



CCD 2023 DD, Autism, Family Support Task Force Annual Report

1. Brief Task Force Description or Mission Statement

The mission of the task force is to advocate for federal public policies that directly relate to individuals with developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, family supports and the prevention of child abuse and neglect. These include, but are not limited to, the Developmental Disabilities Act, Autism CARES Act, Lifespan Respite Care Act, National Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

2. Three Issues the Task Force Worked on in 2023

- a. The Task Force developed recommendations for the reauthorization of the Autism CARES Act
- b. The Task Force advocated for legislation and policies to support families, including the RAISE Family Caregiver recommendations, the Autism Family Caregiver Act, and appropriations for the Lifespan Respite Care Act.
- c. The Task Force advocated for health equity for those with IDD, including supporting the HEADS UP Act and commenting on the NIH proposal to include people with disabilities as an underserved population.

3. Three Issues the Task Force Anticipates Working on in 2024

- a. The Task Force will continue to advocate to end the use of electric shocks and other aversives as “treatment” and support positive supports and interventions.
- b. The Task Force will take the lead in moving the Autism CARES Act through introduction and to the President’s desk before it expires in Sept. Of 2024.
- c. The Task Force will advocate for the highest possible funding levels for programs that support people with Autism and IDD.

4. 2023 Task Force Co-Chairs

- AJ
Autistic
202-509-1035 phone Self Advocacy Link
Network
- Kim
Autism
301-657-0881 phone Society of Musheno
America

- Erin Prangley
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD)
1825 K Street, NW Suite 600
Washington, DC 20006
Phone: 202-506-5813
- Stuart Spielman
Autism Speaks
202-955-3312 phone
- Cindy Smith
Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)

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

Second Thursday of each month at 10:00 am

6. Anti-Racism Efforts Assessment and Feedback.

Please answer the following question using this [online form](#) or in this document if the form is not accessible to you. Your response to this question will only be shared with CCD's Officers and the CCD Board Anti-Racism Committee.

Individuals with Autism and other developmental disabilities are disproportionately impacted by systemic racism. For example, individuals with Autism and IDD are disproportionately subjected to abuse and neglect and discrimination in the service system. The Task Force considers these inequities in all policies for which we advocate.

Instructions: Please discuss priorities for the upcoming year with your Task Force and submit this form to Claire Stanley (claire.stanley@ndrn.org) and Carol Tyson (ctyson@dredf.org) no later than December 22, 2023. The reports will be posted to the [CCD website](#) and shared with all members during the CCD 2024 Annual Meeting on January 16th and 17th.