



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

## **CCD Technology and Telecommunications Task Force Annual Report for 2017**

### 2017 ACTIVITIES

Over 2017, the task force was active and met every month discussing topics of interest and actions the task force should take. This year was spent working on issues such as digital accessibility issues. Additionally, the Task Force addressed Complex Rehabilitation Technology and healthcare legislation. The task force weighed in on funding issues that impact resources for assistive technology, specifically the Assistive Technology (AT) Act. The task force drafted several letters to the House and the Senate pertaining to FY2018 funding. Additionally, the Task Force hosted a briefing on assistive technology that included an assistive technology expo.

### FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- The task force plans to host a Capitol Hill briefing in 2018 on Capitol Hill.
- Advocate for funding issues of interest.
- Advocate for issues related to technology as it pertains to HEA and the Assistive Technology Act
- Continue to monitor and support legislation related to technology and telecommunication issues impacting people with disabilities.
- Continue to educate staff on Capitol Hill about the importance of accessible technology and telecommunications for people with disabilities

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