

U.S. Congressman 18th District of Pennsylvania

In January 2015, Congressman Tim Murphy, Ph.D. began serving his seventh term in Congress representing the 18th District of Pennsylvania, encompassing the South Hills of Pittsburgh and portions of Greene, Allegheny, Washington and Westmoreland counties.

Congressman Murphy relies on his three decades as a psychologist to advocate for meaningful reforms in the U.S. healthcare system. Back home in Southwestern Pennsylvania, Dr. Murphy specialized in child and family treatment and served at a number of hospitals in the Pittsburgh area, including Pittsburgh Children's Hospital, Mercy Hospital, Magee Women's Hospital, Transitional Infant Care and St. Margaret's Hospital.

In June 2015, following a multi-year investigation by his subcommittee into the nation's broken mental health system, House Energy & Commerce Oversight Subcommittee Chairman Murphy reintroduced his landmark mental health reform legislation, the Helping Families In Mental Health Crisis Act. With wide bipartisan support, praise for the legislation has poured in across the country from the American Psychiatric Association, National Alliance on Mental Illness, and numerous media outlets such as CNN, the Wall Street Journal, and the Washington Post.

Dr. Murphy holds two adjunct faculty positions with the University of Pittsburgh, serving as an Associate Professor in the Department of Public Health and in the Department of Pediatrics. While working in the hospitals and in his own private practice, he became widely known as "Dr. Tim" through regular appearances on local and national radio and television. Congressman Murphy is also the author of two books: the awardwinning book The Angry Child (2001), and Overcoming Passive-Aggression (2005).

As the only practicing clinical psychologist, Murphy quickly established himself as a leader on the issue of mental health and Co-chairs the Congressional Mental Health Caucus. Dr. Murphy is a founding member of the Congressional Doctors Caucus, giving him a platform to educate other members of Congress and the public on ways to make healthcare more affordable and accessible for all families.

Among other accomplishments, Murphy has successfully shepherded a diverse portfolio of healthcare policies into law, on issues such as: promoting the use of electronic medical records; expanding access to safe and affordable generic medication; reducing hospital-acquired infections; protecting Medicaid rehabilitation and transportation services for disabled children; ensuring access to affordable mental health medications in Medicare; and ensuring parity between physical and mental health insurance under Medicare for seniors.

In addition to his work in Congress, Murphy serves as a Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve Medical Service Corps, working with wounded warriors with Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center-Bethesda.

The Congressman earned a bachelor's degree from Wheeling Jesuit University, a master's degree from Cleveland State University, and his PhD from the University of Pittsburgh.