



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

**CCD Response to the President's FY 2016 Budget Request**

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*The [Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities \(CCD\)](#) today released the following statement following the release of the President FY 2016 budget proposal. CCD is a coalition of over 110 national consumer, provider, and advocacy organizations working together to advocate for national public policy that ensures the self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration, and inclusion of the 54 million children and adults with disabilities living in the United States.*

(Washington, DC.) February 2, 2015 -- The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) is encouraged that the Administration's Budget for FY 2016 maintains investments in many important programs that support the health and wellbeing of people with disabilities, [repeals the devastating sequestration cuts scheduled for this year](#), preserves the structure of Medicaid, and recognizes the need for a balanced approach to deficit reduction while calling for important investments in early childhood, employment for people with disabilities, caregiver supports, veterans services and health care.

There are many exciting proposals in the budget that will result in greater independence for people with disabilities. Significant proposed investments in Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the preschool program under IDEA, Head Start, Early Head Start and the Child Care and Development Block Grant will help make sure more children with disabilities get the best start possible. The budget proposes increasing funding for the vocational rehabilitation program that helps jobseekers with disabilities find jobs. In addition, there are also proposed increases in funding for the Section 811 program at the Department of Housing and Urban Development which will increase housing options for people with disabilities. The investments in the Administration on Community Living programs that support caregivers, independent living programs, transition programs and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities will help assure that all people receive the needed community services and supports to remain as independent as possible. Finally, the budget supports the Social Security Disability Insurance Program with a clean reallocation from the Old-Age & Survivors Insurance Trust Fund.

CCD will work with Congress to restore cuts to vital services and supports and to build on investments for improving the lives of people with disabilities.

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