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QUARTERLY REPORT FORM

Ad Hoc Developmental Disabilities Task Force January 2006-June 2006

Task Force Actions Taken

- The *Ad Hoc* Developmental Disabilities Task Force held an organizing meeting in early 2006 to discuss a legislative and grassroots strategy for the upcoming reauthorization of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights (“DD”) Act (P.L. 106-402) in 2007 and to develop Task Force priorities for 2006.
- The national organizations representing components of the DD Act shared their ideas for changes and improvements to the Act during the 2007 reauthorization, including: the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD), representing State and Territorial Developmental Disabilities Councils, the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD), representing University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Education, Research, and Service (UCEDDs), and the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN), representing Protection and Advocacy (P&As) Systems and Client Assistance Programs (CAPs).
- The Task Force developed a list of priority issues for 2006:
 - Work collaboratively with Congress, the Administration, people with developmental disabilities and other stakeholders to reauthorize and improve the DD Act in 2007.
 - Preserve policies in the DD Act that empower people with developmental disabilities to experience self-determined and inclusive lives in their communities and reject policies that weaken the rights of people with developmental disabilities.
 - Improve and strengthen the Family Support program.
 - Support increased funding for DD Act Programs, including: State and Territorial DD Councils, UCEDDs, P&As and CAPs, Projects of National Significance (PNS), and the Family Support Program.
 - Ensure that DD Act programs are monitored effectively by the Federal Government, particularly by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD).



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- Monitor other public policy and legislative issues with an impact on individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, e.g., Medicaid and Medicare, education, health care, integrated employment and integrated housing.

Task Force Agenda:

- The Task Force meets every second Thursday of the month, from noon to 2:00 p.m., usually at United Cerebral Palsy, 1660 L St., N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20036 (small conference room).
- The Task Force plans to schedule Congressional briefings in the fall or winter of 2006-2007 in anticipation of the 2007 reauthorization of the DD Act.
- Task Force members will develop a set of principles and recommendations for Congress on the 2007 DD Act reauthorization.
- Task Force members will work closely with Congress as we move forward with DD Act Reauthorization.
- The Task Force plans to host a series of “Brown Bag” educational lunches on a variety of topics related to the various components of the DD Act, e.g., Family Support program.

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