



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

Education Task Force 2021 Annual Report

I. Task Force Description

The Education Task Force monitors federal legislation and regulations that address the educational needs of children with disabilities and their families, including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) programs. The Education Task Force advocates for enhance opportunities for children under these laws.

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

1. Successfully advocated for significant funding increases for general and special education in the American Rescue Plan, the pending Build Back Better Act, and the pending FY 2022 L-HHS-ED appropriations bill for IDEA (see latest letter):
 - a. Part B Section 611 (Grants to States): \$15.5 billion
 - b. Part B Section 619 (Preschool Grants): \$503 million
 - c. Part C (Grants to serve infants and toddlers): \$732 million
 - d. Part D (National Activities):
 - i. State Personnel Development: \$39 million)
 - ii. Technical Assistance and Dissemination: \$49 million
 - iii. Personnel Preparation: \$250 million
 - iv. Parent Training and Information Centers: \$33 million
 - v. Media and Technology: \$32 million
2. Successfully advocated for equity in education as well as the educational rights of a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment to be maintained (not waived) throughout the pandemic.
3. Coordinated Listening Sessions and participated in regular meetings with the White House Office of Domestic Policy and the U.S. Department of Education to advance priorities and advise on key policies impacting K-12 education. Listening sessions were coordinated with Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona as well as Deputy Asst. Secretary Katy Neas. Regular meetings were held with the White House as well as Department officials and career staff.

III. Top 3 Issues Identified for 2022

1. Ensuring equity and accountability in education for children, youth and young adults with disabilities (and their families).
2. FY 2023 appropriations focused on increasing funding for the IDEA, ESSA and other key education programs.
3. Working with the new leadership in the Department of Education to help provide guidance to schools and families during the pandemic.

IV. Task Force Meetings

3rd Friday of the month at 12:30 PM eastern

V. 2022 Co-Chairs

- Kim Musheno, Autism Society of America
- Laura Kaloi, Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates & The National Center for Special Education in Charter Schools
- Lindsay Kubatzky, National Center for Learning Disabilities

VI. Task Force Webpage Link

http://www.c-c-d.org/rubriques.php?rub=taskforce.php&id_task=2