



Disability and Rehabilitation/Habilitation Groups Promote Access to Services/Devices with Capitol Hill Briefing:

The Value of Rehabilitation and Habilitation Services and Devices

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The American Music Therapy Association worked with three national coalitions - including sixty (60) national rehabilitation and disability organizations - to host a Congressional briefing on the value of rehabilitation and habilitation services and devices. As Congress considers health care reform, it is critical that people with injuries, illnesses, and disabilities have continued access to rehabilitative and habilitative care.

Compelling speakers will highlight the importance of intensive inpatient hospital rehabilitation, outpatient rehabilitation and habilitation therapies, prosthetic limbs and other assistive devices and technologies

Speakers

- U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)
- U.S. Representative Brian Mast (R-FL)
- Eric LeGrand, Former Rutgers football star with spinal cord injury
- Roseann Sdoia, Boston bombing survivor
- Lisa Smith, mother of child with developmental disability who uses habilitation therapy

Briefing Contents

- The impact of rehabilitation and habilitation services and therapies
- The impact of prosthetics, orthotics, durable medical equipment, and other assistive devices
- Rehabilitation's impact on injured military personnel and veterans
- Personal testimonials of injury, habilitation, rehabilitation, and recovery

Demonstrations of Assistive Devices and Technologies

- Cutting-edge prosthetic limbs, exoskeletal orthoses, complex rehab technology and cochlear implants will be demonstrated

The briefing takes place on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Eastern Time, in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room SD-106. Over 50 Senate staff visits that same day are also planned to bring the message directly to policymakers.

Congressional Briefing Sponsoring and Endorsing Organizations

Sponsoring Organizations

American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Association on Health and Disability
American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine
American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association
American Occupational Therapy Association
American Physical Therapy Association
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
American Therapeutic Recreation Association
American Music Therapy Association
Amputee Coalition
The Arc of the United States
ACCSES
Brain Injury Association of America
Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation
National Association for the Advancement of Orthotics and Prosthetics
National Coalition for Assistive and Rehab Technology
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
United Spinal Association

Endorsing Organizations

Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals	Hearing Loss Association of America
American Academy of Neurology	The Institute for Matching Person & Technology
American Association of People with Disabilities	Lakeshore Foundation
American Cochlear Implant Alliance	The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis
American Foundation for the Blind	The Myositis Association
American Heart Association / American Stroke Association	National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors
American Network of Community Options and Resources	National Association for Rural Mental Health
American Spinal Injury Association	National Association of Social Workers
Assistive Technology Industry Association	National Association of State Head Injury Administrators
Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired	National Council on Independent Living
Association of Academic Physiatrists	National Disability Rights Network
Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs	National Rehabilitation Association
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses	Paralyzed Veterans of America
Association of University Centers on Disabilities	Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America
Autism Speaks	The Simon Foundation for Continence
Caregiver Action Network	Spina Bifida Association
Center for Medicare Advocacy	TASH
Clinician Task Force	Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund	Unite 2 Fight Paralysis
Easterseals	United Cerebral Palsy
Falling Forward Foundation	
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