



Developmental Disabilities, Autism, and Family Support Task Force

Top 3 legislative issues in 2018:

- 1) Reauthorization of the Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education, and Support (CARES) Act. Task Force members worked with Hill staff on needed changes to the law and organized numerous meetings with House and Senate staff to support the timely reauthorization before the hard sunset of September 30, 2019. See task force [principles for reauthorization](#).
- 2) Implementation of the Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act. The task force submitted nine recommendations for members of the RAISE family caregiver Act Advisory Council to the Administration on Community Living.
- 3) FY 2019 appropriations for Developmental Disabilities (DD) Act programs. The task force supported increased funding for the State DD Councils, Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (PADD) program, University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service (UCEDDs), and Projects of National Significance (PNS). See task force [letter](#) to Hill offices.

Other activities in 2018:

- 4) Met with the new Commission of the Administration on Community Living.
- 5) Sent [letter](#) to Hill offices in support of key provisions in the reauthorization of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA).

Taskforce meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2:00 PM.

Task Force webpage: http://www.c-c-d.org/rubriques.php?rub=taskforce.php&id_task=1

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