Call for Action Alert: Mental Health in Schools

Emilee Moeke

Rush University

Nursing

Dr. Zonsius

November 13, 2017

# Call for Action Alert: Mental Health in Schools

An organization that could be called to action to write on behalf of the bill H.R. 2913: Mental Health in Schools Act of 2017, is the National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health. The organization, formed in 1989, looks to bring light to children’s mental health. It is a national organization, with over 120 chapters throughout the United States (NFFCMH, n.d). The mission of the organization is to “provide advocacy at the national level for the rights of children and youth with emotional, behavioral, and mental health challenges and their families” (NFFCMH, n.d). They are made up of all different types of members all working towards a singular purpose to help implement and advocate for policies and systems that lend a voice and assistance to the families and children who suffer from mental health illness. The NFFCMH has previously worked with the White House in increasing access to mental health resources, as well they were involved in helping look at policies within the Affordable Care Act, in regards to mental health.

The organization has a national conference each year at the end of November, and attendance is usually around 1000 individuals. Although 1000 individuals alone is not that significant, the organization itself has outreach to more than 100,000 people, and by sharing the information at their biggest gathering, will than start a cascade down to all members (FFCMH, n.d.). This would be a perfect time to introduce support of the legislative action and release a call to action. It is important to have all individuals understand the importance and significance of the bill, before they can form an opinion on it, regardless of whether it is positive or negative. Based on the organization’s mission and vision for children with mental health challenges, they would likely be very interested in supporting this legislation.

References

Congress.gov. Library of Congress. (n.d.). Retrieved November 11, 2017, from <https://www.bing.com/cr?IG=5A08221F877E4D7EA87DA20FFC890272&CID=08A3A619F02061B80FCFAD20F12660EA&rd=1&h=f9wxa6wJvW7_xzPBhX0Q08eco20iGNJvrYCJSOruQyM&v=1&r=https%3a%2f%2fcongress.gov%2f&p=DevEx,5063.1>

National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health[FFCMH]. (n.d.). Retrieved November 12, 2017 from https://www.ffcmh.org/