



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

Education Task Force Report – 2010

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The Education Task Force has led or participated in the following activities:

1. Key Meetings (as requested and ongoing):
 - a. U.S. Department of Education:
 - i. Secretary Arne Duncan/his staff
 1. ESEA Reauthorization priorities
 2. Opposing the use of IEP for accountability
 3. ESEA Blueprint
 - ii. Assistant Secretary Alexa Posny
 1. 2% policy
 2. Alignment of ESEA & IDEA
 - iii. Asst. Sec. OSERS, Sue Swenson
 - iv. OSEP Director, Melody Musgrove
 - b. Senate and House staff
 - i. ESEA reauthorization
 - ii. Briefing on assessment options (1% and 2%)
 - iii. Seclusion and Restraint
2. Submitted Comments to:
 - a. Secretary Duncan on use of IEP for accountability
 - b. Senate and House ESEA public comment (CCD ESEA Principles)
 - c. Senator Franken on a proposed 'ESEA testing' bill
 - d. Key Chairmen on Rosa's Law
 - e. Chairman Miller's Concussion bill
 - f. Senator Levin on voucher provision for military families in the defense appropriation bill
3. Supported joint initiatives with several CCD task forces to improve:
 - a. Education, employment and transition opportunities for adolescents and young adults with disabilities
 - b. Access to Medicaid and other federally funded programs
 - c. Alternate routes to teacher certification and becoming a highly qualified teacher

In 2011, the Education Task Force expects to address the following:

1. Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to ensure students with disabilities are fully included in the reauthorized law.
2. Vouchers
3. Highly qualified teacher provisions related to both ESEA and IDEA
4. Full funding of IDEA
5. Other as requested by the White House, U.S. Department of Education, Congress