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MALNUTRITION CONNECTION

Providing Malnutrition Awareness and Advocacy Information to Share

Advocacy for State Policies to Address Malnutrition

2022 state legislative sessions are fully underway around the US, with many policymakers focused on initiatives to help support older Americans as this vulnerable population continues to feel the impact of COVID-19, market disruptions, and inflation.

While malnutrition remains a significant threat to older adults amid this pandemic, state government can play a critical role through policy initiatives focused on helping address underlying causes of malnutrition (whether related to disease/medical condition and/or access to nutritious foods).

To help guide state-focused advocacy and action to address malnutrition, Defeat Malnutrition Today in partnership with Women In Government has issued 2 new [malnutrition policy toolkits](#), one for state advocates and one for state legislators.

Please review and share these valuable resources:



State Advocate Toolkit: [Advancing Policies for Quality Malnutrition Care in Older Adults: A Toolkit for Constituents and Driving Change](#)



State Legislator Toolkit: [Advancing Policies for Quality Malnutrition Care in Older Adults: A Toolkit for State Legislators](#)



State Legislator Toolkit Infographic ([pdf](#))

New Webinar Resources Available

In early February, Defeat Malnutrition Today hosted a webinar, "Malnutrition in Underserved Populations: State Actions and Advocacy." We are pleased to share resources from the webinar:

- [Partial audio/video recording](#) (external YouTube link)
- [Slides](#) (PDF)
- [Journal article](#) cited in Ohio presentation (external link)
- [State report](#) cited in Florida presentation (external Dropbox link)
- [State advocacy toolkits](#)

