



CCD 2023 Task Force Annual Report

1. Brief Task Force Description or Mission Statement

The Long Term Services and Supports Task Force addresses the services and support that enable individuals with disabilities of all ages to live in their homes and communities. In particular, the Task Force focuses on Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS), recognizing that they are the key to community integration, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency for many people with disabilities and older adults. These critical services make it possible for people with disabilities and older adults to fully exercise their civil and human rights.

2. Three Issues the Task Force Worked on in 2023

- a. HCBS Workforce
- b. Youth in Foster Care/MH Services
- c. Unwinding/end of the PHE

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

- a. Monitor and advocate for additional administrative actions to support the HCBS Workforce
- b. Monitor the unwinding/end of the public health emergency's impact on people with disabilities and access to LTSS, and work to ensure individuals can maintain access to needed services.
- c. Advocate legislatively for increased HCBS funding

4. 2023 Task Force Co-Chairs

Dan Berland, NASDDDS
Lydia Dawson, ANCOR
Nicole Jorwic
Jennifer Lav, National Health Law Program
Gelila Selassie, Justice in Aging
(note that 2024 elections have not been held yet)

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

Third Thursday, 12:30 pm