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Self-Determination

Major CPSD Accomplishments Fall 2017 to Fall 2018

- **Advancing Implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act**
 - Held Congressional briefing on the WIOA Advisory Committee report (Oct 2017)
 - Held Congressional briefing on WIOA and transition-age youth (September 2018)
 - Met with leadership of the Department of Labor (twice) and Department of Education regarding WIOA implementation successes, concerns, data and suggestions for areas of needed additional technical assistance and guidance
 - Published summary of the WIOA Advisory Committee Report

- **Advocating Against Weakening the Definition of Competitive Integrated Employment**
 - Coordinated letter from disability community to Secretary DeVos in response to letter from House members advocating to reopen regulations and rescind guidance defining CIE (September 2017)
 - Met with leadership of the Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) multiple times to advocate against the opening of the WIOA regulations
 - Held dozens of meetings with House members to educate them about the WIOA regulations
 - Helped lead negotiations culminating a letter from a wide range of disability stakeholders to ED advocating for updated guidance and opposing opening the WIOA regulations (March 2018)
 - Issued a statement and coordinated a letter to Secretary DeVos from the disability community (with more than 40 national organizations signing on) opposing the opening of the WIOA regulations after they appeared on the summer unified agenda (July 2018)
 - Coordinated and led a small group meeting with Secretary DeVos regarding the WIOA regulations (September 2018)
 - Creating a campaign with ally organizations to activate if the WIOA regulations are opened

➤ **Advancing CIE, Reforming AbilityOne, and Eliminating 14c**

- Working with key offices legislation to expand opportunities for CIE and phase out 14c, including Representative Scott and Senator Casey (bill to phase out 14c paired with funding for provider transformation), Reps. Moulton and McMorris Rogers (bill to expand customized employment) , and Senator Murray (Raise the Wage)
- Successfully led opposition to attempt to significantly expand AbilityOne through the National Defense Authorization Act
- Met with National Council on Disability and its chair Neil Romano regarding 14c, AbilityOne and the WIOA regulations
- Met with the House Committee on Education and Workforce on priorities for next Congress
- Led disability community letter opposing DOJ's withdrawal of its Olmstead guidance related to employment (over 200 national and state organizations joined) and participated in a meeting with DOJ leadership (Jan 2018)

➤ **Supporting Transition of Youth from School to Post-Secondary Education and Employment**

- Held Congressional briefing on transition of youth to CIE (September 2018)
- Provided feedback to Madeleine Will and Stephanie Lee on whitepaper describing misalignment of WIOA and IDEA around post-secondary education opportunities for students with IDD; joined letter to OSERS recommending guidance to address misalignment
- Supported legislation related to post-secondary education, including the Improving Access to Higher Education Act)