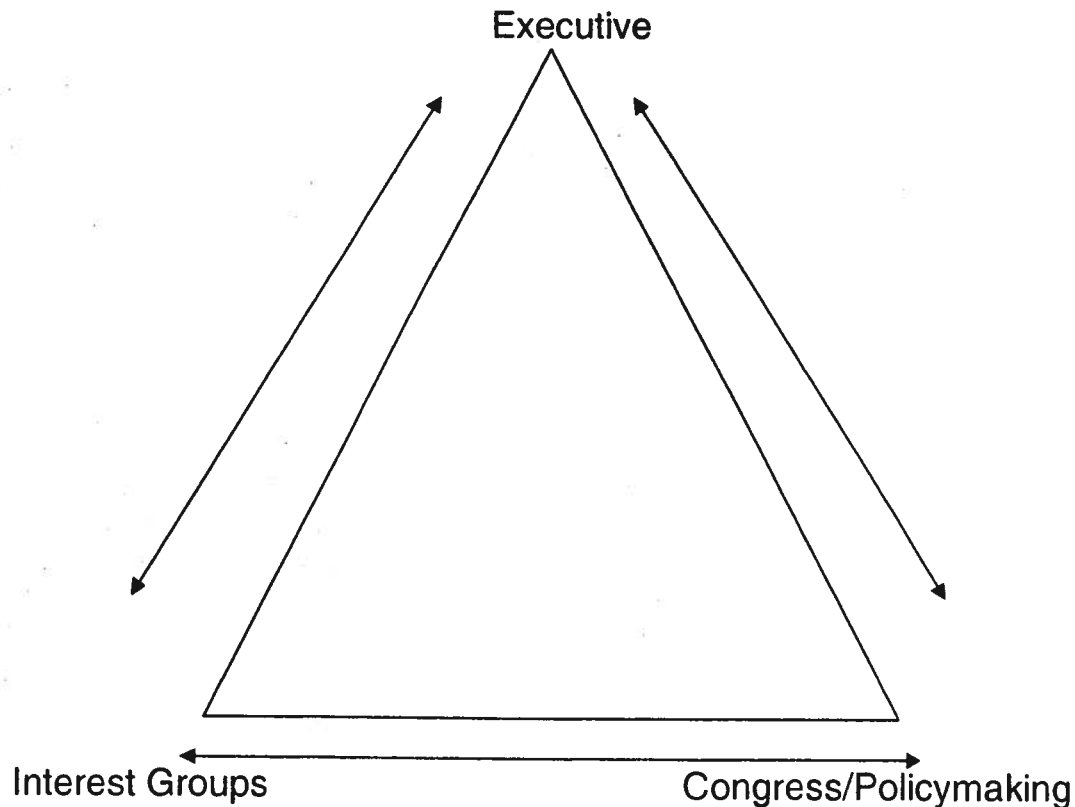## The Washington Experience:
Taxonomy Activity

What is a taxonomy?
A taxonomy is a way to depict the relationships between a series of things. There are scientific taxonomies to look at different life forms on the basis of biology, and there are social taxonomies to look at the ways that different groups interact. We are going to do the latter, focusing on what groups are involved in the creation, development, and implementation of disability policy.

The Iron Triangle
The Iron Triangle is a way to look at policymaking through the relationship between interest groups, and the congressional/policymaking arena.

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Interest Groups   Congress/Policymaking

On the following pages we have broken out each of the three categories. Bear in mind, these lists are not comprehensive, but meant to give you an idea of the breadth of the disability community.

Interest Groups in the Disability Community
The following list is a sample of the different types of entities that make up interest groups within the disability community. As mentioned above, It is not intended to be comprehensive, but meant to give you a sense of the variety of agencies, organizations, and associations that make up the disability community.

A) Disability Organizations
   1. American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)
   2. National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)
   3. National Federation of the Blind (NFB)
   4. American Council of the Blind (ACB)
   5. Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE)
   6. National Association of the Deaf (NAD)
   7. National Association of the Mentally Ill (NAMI)
   8. National Organization on Disability (NOD)
   9. Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA)
   10. Association for Persons with Severe Disabilities (TASH)

B) Disability Constructed Resources
   1. National Council on Disability[1]
   2. Developmental Disability Councils
   3. The ARC of the United States
   4. Access Board [2]
   5. Centers for Independent Living (CILs)
   6. Protection and Advocacy Services (P & A's)
   7. Parent Training and Information Centers (PTI's)
   8. Youth Information Centers (YICs)
   9. Learning Disabilities Online (LDonline)
   10. Easter Seals

C) Association of Policy Implementers

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1. National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE)
2. Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR)
3. National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
4. National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDS)
5. University Centers on Excellence in Disability (UCED)

D) <u>Research Facilities/Programs</u>
1. University Centers on Excellence in Disability
2. Society for Disability Studies
3. College/University Based Disability Studies Programs
4. NIDRR Rehabilitation Research & Training Center (RRTC)
5. NIDRR Disability & Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRP)

E) <u>Programs (Public and Private)</u>
1. Workforce Recruitment Program
2. Marriott Bridges Program
3. Do-IT program
4. High School/High Tech
5. Youth Leadership Forums
6. Partners in Policymaking
7. Disability Mentoring Day

F) <u>Friends/Allies</u>
1. American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
2. Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR)
3. The Washington Center for Internships and Seminars
4. Private Sector Foundations/Groups (ie; Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation)
5. Advocrats

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1) National Council on Disability

2) Access Board

3) U.S. Department of Education
    a) Office of Special Education Rehabilitative Services
        i) Rehabilitation Services Administration
        ii) Office of Special Education Programs
        iii) National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research

4) U.S. Department of Labor
    a) Office of Disability Employment Policy
    b) Employment and Training Administration

5) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
    a) Administration on Developmental Disabilities
    b) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration
    c) Office on Disability
    d) Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
    e) Office of Disability, Aging, and Long-Term Care Policy

6) Social Security Administration
    a) Office of Disability and Income Security Programs

7) U.S. Department of Transportation
    a) Federal Transit Administration

8) U.S. Department of Defense
    a) Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program (CAP)

9) Federal Communications Commission
    a) Disability Rights Office

10) Housing and Urban Development
    a) Office on Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity

11) U.S. Department of Justice
    a) Americans with Disabilities Act Civil Rights Division

12) Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

13) U.S. Department of the Interior
   a) Office for Equal Opportunity

14) U.S. Department of Energy
   a) Office of Economic Impact & Diversity

15) U.S. Department of Agriculture
   a) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
   b) USDA Target Center

16) U.S. Department of Commerce
   a) National Institute of standards and Technology
   b) Office of Technology Policy
   c) Office of Civil Rights

Relevant Congressional/Policymaking Committees
House

1) House Committee on Appropriations
- Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

2) House Committee on the Budget

3) House Committee on Education and the Workforce

4) House Committee on Energy and Commerce
- Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection
- Subcommittee on Health
- Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
- Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet

5) House Committee on Financial Services
- Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises

6) House Committee on Homeland Security
- Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology:

7) House Committee on Science
- Subcommittee on Research

8) House Committee on Small Business
- Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs
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9) House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
- Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management

10) House Committee on Veterans Affairs
- Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs

- Subcommittee on Health

11) House Ways and Means Committee
  - Subcommittee on Health
  - Subcommittee on Social Security
  - Subcommittee on Human Resources

Senate
1) Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee
  - Subcommittee on Research, Nutrition, and General Legislation

2) Senate Appropriations Committee
  - SUBCOMMITTEE on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

3) Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee

4) Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs

5) Senate Special Committee on Aging