Education Policy and Politics:
What’s at Stake for Students with Disabilities

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Presenters:
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Federal Education Policy

**Birth to Five**
- Head Start (1965)
  - Reauthorization (1972)
- CCDBG (1990)
- Section 619 of IDEA (1975)
- Part C of IDEA (1986)
- CCDBG Reauthorization (2014)

**K-12**
- Brown v. Topeka (1954)
- NDEA (1958)
- ESEA (1965)
- EAHCA (1975)
- IDEA (1990)
- NCLB (2001)
- ESEA Reauthorizations

**CTE**
- Vocational Education Act (1963)
- Perkins (1998)
- WIA (1998)
- WIOA (2014)

**Post-Secondary**
- G.I. Bill (1944)
- HEA (1965)
- TRIO Programs (1965)
- Pell Grants (1980)
- HEOA (2008)

**FERPA (1974)**

**ESRA (2002)**
History of Federal Education Policy

• 1800s: Higher education focused (e.g., the Morrill Act of 1862)
• Early 1900s: Vocational education focus (e.g., Smith-Hughes Act of 1917 and the George-Barden Act of 1946)
• Mid-1900s: More focus on higher education (e.g., the GI bill of 1947)
• 1958: “Missile Gap” (National Defense Education Act)
• 1965: Poverty and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
• 1975: Education for All Handicapped Children Act 1975
• 1986: EAHCA Reauthorization
• 1990: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
Four Major Touchpoints for Federal Education Disability Policy

• Congress (the House and the Senate)
• The Executive Branch (the president and the agencies)
• Advocates
• The States
Education Appropriations (FY 2013)

- ESEA Title I $13,760,476,000
- IDEA K-12 $10,975,104,000
- IDEA Preschool $353,155,000
- IDEA Part C $419,554,000
- Career and Technical Ed $1,064,531,000
- Head Start $7,585,173,000
- TRIO $795,487,000
Political Landscape

- Sequestration
- Generally flat funding
- 0-5% cuts annually to small programs
- Consolidation of programs
- Preference for states to try new ideas
- Common ground has narrowed
Important Education Players in Congress

- John Kline
- Bobby Scott
- Patty Murray
- Lamar Alexander
Important Education Players in the Administration

• Arne Duncan
• Melody Musgrove
• Sue Swenson
• Roberto Rodriguez
• Cecilia Munoz
Common Ground Issues

• Increasing states’ flexibility to implement programs (sometimes)
• Student achievement (sometimes)
• Social security (sometimes)
• Disability (sometimes)
Early Childhood (birth to 5)
K-12
CTE
Higher Ed
Cross-cutting Issues

- Education Research: ESRA
- Student and Family Privacy: FERPA