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Developmental Disabilities Task Force Annual Report for 2011

2011 ACTIVITIES

The main priority of the DD Task Force is to prepare for and help move legislation to reauthorize the [Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act](#) (P.L. 106-402). The task force has acted on an ad-hoc basis since there has been little to no activity in this area due to the large back up of legislation in the committees of jurisdiction.

Task Force co-chairs met with key House and Senate committee staff to educate them about the DD Act and the need for reauthorization. The Task Force also continued to respond to efforts of the “Voice of the Retarded” (VOR) to restrict Protection and Advocacy Systems in their activities protecting the rights of individuals in institutions. The Task Force recently prepared a new letter to Congress opposing H.R. 2032, legislation to weaken the P&As and developed talking points for advocates to educate members of Congress and the public.

The Task Force collaborated with the Autism Task Force to advocate for passage of the [Combating Autism Reauthorization Act](#) which was signed into law on September 30, 2011 as P.L. 112-32.

The Task Force also advocated for full funding for programs authorized under the DD Act.

For more information, see the [DD Task Force](#) website.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The DD Task Force will work with the Administration on Developmental Disabilities within HHS to develop principles and recommendations for Congress to reauthorize the DD Act in the 112th Congress. The Task Force plans to assist Congressional staff to organize a briefing on the DD Act with the bipartisan caucus on disabilities.

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