



CCD 2025 Education Task Force Annual Report

1. Brief Task Force Description or Mission Statement

Here's what it says on our website:

The Education Task Force monitors federal legislation and regulations that address the educational needs of children and youth with disabilities, their families and their educators under key federal laws such as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). We promote high expectations and protect the civil rights and educational opportunities for children with disabilities under these and other laws.

2. Three Issues the Task Force Worked on in 2025

- a. The Task Force developed recommendations for Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations and advocated for those numbers.
- b. The Task Force responded to actions taken by the Administration at the Department of Education including Reductions in Force (RIFs) and Interagency Agreements which moved offices out of the Department of Education.
- c. The Task Force advocated for protections for students with disabilities in the new federal voucher program that was included within the Budget Reconciliation bill—with Congress and with the Department of Treasury.

3. Three Issues the Task Force Anticipates Working on in 2026

- a. The Task Force will continue to monitor and proactively weigh in on bills related to higher education, career and technical education, workforce, school vouchers, and school climate; ensuring that legislation protects and promotes the civil rights and educational opportunities of students with disabilities.

b. The Task Force will continue to intervene on actions that are harmful to students with disabilities—such as a move of the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services out of the Department of Education and to the Department of Health and Human Services or any other agency.

c. The Task Force will continue to educate House and Senate staff on the intricacies of IDEA and its importance for students with disabilities, their families, and their educators.

4. 2025 Task Force Co-Chairs

Laura Kaloi, Assistive Technology Industry Association, CAST, Center for Learner Equity, and the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates

Lindsay Kubatzky, National Center for Learning Disabilities

Robyn Linscott, The Arc

Stephanie Flynt McEben, National Disability Rights Network

Delancy Allred, Autism Society of America

5. Task Force Meeting Day of the Month and Meeting Time (Eastern)

Second Friday of each month at 12:30 pm