

Our Mission & Advocacy

The Consortium for Constituents with Disabilities (CCD), headquartered in Washington DC, is the largest coalition of national organizations working together to advocate for federal public policy that reflects the values of the Americans with Disabilities Act and all civil rights laws. CCD seeks to ensure the self-determination, empowerment, integration and inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of society free from racism, ableism, sexism, and xenophobia, as well as LGBTQ+ based discrimination and religious intolerance.

Since 1973, CCD has advocated on behalf of people of all ages with physical, sensory, intellectual, developmental and mental disabilities and their families by:

- Identifying and researching public policy issues, developing testimony and policy recommendations and encouraging innovative solutions to public policy concerns.
- Educating and engaging with members of Congress and federal agencies in an effort to improve public policies and programs.
- Encouraging people with disabilities and their families to advocate for themselves and coordinating grass roots efforts to support these advocacy efforts.

Membership & Priority Issue Areas

More than 100 organizations comprise CCD's membership, including disability-led advocacy and civil rights organizations as well as service providers. Our broad membership leads to diverse and informed perspectives. CCD's public policy work is carried out by Task Forces. Each Task Force is led by co-chairs and posts its regulatory comments, letters and other advocacy materials online. CCD currently engages on issues led by the following Task Forces:

- Developmental Disabilities, Autism and Family Support
- Education
- Emergency Management
- Employment and Training
- Financial Security and Poverty
- Fiscal Policy
- Health

- Housing
- International
- Long Term Services and Supports
- Rights
- Social Security
- Technology and Telecommunication
- Transportation, and
- Veterans

For more information about CCD or to connect with Co-Chairs, go to CCD's website at <u>www.c-c-d.org</u> or email <u>info@c-c-d.org</u>.