

Youtube Video 2 Script" Sen Brown, Please Support The MINDS Act

Esther: Sen. Sherrod Brown, please support the MINDS Act.

Esther: While we may not see it there is a direct link between poverty and mental health as lack of necessities such as healthcare, food and shelter can increase the likelihood of developing mental illnesses. Studies show that 1 billion people around the world suffer from mental illnesses and 75% of people in developing countries lack mental health support.

Esther: Natural disasters can also lead to mental health conditions. COVID-19 has increased the chances of developing mental illnesses. A 2020 Global Citizen article states that "People living in poverty are especially vulnerable to climate change and are hit the hardest by droughts, floods, and natural disasters. Shifting rain patterns are destroying agricultural systems and water supplies while making extreme weather events more likely."

Esther: The purpose of the MINDS Act is to spread awareness about the link between poverty and mental health. While mental health is often misunderstood it's not impossible to help those who are struggling.

Esther: By supporting the MINDS Act, you are prioritizing the mental health of millions of people living in extreme poverty.

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