



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

## **Long Term Services and Supports Task Force 2021 Annual Report**

### I. Task Force Description

The Long Term Services and Supports Task Force addresses the services and supports 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.

### II. Top 3 Issues the Task Force Worked On in 2021

1. Ensuring HCBS is included in COVID relief, both in CARES and in Build Back Better.
2. Providing draft comments on the HCBS Access Act.
3. Working with the Biden administration to set LTSS priorities, particularly regarding COVID protections for people in congregate settings.

### III. Top 3 Issues Identified for 2022

1. Maintaining HCBS in Build Back Better.
2. Working with policy makers to expand access to HCBS.
3. Working on federal & state implementation of Build Back Better with respect to HCBS.

### IV. Task Force Meetings

2nd Thursday of the month at 12:30 PM eastern

#### V. 2022 Co-Chairs

- Julia Bascom, Autistic Self Advocacy Network
- Gelila Selassie, Justice in Aging
- Dan Berland, National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services
- Jennifer Lav, National Health Law Program
- Nicole Jorwic, Caring Across Generations

#### VI. Task Force Webpage Link

[http://www.c-c-d.org/rubriques.php?rub=taskforce.php&id\\_task=9](http://www.c-c-d.org/rubriques.php?rub=taskforce.php&id_task=9)