



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

## **CCD Technology and Telecommunications Task Force Annual Report for 2014**

### 2014 ACTIVITIES

Over 2014, the task force was active and met almost every month discussing topics of interest and actions the task force should take. This year was spent working on spending issues of interest, copyright and accessible materials, the TEACH Act, issues related to PARCC and SBAC, CMS issues around speech generating devices, Complex Rehabilitation Technology legislation, and meeting with Hill staff about the task force's priorities. Specifically, the task force weighed in on funding issues that impact resources for assistive technology, including the Assistive Technology (AT) Act. The task force drafted several letters to the House and the Senate pertaining to FY2015 funding.

### FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- The task force plans to host a Capitol Hill briefing in 2015 in the Senate.
- Advocate for funding issues of interest
- Advocate for issues related to technology as it pertains to ESEA and HEA
- Continue to monitor and support legislation related to technology and telecommunication issues impacting people with disabilities.
- Continue to educate staff on Capitol Hill about the importance of accessible technology and telecommunications for people with disabilities

### CO-CHAIRS IN 2014:

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