

Developmental Disabilities, Autism, and Family Support Task Force Annual Report 2020

Brief Task Force Description *

The mission of the Task Force is to advocate for federal public policies that directly relate to individuals with developmental disabilities, including research on autism spectrum disorders; family supports; primary prevention; and the prevention of abuse and neglect of children and adults with developmental disabilities. These include, but are not limited to, the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Act; the Autism Collaboration; the Accountability, Research, Education, and Services Act (CARES Act); the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA); the Lifespan Respite Care Act; and the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA).

First of Three Issues the Task Force Worked on in 2020 *

Additional funding for programs authorized by the DD Act, the CARES Act in the FY2021 annual appropriations bill.

Second of Three Issues the Task Force Worked on in 2020 *

COVID relief legislation including stimulus payments for adult dependents and supplemental funding for DD Act sister organizations to protect the health and safety of the IDD population during the pandemic.

Third of Three Issues the Task Force Worked on in 2020 *

Reauthorizing the Lifespan Respite Care Act and increasing its appropriations level.

First of Three Issues the Task Force Anticipates Working on in 2021 *

Fully funding programs authorized by the DD Act and Cares Act and supplemental funding for COVID-19 related activities assumed by the DD Act sister organizations to protect the health and safety of the IDD population during the pandemic.

Second of Three Issues the Task Force Anticipates Working on in 2021 *

Following the recommendation of the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC), doubling federal funding of autism research over 2015 levels, and focusing on areas identified by the IACC as needing the most investment, such as adult services and research across the lifespan.

Third of Three Issues the Task Force Anticipates Working on in 2021 *

Expanding eligibility for Family and Medical Leave to include siblings and other caregivers.

Task Force Meeting Day

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Task Force Meeting Time *

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