



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

**Developmental Disability, Autism & Family Support Task Force  
2021 Annual Report**

I. Task Force Description

The DD, Autism, and Family Support Task Force advocates for federal public policies that directly relate to individuals with developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, family supports and the prevention of child abuse and neglect. These include, but are not limited to, the Developmental Disabilities Act, Autism CARES Act, Lifespan Respite Care Act, National Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

II. Top 3 Issues the Task Force Worked On in 2021

1. Successfully advocated for appropriations increases in the pending FY 2022 L-HHS-ED funding bill for programs that support people with developmental disabilities. Our work that helped secure this win included submitting written testimony on behalf of the Task Force to Senate and House appropriations committees. Task Force Co-chair Erin Prangle was also invited to testify before the House Appropriations Committee L-HHS-ED Subcommittee and highlighted the Task Force's priorities.
2. Successfully advocated for the inclusion of stimulus payments for adult dependents and an increased FMAP for HCBS in the American Rescue Plan. Worked to ensure inclusion of historic funding (\$150 billion) for HCBS, stimulus payments for adult dependents, behavioral health, paid family and medical leave, respite care, early childhood and other priorities impacting people with developmental disabilities in the pending Build Back Better Act.
3. Successfully advocated for the appointment of new Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee members, including more self-advocates appointed since the establishment of the Committee. The Task Force also submitted comments to the Committee in response to its request for input on developing the next five-year plan.

### III. Top 3 Issues Identified for 2022

1. Pass the Build Back Better Act with the HCBS funding intact.
2. Work to ensure that the FY 2022 appropriations bill is passed, not a year-long CR. Work to get the highest possible funding levels for DD Act, Autism CARES Act, Lifespan Respite, CAPTA, Kevin and Avonte's Law, and other programs that support people with developmental disabilities.
3. Work to ensure that comprehensive mental health legislation being considered in FY 2022 addresses the needs of people with developmental disabilities and work to ensure that the FY 2023-2028 Strategic Plan for Autism includes Task Force priorities.

### IV. Task Force Meetings

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM eastern

### V. 2021 Co-Chairs

- Lydia X.Z. Brown, Autistic Women and Nonbinary Network
- Samantha Crane, Autistic Self Advocacy Network
- Emmanuel Jenkins, AUCD
- Angela Lello, Autism Speaks
- Kim Musheno, Autism Society of America
- Erin Prangley , National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD)

### VI. Task Force Webpage Link

[http://www.c-c-d.org/rubriques.php?rub=taskforce.php&id\\_task=1](http://www.c-c-d.org/rubriques.php?rub=taskforce.php&id_task=1)