Day on the Hill

What to Expect
June 6, 2019

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Autism Society Hill Day

Today’s Webinar Host
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Conference & Day on the Hill

• 51th Annual Autism Society National Conference
  July 9-11, 2019 ”We See Things Differently”
• Hyatt Regency, Bethesda Maryland
• Full Advocacy Track with training and speakers
• Day on the Hill is July 11 to educate your Members
• Schedule is online:
  https://asa.connect.space/2019-autism-society-of-
  america-national-conference-discover-the-
  difference-we-see-things-differently
Hill Day: How to make appointments

• Call or email BEFORE you arrive
• Dial switchboard 202-224-3121
• Ask for the staff person who works on disability or health
• Make appointment for Thursday July 11
• Use our action center to find your congressional delegation and contact information
  • Committee assignments
  • Bills they sponsored
Hill Visits

- Participants will get a metro card (if you signed up for Hill visits)
- Take red line from Bethesda to Union Station. Leave by 8:00 a.m.
- Walk/roll to Dirksen 106 for breakfast with Members of Congress
- ASA staff will be stationed at metro stations
Hill Visit Tips

• Be on time
• Be polite
• Be concise
• Use a personal story that is relevant to the policy objective
• Do not try to cover too many issues
• Know the Member you are visiting
• Relax, you are an expert
• Take a picture and tweet @Ignite4Autism
What are the Big Issues?

- Health Care
- Community-based services and supports
- Employment
- Education
- Autism CARES Act Reauthorization
- You will get updates at the Advocacy Track Sessions
**Wednesday, July 10: Policy Sessions**

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### Thursday, July 11: Day on Hill

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| 9:00 am – 11:00 a.m. | Breakfast with Members of Congress and Staff<br>Dirksen Senate Office Building 106<br>The following Members of Congress have been invited:  
Invited Members of Congress:<br>Senator Tim Scott (R-SC)<br>Marco Rubio (R-FL)<br>Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA) - confirmed<br>Senator Susan Collins (R-AK)<br>Senator Menendez (D-NJ)<br>Rep. Mark Pocan (D-WI) – confirmed 10:20<br>Pete Stauber (R-MN) - confirmed<br>Representative Smith (R-NJ)<br>Representative Doyle (D-NJ)<br>Representative Seth Moulton (D-MA) |
| 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Hill Visits – All day on Capitol Hill |
Health Care

- Affordable Care and Patient Protection Act (ACA)
  - ACA protects those with preexisting conditions
  - Provides essential benefits including rehabilitation and habilitation services
  - Provides additional access through Medicaid expansion and premium assistance
  - Allowed states to offer additional long term care options through Medicaid
- New bills under consideration to protect ACA and provide more robust long term care
Long Term Services

• Current system relies too much on Medicaid
• Medicaid is effective but there are long waiting lists for services
• Congress must help state rebalance system and invest in community-based services
• Money Follows the Person program must be reauthorized. Empower Care Act reauthorizes the program for five years
  • gives states extra dollars to build system capacity
• Several Medicare for All bills include HCBS without need for a waiver
• Disability Integration Act
Education

- Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act - Aim Higher Act
- Respond, Innovate, Support, and Empower (RISE) Act (H.R. 3086)
- IDEA Full Funding Act (S. 866/HR 1878)
- Restraints and Seclusion in Schools
Employment

- There continue to be too many barriers to work for people with autism and other disabilities
- WIOA and ABLE Acts provide promise
- Transformation to Competitive Employment Act
  - (H.R. 973/S. 260)
- Customized Approaches to Providing and Building Independent Lives of Include for Transition-aged Youth (CAPABILITY) Act
- Disability Employment Incentive Act (S.255) – increase disability-related tax credits
Autism CARES Act

• First signed by President Bush in 2006
• Increased the federal government’s response to the increasing numbers of individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders
• Coordinated through interagency committee
• Increased research helping to understand autism; increased health professionals trained to treat individuals; helped to develop evidence-based interventions
• The law must be reauthorized before Sept. 30, 2019
Autism CARES Act of 2019

• S. 427 – Senator Menendez (NJ) and Enzi (WY)
• H.R. 1058 – Reps. Doyle (PA) and Smith (NJ)
• Address the pressing needs of individuals with ASD across the lifespan, including better health care, education, employment, and home and community-based services and supports
• Focus research on the needs of individuals across the lifespan, including health and well-being, safety, employment, residential and long term services and supports needs
• Includes HUD, DOJ, and DOL on IACC
Have FUN

- Fact sheets and talking points will be emailed
- Remember, you are their constituent
- Policymakers want to hear from you
- You are an expert
- Members of Congress and staff are just people too
- Relax, have fun!
Public Policy at Autism Society

- We are building our online tools!
  - Letters and Newsletters
  - Action alerts
  - Resources related to our policy positions and goals
  - Online Election Center
- Interested in becoming more involved in policy work? email kmusheno@autism-society.org.
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