CCD 2022 Technology and Telecommunications Task Force Annual Report

1. Brief Task Force Description or Mission Statement

   The CCD Technology and Telecommunications Task Force deals with issues related to accessing telecommunications and assistive technology in education, employment, and independent living.

2. Three Issues the Task Force Worked on in 2022

   - Overall funding for AT, including expanded funding and reauthorization of the AT Act, and coverage of AT through Medicare and Medicaid, and/or other streams of funding for AT, as well as wide access to affordable broadband and the Lifeline program

   - Educating Congress and the Administration on assistive technology and accessibility issues

   - Full digital (including websites and other information and communications technology (ICT)) accessibility and accessible education

3. Three Issues the Task Force Anticipates Working on in 2023

   - Overall funding for AT

   - Full digital (including websites and other information and communications technology (ICT)) accessibility and accessible education. The Task Force will work to advise and educate that accessibility is included in guidance, legislation and regulations. Additionally the Task Force will be working with the Department of Education to inform their Office of Education Technology regarding the National Technology Plan and the Digital infrastructure Guide (additionally ensuring it includes interoperability and accessibility).

   - Educating Congress and the Administration on assistive technology and accessibility issues

4. Task Force Meeting Day of the Month and Meeting Time (eastern)

    Fourth Friday, 12 pm

5. Task Force Co-Chairs

    Audrey Busch-Treussard, Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs
    Laura Kaloi, Assistive Technology Industry Association
    Clark Rachfal, American Council of the Blind
    Joe Nahra, Perkins School for the Blind