CCD Technology and Telecommunications Task Force
Annual Report for 2015

2015 ACTIVITIES

Over 2015, the task force was active and met every month discussing topics of interest and actions the task force should take. This year was spent working on spending issues of interest, AIM-HEA, formerly TEACH Act, issues related to Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issues around speech generating devices, Complex Rehabilitation Technology legislation, language regarding ensuring accessible assessments in the Every Student Succeeds Act, 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, specifically the Assistive Technology (AT) Act. The task force drafted several letters to the House and the Senate pertaining to FY2016 funding.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- The task force plans to host a Capitol Hill briefing in 2016 in the Senate.
- Advocate for funding issues of interest
- Advocate for issues related to technology as it pertains to Higher Education Act and the Assistive Technology Act
- Continue to monitor and support legislation that 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:

Audrey Busch - Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs (ATAP)
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