



## 1. Brief 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.

## 2. Three Issues the Task Force Worked on in 2023

- a. Ensuring adequate administrative funding (LAE) for the Social Security Administration
- b. Improving the SSI program through stand-alone legislation, reconciliation package, and regulator /sub regulatory changes
- c. Protecting and improving the SSDI program

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

- a. Ensuring adequate administrative funding (LAE) for the Social Security Administration
- b. Improving the SSI program through legislation and regulatory/sub regulatory changes
- c. Working with the newly confirmed Commissioner to improve customer service, reduce backlogs at all levels and implement IT modernization

4. 2023 Task Force Co-Chairs
  - Jennifer Burdick, Community Legal Services of Philadelphia (CLS)
  - Tracey Gronniger, Justice in Aging
  - Darcy Milburn, The Arc
  - Jeanne Morin, National Association of Disability Representatives (NADR)
  
5. Task Force Meeting Day of the Month and Meeting Time (Eastern)
  - Third Wednesday, 12 pm