Director, Division of Intramural Research \(DIR\)](#). This position is part of the NINR senior leadership team and reports directly to the NINR Director. [Read More](#).
- [NINR has a number of new funding initiatives and opportunities](#) that are available for submission. To help the process, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) released a [Guide Notice](#) for submissions.

### The National Clinical Scholars Program (NCSP)

- The NCSP offers an innovative two-year, postdoctoral interprofessional training program in leadership and research, preparing them for a wide range of careers. The program builds upon the legacy of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars program, providing mentored training and supporting the development of change agents who will devote their careers to leading improvements in health, health care, and health equity. The NCSP online [application](#) is open and the deadline to submit is **July 15, 2022**. Admitted applicants will enter the program in July 2023.

Please join current scholars and program directors for information sessions on the following dates:

- Thursday, May 19, 2022, 7 pm-8 pm ET. *Register by May 18, 5 pm ET* at <https://tinyurl.com/NCSP-Info-Session-2>
  - Friday, June 3, 2022, 2 pm-3 pm ET. *Register by June 2, 5 pm ET* at <https://tinyurl.com/NCSP-Info-Session-3>
  - Thursday, June 16, 2022, 7 pm-8 pm ET. *Register by June 15 at 5 pm ET* at <https://tinyurl.com/NCSP-Info-Session-4>
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### National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM)

- News Release: “Strategic Commitment, Long-Term Investments Needed by Defense Department to Expand Research Capacity at HBCUs and Other Minority Institutions, New Report Says.” Read more [here](#).
- News Release: “NIH Should Create an Office of Autoimmune Disease Research.” Read more [here](#).
- News Release: “Automated Research Workflows Are Speeding Pace of Scientific Discovery; New Report Offers Recommendations to Advance Their Development.” Read more [here](#).
- News Release: “National Academies’ Gulf Research Program Awards \$8.6 Million to Promote Equity in Health and Community Resilience for At-Risk Communities.” Read more [here](#).
- Media Tipsheet: “Reports & Events Monthly Calendar - May 2022.” Read more [here](#).

### National Academy of Medicine (NAM)

- NAM will host “*National Plan for Health Workforce Well-Being Public Input Webinar*” on May 20 from 3:00-4:30pm EST. Find out more [here](#).
- NAM will host “*Report Release Webinar: Global Roadmap for Healthy Longevity*” on June 3 from 10:00-11:00am EST. Find out more [here](#).



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### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- [Firearm Deaths Grow, Disparities Widen](#)
- [CDC Media Briefing — New Vital Signs Report Firearm deaths show historic increase. What can be done to prevent firearm homicides and suicides?](#)
- [CDC Recommendation for Masks and Travel](#)
- [Proactive Statement: MMWR on children with acute hepatitis and adenovirus infection in Alabama](#)
- [U.S. Case of Human Avian Influenza A\(H5\) Virus Reported](#)
- [CDC’s Annual Gathering of Disease Detectives Showcases Findings from the Front Lines of Public Health](#)
- [CDC Press Release: Hypertensive disorders in pregnancy affect 1 in 7 hospital deliveries](#)
- [CDC Media Telebriefing: Update on COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 Was Third Leading Cause of Death in U.S.](#)
- [CDC Alerts Providers to Hepatitis Cases of Unknown Origin](#)
- [CDC Media Telebriefing: Vaccination Coverage with Selected Vaccines and Exemption Rates Among Children in Kindergarten — United States, 2020–21 School Year](#)

### Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

- [CMS Outlines Strategy to Advance Health Equity, Challenges Industry Leaders to Address Systemic Inequities](#)
- [Implementing Certain Provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 and other Revisions to Medicare Enrollment and Eligibility Rules \(CMS-4199-P\)](#)
- [CMS Proposes Updates to Reduce Barriers to Coverage, Simplify Medicare Enrollment and Expand Access](#)
- [HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2023 Final Rule Fact Sheet](#)
- [CY 2023 Medicare Advantage and Part D Final Rule \(CMS-4192-F\)](#)
- [New Reports Show Record 35 Million People Enrolled in Coverage Related to the Affordable Care Act, with Historic 21 Million People Enrolled in Medicaid Expansion Coverage](#)
- [CMS Approves Extension of Medicaid & CHIP Coverage for 12 Months After Pregnancy in Tennessee, South Carolina](#)
- [CMS Issues New Policies to Provide Greater Transparency for Medicare Advantage and Part D Plans](#)

## **The Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**

- [FDA Warns of Risks Associated with Non-Invasive Prenatal Screening Tests](#)
- [FDA Considers New Approach to Improve Safe Disposal of Prescription Opioid Analgesics, Decrease Unnecessary Exposure to Unused Medication](#)
- [FDA Approves First COVID-19 Treatment for Young Children](#)
- [FDA Takes Steps to Limit Lead in Juice to Further Reduce Exposure to Toxic Elements in Foods](#)
- [FDA Authorizes Second Booster Dose of Two COVID-19 Vaccines for Older and Immunocompromised Individuals](#)
- [FDA Proposes Rules Prohibiting Menthol Cigarettes and Flavored Cigars to Prevent Youth Initiation, Significantly Reduce Tobacco-Related Disease and Death](#)
- [FDA Announces Tentative Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule Regarding COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update: FDA Limits Use of Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine to Certain Individuals](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update: FDA Authorizes First COVID-19 Test Available without a Prescription That Also Detects Flu and RSV](#)
- [FDA Provides New Updates on Activities to Mitigate Infant Formula Supply Challenges, Abbott Nutrition Agrees to Take Corrective Actions at Facility to Produce Safe Infant Formula](#)
- [FDA Encourages Importation of Safe Infant Formula and Other Flexibilities to Further Increase Availability](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update: FDA Expands Eligibility for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose to Children 5 through 11 Years](#)

## **Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)**

- [HHS Releases New Data and Report on Hospital and Nursing Home Ownership](#)
- [In Nevada, Secretary Becerra Highlighted the Importance of Strengthening the Health Care Workforce, Launching 988, Access to Cancer Screening, and Investing in Youth Mental Health](#)
- [HHS Announces \\$90 Million to Support New Data-Driven Approaches for Health Centers to Identify and Reduce Health Disparities](#)
- [Fact Sheet: Celebrating Earth Day 2022](#)
- [Indian Health Service Announces Five Million Dollars in Funding for Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S.](#)
- [Readout of the HHS Mental Health Roundtable with Historically Black Colleges and Universities \(HBCUs\)](#)
- [Remarks by HHS Secretary Becerra for the Celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Administration for Community Living](#)
- [HHS's New Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Benefit Resources Will Help People Seeking Care to Better Understand Their Rights](#)
- [HHS Announces New Policy to Make Coverage More Accessible and Affordable for Millions of Americans in 2023](#)
- [Statement by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on the White House LGBTQI+ Report](#)
- [Fact Sheet: Celebrating Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month 2022](#)
- [New Reports Show Record 35 Million People Enrolled in Coverage Related to the Affordable Care Act, with Historic 21 Million People Enrolled in Medicaid Expansion Coverage](#)
- [Remarks by HHS Assistant Secretary for Health ADM Rachel Levine for the 2022 Out For Health Conference](#)
- [Joint Statement by HHS Secretary Becerra, Ambassador Tai, Erika Moritsugu, and Krystal Ka'ai in Celebration of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#)

- [Statement on Alleged Draft Supreme Court Opinion Re: Roe v. Wade from Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra](#)
- [HHS Awards Nearly \\$25 Million to Expand Access to School-Based Health Services](#)
- [Fact Sheet: Celebrating Mental Health Awareness Month 2022](#)
- [Statements by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Rachel Levine, and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population Affairs Jessica Marcella on the Inaugural National Adolescent Health Month](#)
- [HHS Announces \\$55 Million Funding Opportunity for Latest Iteration of its Tribal Opioid Response Grant Program](#)
- [Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra Commit to Advancing Goals of White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health](#)
- [Readout: Secretary Becerra, Secretary Walsh Host Health Insurance, Business Leaders to Discuss Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder Parity](#)
- [Secretary Becerra Reaffirms Commitment to Protecting Safe and Legal Abortion](#)
- [HHS Launches New Maternal Mental Health Hotline](#)
- [Biden Administration Launches an Initiative to Help Protect People's Health from Climate Events](#)
- [HHS Announces \\$16.3 Million to Expand Telehealth Care in the Title X Family Planning Program](#)
- [Indian Health Service funding provides resources to address Alzheimer's disease](#)
- [In Oregon and Washington, Secretary Becerra Highlights the Importance of Investing in Mental Health](#)
- [HHS Announces \\$5 Million in Funding to Advance Equity in Cancer Screening at Health Centers](#)
- [NIH Licenses COVID-19 Research Tools and Early-Stage Technologies to WHO Program](#)
- [Statement from HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on the One Million American Lives Lost to COVID-19](#)
- [Remarks by HHS Secretary Becerra at Second Public Meeting of President Biden's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders](#)
- [Remarks by HHS Secretary Becerra at the Global COVID-19 Summit](#)
- [HHS Announces New Funding Opportunity to Strengthen Behavioral Health Services in Nursing Homes and Other Long-Term Care Facilities](#)
- [HHS Announces Funding Opportunity for New Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Behavioral Health Center of Excellence](#)

#### **National Institute of Health (NIH)**

- NIH [released a media advisory](#), "Virtual Meeting and Listening Session on Oversight Framework for Research Involving Enhanced Potential Pandemic Pathogens"
- NIH [released a news release](#), "Uterine cancer deaths are rising in the United States, and are highest among Black women"
- NIH [released a news release](#), "Hypertensive pregnancy disorders linked to future cardiac events"
- NIH [released a media advisory](#), "Unique binding of Delta variant may explain high transmissibility"
- NIH [released a media advisory](#), "Vaccine for rare but deadly mosquito-borne viruses shows promise in clinical trial"
- NIH [released a news release](#), "Researchers identify the high costs of living with sickle cell disease"
- NIH [released a news release](#), "Scientists identify characteristics to better define long COVID"

#### **National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)**

- *News Release:* "Tobacco smoking rates are decreasing in people with major depression and substance use disorder" Read more [here](#).
  - NIDA has a [number of new priority research areas](#) that are available for submission.
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*Based on previous positions taken by the Academy, the following scan is meant for informational purposes and does not directly translate to Academy endorsement. Links provided allow you to watch the recordings and read witness testimony.*

#### **House Committee on Energy & Commerce**

- April 27: [Hearing on "The Fiscal Year 2023 HHS Budget"](#)

#### **House Committee on Financial Services**

- May 24: [Diversity Includes Disability: Exploring Inequities in Financial Services for Persons with Disabilities, Including Those Newly Disabled Due to Long-Term COVID](#)

#### **House Committee on Veteran Affairs**

- April 26: [Next Steps: Examining Plans for the Continuation of the Department of Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Record Modernization Program](#)
- April 28: [U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs' Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2023](#)
- May 11: [Postponed: Reviewing President Biden's Strategy to Reduce Veteran Suicide by Addressing Economic Risk Factors](#)

#### **Senate Committee on Appropriations**

- May 4: [Subcommittee Hearing: A Review of the President's FY 2023 Funding Request and Budget Justification for the Department of Health and Human Services](#)
- May 11: [Subcommittee Hearing: A Review of the Fiscal Year 2023 President's Budget for the Indian Health Service](#)
- May 11: [Subcommittee Hearing: The Global Food Security and COVID-19 Crises: U.S. Response and Policy Options](#)
- May 17: [Subcommittee Hearing: A Review of the President's FY 2023 Funding Request and Budget Justification for the National Institutes of Health](#)

#### **Senate Committee on Finance**

- March 16: [Prescription Drug Price Inflation: An Urgent Need to Lower Drug Prices in Medicare](#)
- March 30: [Behavioral Health Care When Americans Need It: Ensuring Parity and Care Integration](#)
- April 5: [The President's Fiscal Year 2023 Health and Human Services Budget](#)

#### **Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions**

- May 18: [Full Committee Hearing: Cybersecurity in the Health and Education Sectors](#)

#### **Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs**

- May 3: [The VA Workforce: Assessing Ways to Bolster Recruitment and Retention](#)
- May 11: [Examining Quality of Care in VA and the Private Sector](#)

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