



AGENDA

2026 Virtual Public Policy Forum Advocacy Training

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Noon – 4:30 p.m. ET

Noon – 12:10 ET	<p>Welcome and Leadership Introduction</p> <p>Katherine O'Neal, PharmD, MBA, BCACP, CDES, BC-ADM 2026 ADCES President</p>
12:10 – 12:25 ET	<p>ADCES Advocacy Overview</p> <p>Hannah Martin, MPH, RDN ADCES Director of Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADCES Advocacy Priorities • Advocacy efforts in 2026
12:25 – 12:45 ET	<p>Washington Public Policy Update</p> <p>Tiffani Williams, JD, MPH, DB3 Jennifer Summa, JD, MPH, Baker Donelson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's happening on Capitol Hill? • How does this affect diabetes policy at the federal level?
12:45 – 1:00 ET	<p>Overview of the Legislative Process</p> <p>Hannah Martin, ADCES Director of Advocacy</p>
1:00 – 1:30 ET	<p>Legislative Training: TROA</p> <p>Tracy Zvenyach, PhD, MS, RN Vice President, Advocacy and Research Obesity Action Coalition</p>
1:30 – 2:00 ET	<p>Legislative Training: The DSMT Act</p> <p>Hannah Martin, ADCES Director of Advocacy</p>
2:00 – 2:30 ET	<p>Legislative Training: Medical Nutrition Therapy Act</p> <p>Kelly Horton, MS, RDN Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Government Relations Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics</p>
2:30 – 2:40 ET	<p>BREAK</p>

<p>2:00 – 3:10 ET</p>	<p>Preparing for Congressional Meetings</p> <p>Hannah Martin, ADCES Director of Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What to expect in your congressional meetings • How to use the Advocacy Associates platform for your congressional meetings. View YouTube tutorial on the platform. • Follow-up and ways to stay connected
<p>3:10 – 3:45 ET</p>	<p>Panel Discussion: ADCES Advocacy Committee Members</p> <p>Janet Benefield, MS, RDN, LD, CDCES Linda Gutierrez-Miller, PharmD, BCACP, BCPS, CDCES AnnMarie Barilla, MHSc, RD, LDN, CDCES, BC-ADM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real life tips for meeting with legislators/staff • Advocating beyond the Public Policy Forum
<p>3:45 – 4:25 ET</p>	<p>Team Breakout Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will enter breakout rooms to prepare for their Hill meetings with their team. • Get to know one another, your professional backgrounds, your advocacy experience, your comfort level with speaking. • Make a plan for your meetings.
<p>4:25 – 4:30 ET</p>	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Hannah Martin, ADCES Director of Advocacy</p>
<p>4:30 – 5:00 ET</p>	<p><u>Optional</u> Hill Day “Office Hours”</p> <p><i>Stick around if you have any remaining questions about the Hill meetings, using the meetings portal, etc.</i></p>