



CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES

Developmental Disabilities, Autism, & Family Support Task Force Annual Report for 2013

2013 ACTIVITIES

- Conducted Hill visits and wrote letters in support of coverage of behavioral health treatment, including applied behavioral analysis (ABA), for dependents with developmental disabilities by TRICARE, the military's health program.
- Advocated for expansion of the National Family Caregiver Support Program to include parents of adult children with disabilities in the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act.
- Coordinated with other task forces in support of the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act.
- Began educating Members of Congress about the positive gains from the Combating Autism Act and the need to reauthorize the law in 2014.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- Reauthorization of the Combating Autism Reauthorization Act of 2011
- Reauthorization of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000.
- Reauthorization of the Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2006
- Inclusion of behavioral health treatment provision in 2015 National Defense Authorization Act
- Enactment of the Family and Medical Leave Inclusion Act which expands the categories of family members eligible for leave to care for a relative with a serious health condition.
- Secure continued authorization for the Family to Family (F2F) Health Information Centers program.
- Ensure the collection of information from states on the number of children eligible for referral and referred to agencies providing early intervention services under IDEA Part C as required by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) of 2010.
- Ensure that families of children with disabilities and parents with disabilities are involved in the planning and implementation of Title II of CAPTA, the Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Grant Program, and to ensure that respite is treated as a core service under local program requirements.

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