



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

Social Security Task Force 2021 Annual Report

I. Task Force Description

The CCD Social Security Task Force focuses on disability policy issues in the Title II disability programs and the Title XVI Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. The SSI and Title II cash benefits, along with the related Medicaid and Medicare benefits, are the means of survival for millions of individuals with severe disabilities. They rely on SSA to promptly and fairly adjudicate their applications for disability benefits and to handle many other actions critical to their well-being.

The Social Security Task Force's policy agenda focuses on: Ensuring that the impact on people with disabilities is considered and their interests are protected in Social Security and SSI policy debates. Advocating that SSA's administrative budget be adequately funded so that SSA has sufficient resources for personnel and service needs. Monitoring proposed changes to the disability claims process. Advocating for legislation, regulations, and policy changes to improve, simplify, and update the Social Security and SSI disability programs, including work incentives. Maximizing employment opportunities for current and future disability beneficiaries while also doing no harm to existing critical income supports.

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

1. COVID Response, including agency response and COVID overpayment waivers
2. Waiting periods for SSDI beneficiaries and the Stop the Wait Act
3. Advocating for regulatory revisions to prior harmful rules the task force opposed

III. Top 3 Issues Identified for 2022

1. Ensuring adequate administrative funding (LAE) for the Social Security Administration

2. Monitoring and improving SSA's "re-entry" plan that will provide additional in-person services
3. Improving the SSI program through standalone legislation, reconciliation package, and regulatory / subregulatory changes

IV. Task Force Meetings

3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM eastern

V. 2021 Co-Chairs

- Stacy Cloyd, National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives
- Tracey Thomas Gronniger, Justice in Aging
- Bethany Lilly, The Arc of the United States
- Jeanne Morin, National Association of Disability Representatives (NADR)

VI. Task Force Webpage Link

http://www.c-c-d.org/rubriques.php?rub=taskforce.php&id_task=12