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## PARTIAL LIST OF RESOURCES ON INFLUENCING STATE AND FEDERAL POLICY

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### About DC Legislative Process

#### **Council of DC: How a Bill Becomes a Law**

**Website:** <http://www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us/pages/how-a-bill-becomes-a-law>

### DC Government Offices and Community Organizations

#### **District of Columbia Center for Independent Living**

**Address:** 1400 Florida Avenue Northeast, Suite 3A, Washington, DC 20002

**Phone:** 202-388-0033; **TTY:** 202-388-0277; **Fax:** 202-398-3018

**E-mail:** [rsimms@dccil.org](mailto:rsimms@dccil.org)

**Website:** <http://www.dccil.org/>

#### **District of Columbia Center for Independent Living (Anacostia-Satellite)**

**Address:** 2443 Good Hope Road, Southeast, Washington, DC 20020

**Phone:** 202-889-5802; **TTY:** 202-889-0866; **Fax:** 202-889-1159

**E-mail:** [rsimms@dccil.org](mailto:rsimms@dccil.org)

**Website:** <http://www.dccil.org/>

#### **DC Office of Boards and Commissions**

Members of boards and commissions provide an invaluable service to the District by advising the Mayor, the Council of the District of Columbia and the citizens of the District on a variety of significant matters. Their website lists the various boards and committees a citizen can serve on.

**Office Hours:** 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

**Address:** 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 302, Washington, DC 20004

**Phone:** 202-727-1372; **Fax:** 202-727-2359; **TTY:** 711

**E-mail:** [boards.commissions@dc.gov](mailto:boards.commissions@dc.gov)

**Website:** <http://obc.dc.gov/>

### **DC Boards and Commissions Vacancy List**

This page shows the current opening on Boards and Commissions in DC

**Website:** <http://obc.dc.gov/publication/current-vacancies>

### **DC Vote**

As the recognized leader and go-to source of information on the DC voting rights movement, this organization:

- advocates for enactment of critical DC voting rights legislation
- educates Americans across the nation about DC's status
- works to prevent congressional interference in DC's local democracy
- organizes its supporters to contact Congress through call-in days, letter-writing campaigns and face-to-face advocacy
- engage its coalition partners, supporters and pro bono lobbyists to educate Congress
- serves as a resource to elected officials, the media and public

**Address:** 1100 H Street, NW, Suite M-100, Washington, DC 20005

**Phone:** 202-462-6000; **Fax:** 202-462-7001

**E-mail:** [info@dcvote.org](mailto:info@dcvote.org)

**Website:** <http://www.dcvote.org>

### **Serve DC**

Serve DC strives to ensure the full, proactive inclusion of individuals with disabilities in service and actively encourages individuals with physical or mental disabilities to participate in national service programs operating in the District of Columbia. As part of its Disability Inclusion Initiative, Serve DC is currently seeking a broad range of knowledgeable, interested and diverse representatives for our Disability Inclusion Advisory Committee. Committee responsibilities include assisting, advising and providing technical assistance to Serve DC staff on issues relating to the Americans with

Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; providing technical advice on the development, implementation and maintenance of activities and programs for persons with disabilities; and designing literature, projects and activities that promote the integration of qualified individuals with disabilities into national service programs.

**Address:** Frank D Reeves Municipal Center  
2000 14th Street NW, Suite 101, Washington, DC 20009

**Phone:** 202-727-7925

**TTY:** 202-727-8421

**Website:** <http://serve.dc.gov/service/disability-inclusion>

### **Application**

**form:** [http://serve.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/serve/publication/attachments/DIAC%20Membership%20App\\_v2%2020130205\\_0.pdf](http://serve.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/serve/publication/attachments/DIAC%20Membership%20App_v2%2020130205_0.pdf)

### **About the Federal Legislative Process**

**The official House website has good information about the legislative branch of government**

**Website:** <http://www.house.gov/>

**The Official Senate Website**

**Website:** <http://www.senate.gov/>

**Congressional Glossary (from C-Span)**

**Website:** <http://legacy.c-span.org/guide/congress/glossary/alphalist.htm>

**How Our Laws Are Made, from the Government Printing Office**

**Website:** <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CDOC-110hdoc49/pdf/CDOC-110hdoc49.pdf>

**The Library of Congress page about laws and legislation**

**Website:** <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/lawsmade.toc.html>

### **Advocacy Organizations and Resources**

**A Guide to Legislative Advocacy for Youth with Disabilities**

[http://www.nclد-youth.info/Downloads/legislative\\_policy\\_guide.pdf](http://www.nclد-youth.info/Downloads/legislative_policy_guide.pdf)

## **Family Voices**

Family Voices provides tools for families to make informed decisions, advocate for improved public and private policies, build partnerships among professionals and families, and serve as a trusted resource on health care. There are Family Voices programs in most states, including Washington, DC.

**National Phone:** 888-835-5669; **Fax:** 505-872-4780

**Website:** <http://www.familyvoices.org/>

## **National Council on Disability (NCD)**

NCD is a small, independent federal agency charged with advising the President, Congress, and other federal agencies regarding policies, programs, practices, and procedures that affect people with disabilities. NCD is comprised of a team of fifteen Senate-confirmed Presidential appointees, an Executive Director appointed by the Chairman, and eleven, full-time professional staff.

**Address:** 1331 F Street, NW, Suite 850, Washington, DC 20004

**Website:** <http://www.ncd.gov/>

**Email:** [ncd@ncd.gov](mailto:ncd@ncd.gov)

**Phone:** 202-272-2004 (Voice); 202-272-2074 (TTY);

## **National Organization on Disability**

The National Organization on Disability (NOD) is a private, non-profit organization that promotes the full participation of America's 54 million people with disabilities in all aspects of life, with a special focus on increasing employment opportunities for the 79 percent of working-age Americans with disabilities who are not employed.

With programs on the ground, NOD is demonstrating new employment practices and models of service delivery, evaluating results, and sharing successful approaches for widespread replication. It is conducting research on disability employment issues, including the field's most widely used polls on employment trends and the quality of life for people with disabilities. And its subject matter experts in disability and employment provide consulting services to

public agencies and employers seeking to harness the unique talents that people with disabilities can bring to the workforce.

**Address:** 77 Water Street, Suite 204, New York, NY 10005

**Phone:** 646-505-1191 x122

**Website:** <http://www.nod.org/>

**Email:** [info@nod.org](mailto:info@nod.org)

### **Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Ad Hoc Developmental Disabilities, Autism, and Family Support Task Force**

The mission of the Developmental Disabilities Task Force is to advocate for federal public policies that directly relate to individuals with developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, family supports and the prevention of child abuse and neglect. These include, but are not limited to, the Developmental Disabilities Act, Combating Autism Act, Lifespan Respite Care Act, National Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

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**Phone:** 202-955-3312  
**Email:** [sspielman@autismspeaks.org](mailto:sspielman@autismspeaks.org)

**CCD Website:**

[http://www.c-c-d.org/rubriques.php?rub=taskforce.php&id\\_task=1](http://www.c-c-d.org/rubriques.php?rub=taskforce.php&id_task=1)

**General CCD Email:** [info@c-c-d.org](mailto:info@c-c-d.org)

**General CCD Phone:** 202-783-2229

**TASH**

TASH is an international leader in disability advocacy. Founded in 1975, TASH advocates for human rights and inclusion for people with significant disabilities and support needs – those most vulnerable to segregation, abuse, neglect and institutionalization. TASH works to advance inclusive communities through advocacy, research, professional development, policy, and information and resources for parents, families and self-advocates. The inclusive practices TASH validates through research have been shown to improve outcomes for all people.

**Address:** 2013 H Street NW, Suite 715, Washington, DC 20006

**Phone:** 202-540-9020, Fax: 202-540-9019

**E-mail:** [info@TASH.org](mailto:info@TASH.org)

**Website:** <http://tash.org/>

**The National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)**

As a membership organization, NCIL advances independent living and the rights of people with disabilities through consumer-driven advocacy.

**Address:** 2013 H Street NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington DC 20006

**Phone:** 202-207-0334; **Toll Free:** 877-525-3400; **TTY:** 202-207-0340;

**Fax:** 202-207-0341

**Website:** <http://www.ncil.org/>

**Email:** [ncil@ncil.org](mailto:ncil@ncil.org)

## **The Collaboration to Promote Self-Determination (CPSD)**

An advocacy network of 22 national disability organizations who have come to pursue modernization of the federal adult system of services and supports for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, so that they can become employed, live independently in an inclusive community, and rise out of poverty. Participating Organizations:

- American Network of Community Options and Resources
- Association of People Supporting Employment First
- Association of University Centers on Disability
- Autistic Self Advocacy Network
- The Autism Society
- Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates
- The Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation
- The Institute for Educational Leadership
- Muscular Dystrophy Association
- National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities
- The National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services
- National Disability Institute
- National Down Syndrome Congress
- National Down Syndrome Society
- The National Fragile X Foundation
- National Disability Rights Network
- The National Organization on Disability
- Physician-Parent Caregivers, Inc.
- Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities
- Service Employees International Union
- Sibling Leadership Network
- United Cerebral Palsy
- TASH

**Address:** 1667 K Street NW, Suite 640, Washington, DC 20006

**Phone:** 202-296-2040

**Website:** <http://thecpsd.org>

**Email:** [info@thecpsd.org](mailto:info@thecpsd.org)

### **Advocacy Tools and Opportunities**

#### **White House and Key Disability Issues**

**Website:** <http://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/disabilities>

#### **Daily Congressional Hearings on the Web**

This site provides hearing schedule, time and location as well as live screenings

**Website:** <http://www.capitolhearings.org/>

#### **The Arc's Legislative Action Center**

The Arc's Legislative Action Center is made possible by the Dr. Elizabeth Boggs Fund to help The Arc advance public policy and advocacy in the pursuit of equality and justice. The State Action Centers are supported by the following state chapters of The Arc: CA, GA, IN, MA, MD, MN, MO, NC, ND, NJ, NY, PA, TN, TX, and UT.

**Website:** <http://cqrcengage.com/thearc>

#### **Communicating with Congress**

**Website:** <http://www.congress.org/news/communicating-with-congress/>

#### **Contact Elected Officials**

Call, e-mail, or mail U.S. state and federal elected officials and government agencies using this website.

**Website:** <http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>