



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

**CCD ASSET DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE**

**PROPOSED 2010 PRIORITIES**

- **Increase Existing Asset & Income Limitations tied to Federal Entitlement Programs to Promote Work & Savings**
  - Reform asset limits to determine eligibility under SSI and Medicaid, as well as exclude as assets all restricted savings vehicle such as IRAs, 401(k) and 529 plans.
  - Raise the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) level under SSI and SSDI by 100 percent.
- **Expanding Savings Vehicles for Individuals with Disabilities to Promote Asset Development**
  - Support passage of the Achieving a Better Life Experience Act (ABLE Act), which would enact a tax-advantaged family savings program to encourage individuals with disabilities and families to set aside funds for future asset goals.
  - Enact the Savings for Working Families Act to expand the available number of Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) by 1.2 million and provide over \$120 million to support the dissemination of financial literacy and asset development education programs to workers with and without disabilities.
  - Reform the Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS) so as to expand its use among the 10 million+ recipients of SSI and SSDI based upon individual needs and preferences.
- **Increasing Access to Taxation Assistance and Financial Literacy Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities**
  - Expand IRS community partnership development and volunteer tax preparation assistance programs to target low income tax payers with disabilities to ensure their enhanced access and use of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), financial education and low-cost affordable financial services and products.
  - Expand and improve the financial literacy and educational opportunities of individuals with disabilities through the creation of a national technical

assistance center focused on the successful implementation of savings and asset development strategies for individuals with disabilities.

➤ **Improving the Federal Government's Commitment to Advancing the Economic Self-Sufficiency of Individuals with Disabilities**

- Establish through Executive Order the creation of a Federal Task Force on Economic Empowerment for Citizens with Disabilities through the National Economic Council, tasked with identifying barriers and proposing results-oriented federal policies that eliminate disincentives to and promote work, savings and asset building.
- Support the development of comprehensive asset development legislation focused on individuals with disabilities