



CCD 2022 Housing Task Force Annual Report

1. Brief Task Force Description or Mission Statement

The CCD Housing Task Force works to ensure that all people with disabilities have safe, stable, accessible, affordable, integrated housing that enables people to live in communities of their choosing, with full access to home and community-based services and supports. Through federal policy advocacy, we work to counter the impacts of historic and continued racist, ableist, and audist (among other forms of oppressive) policies and practices that cause the extreme lack of housing affordability, accessibility, availability, inclusion, and quality. We also acknowledge that the burden of these impacts is often most acute for those who experience multiple forms of marginalization; therefore, the solutions must center those most impacted. The CCD Housing Task Force works with non-governmental entities, Congress, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and other agencies to address these inequities and advance the rights of and access for all disabled people to stable, safe, accessible and affordable housing in communities of their choosing.

The CCD Housing Task Force supports Housing First principles and that community and in-home support services should always be person-centered and voluntary. Due to decades of grassroots advocacy as well as legal and policy mandates, it is critical that housing solutions for people with disabilities support full integration, where people with and without disabilities can live together in the communities of their choice, and where disabled people have the same access to all amenities as non-disabled people. That said, we also acknowledge that the preservation and cultivation of Disability and Deaf culture are paramount to how we understand the housing crisis and approach the variety of solutions needed. For example, housing solutions need to account for the importance of peer socialization amongst Deaf people who use sign language because, without it, there is continued proof of language deprivation.

2. Three Issues the Task Force Worked on in 2022

- Strengthened the US Dept. of Housing & Urban Development's Mainstream Voucher Program by decreasing administrative barriers that make it harder for disabled people to access the program and obtain affordable, accessible, and integrated housing.

- Increased Congressional funding for key housing programs serving people with disabilities, including the Housing Choice Voucher program and the Section 811 program.
- Help enhanced fair housing laws, regulations, guidance, and practices for people with disabilities and other protected classes within HUD, DOJ, HHS, the White House, and other key federal agencies.

3. Three Issues the Task Force Anticipates Working on in 2023

- Strengthen the US Dept. of Housing & Urban Development's Mainstream Voucher Program and the Section 811 PRA programs, which will include an increase in accessibility and inclusion of diverse deaf and disabled people across HUD's public engagement initiatives and their customer experience process
- Sustain and push for increasing Congressional funding for key housing programs that increase affordable, accessible, and integrated housing for people with disabilities.
- Help enhanced fair housing laws, regulations, guidance, and practices for people with disabilities and other protected classes within HUD, DOJ, HHS, the White House, and other key federal agencies.

4. Task Force Meeting Day of the Month and Meeting Time (Eastern)

3rd Thursday, 12-1:30 pm

5. Task Force Co-Chairs

Carlean Ponder, The Arc
Greg Robinson, Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Allie Cannington, The Kelsey