

Andrew Kessler is the New Face of NAADAC's Government Relations

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NAADAC, The Association for Addiction Professionals, is pleased to announce the addition of Andrew Kessler as its new Director of Government Relations. Kessler brings with him several years experience in health and science policy. He has worked for other non-profit organizations in the Washington, DC area, including the American Psychological Society and Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Kessler's resume includes time as a staff assistant for Senator Joe Lieberman and clerkships for the National Labor Relations Board and the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence Legal Action Project.

Kessler welcomes the opportunity of joining NAADAC's team and supports the many initiatives NAADAC has undertaken in the government relations realm.

"Coming to NAADAC gives me the chance to work on an issue of critical importance, one that affects millions of people. Having worked on addiction issues in the past, I know first hand how challenging, and how critical, our agenda is. Policymakers are aware of the problem of addiction, but so few recognize it as a disease. I see our mission as one of education, promoting awareness and securing recognition and support for addiction professionals," said Kessler.

"NAADAC will be well served by Andrew's energy, experience in healthcare policy and passion for the addiction profession," said NAADAC's Acting Executive Director Cynthia Moreno Tuohy. "He will help NAADAC continue to be the organization government turns to when they want to work with addiction professionals."

Kessler's experience also includes campaign and grassroots work on the national, state and local levels. He holds a law degree from American University's Washington College of Law and is a member of the Virginia State Bar.