



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

**Rights Task Force Priorities for 2017**

The Rights Task Force advocates to promote the civil and human rights of people with disabilities. In some instances we advocate jointly with other task forces on some issues, given overlapping interests. The Task Force has decided that the following areas will be priorities for our advocacy in 2017:

- Together with the Employment Task Force, we will advocate for the EEOC to conduct meaningful enforcement of its new regulation implementing Section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act and ensure significant improvements in federal employment of people with disabilities.
- Together with the Employment and Veterans Task Forces, we will advocate to preserve the Department of Labor's regulations implementing Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act (VEVRAA) and to promote effective implementation of these rules.
- We will continue to advocate for the preservation of *Olmstead* and the ADA's integration mandate and to stave off legislative and regulatory actions that undermine them, including legislative proposals concerning mental health services.
- We will advocate to prevent the passage of legislation to weaken the ADA, including ADA "notification" bills that would preclude individuals with disabilities from enforcing their rights under the ADA's public accommodations provisions unless and until they provide a specific notice to a business describing the barriers they experienced and allow the business months to cure the problem.
- We will advocate to prevent adoption and implementation of measures that would have the effect of disproportionately deporting or excluding immigrants with disabilities or that would otherwise harm immigrants with disabilities.
- We will advocate for people with disabilities to receive fair and equal treatment in the voting process.

Of course the Task Force's priorities may evolve over the course of the year depending on later developments, but the priorities are intended to guide what the Task Force's primary areas of focus should be.

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