



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

**CCD Social Security Task Force
2016 Activities**

During 2016, the Task Force will continue to be active in the following areas:

- Monitor proposed changes to the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability programs to ensure that the rights of people with disabilities are protected. We will continue to work with Members of Congress, other coalitions, and friendly media outlets, while countering attacks that are detrimental to people with disabilities.
- Continue to work regarding the solvency of the Social Security Trust Funds to ensure that the impact on people with disabilities is considered and their interests are protected.
- Advocate that SSA's administrative budget be adequately funded so that SSA has sufficient resources for personnel and service needs.
- Advocate for legislation, regulations, policy changes, and demonstration pilots to improve, simplify, and update the Social Security and SSI disability programs, including work incentives.
- Continue to work with other CCD Task Forces to monitor proposals to promote employment among disability beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries. In particular, we will seek to influence the development of proposals to ensure that they are directed toward maximizing employment opportunities while also doing no harm to existing critical income supports.
- Monitor the implementation of the disability programs in the Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance program and the SSI program; present testimony as requested to Congress; respond to notices of proposed rulemaking; and raise issues affecting people with disabilities to SSA officials and Congressional staff.

In addition to the ongoing activities described above, specific activities already anticipated for 2016 will include:

- ***Social Security provisions of the Bipartisan Budget Act*** – We anticipate a range of activities to ensure appropriate implementation of these provisions. We will form work groups as needed to address specific topics, such as Title II demonstrations and work incentives.

- ***Tax and Income Support Work Group*** – We anticipate reconvening this all-CCD work group to continue to develop recommendations for use of the tax code and income supports (outside of the Social Security and SSI systems) to enhance opportunities for work and economic security among people with disabilities.
- ***Cuts Work Group*** – We plan to reconvene the work group to develop Task Force positions on various proposals to cut SSDI and/or SSI.
- ***Social Security Proposal in Administration’s Gun Violence Reduction Initiatives*** – We anticipate continuing to work with the CCD Rights Task Force to evaluate and address this proposal.
- ***Public Education*** -- As in years past, we plan to engage in public education (fact sheets, statements, media outreach, etc.) around the release of the 2016 Trustees Report, the Social Security and SSI anniversaries, and the annual Social Security COLA announcement.
- ***Transition*** – As in the past, we anticipate participating in an all-CCD effort to prepare Transition Recommendations for the new Administration.

The Task Force will plan for and engage in additional activities as needs and opportunities arise.

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