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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Congress established the Interagency Committee on Disability Research (ICDR) to promote coordination, cooperation, and collaboration among federal departments, agencies, and organizations conducting disability and rehabilitation research. The importance of this coordination has only been amplified with the pandemic. As designated Chair of the ICDR, I am pleased to submit the enclosed *FY 2021 Report to the President and Congress*. The report details noteworthy activities of the ICDR and its member agencies during the reporting period. In these and other activities, the ICDR is committed to engaging our federal partners and stakeholders to ensure the relevance of ICDR activities to the needs of individuals with disabilities, their families, researchers, service providers, employers, and communities.

On behalf of the members of the ICDR, I appreciate your continued support of research and information-sharing that contributes to the inclusion of individuals with disabilities in the social, educational, economic, and mainstream of American society.

Respectfully yours,

Anjali Forber-Pratt, Ph.D.
Chair
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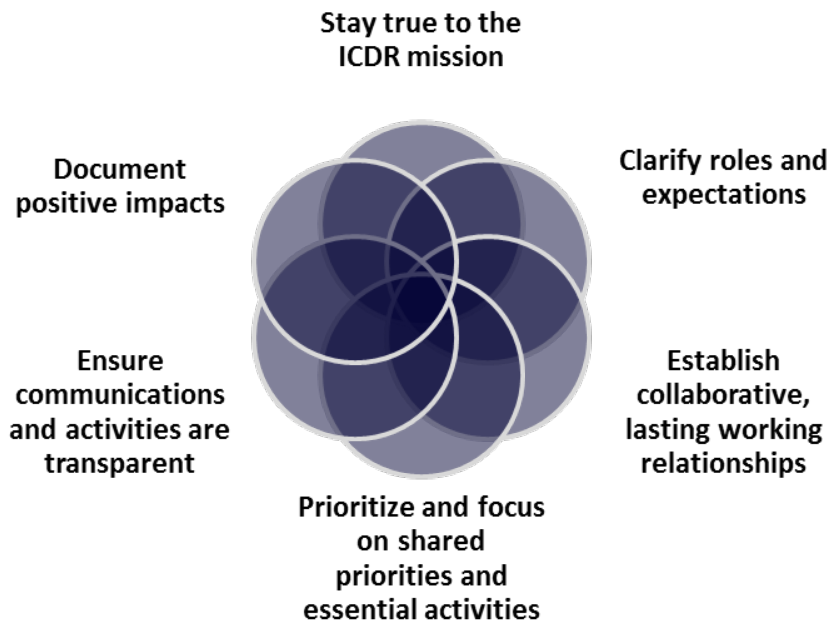
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INTRODUCTION

Authorized by the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, as amended by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA; see Appendix A), the Interagency Committee on Disability Research (ICDR) promotes coordination and cooperation among federal departments and agencies conducting and funding disability, independent living, and rehabilitation research programs, including programs relating to assistive technology (AT) research and research that incorporates the principles of universal design (UD). The ICDR charge is to:

- Identify, assess, and seek to coordinate all federal programs, activities, and projects and plans concerning the conduct of research (including AT research and research that incorporates the principles of UD) related to independent living;
- Obtain input from policymakers, representatives from federal agencies, individuals with disabilities, organizations representing individuals with disabilities, researchers, and providers;
- Share information about the research carried out by members of the committee and other federal departments and organizations;
- Identify and make efforts to address areas of research that are not being adequately addressed;
- Identify and establish clear research priorities;
- Promote interagency collaboration and joint research activities and reduce unnecessary duplication of effort;
- Optimize the productivity of ICDR members through resource-sharing and other cost-sharing activities; and
- Develop a comprehensive government-wide strategic plan for disability, independent living, and rehabilitation research.

To meet this charge, the ICDR operates six guiding principles:



- 1. Stay true to the ICDR mission.** The committee should identify its unique niche in disability and independent living research and ensure that its efforts benefit many stakeholders and partners. Initiatives should focus on the interagency nature of the ICDR and complement the work that agencies are already doing. Establishing a consistent, trusted brand would help the ICDR achieve its mission.
- 2. Clarify roles and expectations.** To ensure buy-in and support from each partner agency, the ICDR must clearly establish its expectations. As the ICDR pursues its collective work, it must consider and respect the diversity of agency missions, perspectives, priorities, and decisions. Agencies should be accountable for fulfilling their roles. Committee members should be clear on what decisions they are empowered to make and share that information with fellow members.
- 3. Establish collaborative, lasting working relationships.** Committee members must trust their partners for mutual efforts to be most effective. Commitment to the ICDR's mission is critical, and membership can be encouraged and supported by actively soliciting diverse perspectives, positions, and opinions.
- 4. Prioritize and focus on shared priorities and essential activities.** Identifying realistic and meaningful activities will help develop common ground among members, capitalize on existing capabilities, and leverage resources. In addition, this will assist in decision-making about what the ICDR can realistically accomplish with the time and resources available.

5. **Ensure communications and activities are transparent.** Communication should be open and regular among committee members and across agencies. The ICDR's goals, strategies, and activities should be transparent, with agency contributions openly recognized.
6. **Document positive impacts.** Success will be determined by measuring the positive impacts that disability research and collaboration have on the disability community. The ICDR should pursue clearly defined goals that are compelling and meaningful to member agencies, demonstrate accountability, and share concrete outcomes.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The ICDR develops its agenda and establishes goals and objectives through an interagency Executive Committee (EC). The EC is comprised of 17 ICDR statutory members, and representation from other agencies with mission synergy and relevant interests. In carrying out its duties, the EC:

- Works to promote effective interagency coordination, collaboration, and communication;
- Secures the input of other federal agencies and stakeholders;
- Develops and implements the ICDR strategic plan; and
- Hosts meetings to advance the agenda of federal departments, offices, and partner agencies.

ICDR statutory members include:

- Secretary, Health and Human Services
- Director, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (Designated Chair)
- Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration
- Assistant Secretary, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
- Assistant Secretary, Disability Employment Policy
- Secretary, Defense
- Administrator, Administration for Community Living
- Secretary, Education
- Secretary, Veterans Affairs
- Director, National Institutes of Health
- Director, National Institute of Mental Health
- Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- Secretary, Transportation
- Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs
- Director, Indian Health Service
- Director, National Science Foundation
- Administrator, Small Business Administration

[Appendix B](#) contains a complete list of participating federal agencies in fiscal year (FY) 2021.

OVERVIEW OF FY 2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

During FY 2021, the ICDR promoted and optimized interagency partnerships, coordination, and collaboration through its activities and continued to implement its government-wide strategic plan. In addition, the ICDR engaged with stakeholders and continued its ongoing activities to support its overall mission, goals, and objectives. These activities included:

- Exploring the impact of COVID-19 on disability and rehabilitation research and tracking research projects, initiatives, and activities from ICDR members and stakeholders.
- Publishing resources on the issues of AT and UD; health care access and quality; employment; emergency preparedness; aging; the impact of COVID-19; and health information technology for members and stakeholders.
- Launching the Government-Wide Inventory of Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research – The Interagency Rehabilitation and Disability Research Portfolio.
- Hosting a public stakeholder meeting.
- Supporting continued collaboration among ICDR member agencies and partners by hosting regular EC meetings.
- Continuing to enhance and expand the functionality of the ICDR website to ensure transparency and public access to news, research, funding opportunities, events, and resources in the field of disability, independent living, and rehabilitation research.
- Hosting the Employment for Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities virtual symposium.
- Launching a Lunch and Learn series highlighting findings in current aging, disability, and rehabilitation research.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE STRATEGIC PLAN ACTIVITIES

In July 2014, WIOA mandated significant changes when it reauthorized the ICDR. WIOA (Public Law 113-128) included a new requirement for the ICDR to develop a comprehensive government-wide strategic plan for disability, independent living, and rehabilitation research.

The ICDR government-wide strategic plan was released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in April 2019 and serves as the guiding document for the EC and working groups. This section describes the strategic planning activities accomplished during FY 2021 under a select number of objectives. [The full plan is available on the ICDR website.](#)

Goal 1: Improve interagency coordination and collaboration in four thematic research areas — transition, economics of disability, accessibility, and disparities.

Objective 1: Identify current and planned agency research activities related to thematic framework areas.

Disability and Emergency Preparedness: Resources and Research for Inclusive Emergency Preparedness Planning

The ICDR prepared the *Disability and Emergency Preparedness* toolkit to describe the current landscape of emergency preparedness planning and response related to disability. The provided resources describe help available to prepare people with disabilities and their caregivers, emergency managers, first responders, and community-based organizations during emergencies and disasters. Particular emphasis is placed on resources and best practices developed at the state level due to the role of the state in emergency preparedness planning and oversight. The toolkit is posted on the ICDR website at this link:

https://icdr.acl.gov/system/files/resources/ICDR%20EmergPrep-Toolkit%20Final_508.pdf

The Impact of COVID-19 on Disability Research: New Challenges and Widening Disparities

This ICDR white paper describes the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on federal research and, specifically, the impact on disability research attributed to the pandemic. It describes the challenges in continuing research during the pandemic and identifies and explores innovations and emerging topics warranting further exploration in the disability research field. These topics include the direct service professional workforce, health care rationing, effect of COVID-19 on preexisting health disparities, increased susceptibility of people with disabilities to COVID-19, unemployment, pandemic-related stress and trauma, and the shift to virtual services and supports. The white paper is posted on the ICDR website at this link:

https://icdr.acl.gov/system/files/resources/ICDR%20COVID-19%20White%20Paper_0.docx

Aging with Disability: A Toolkit for Interagency Collaboration

The ICDR *Aging with Disability* toolkit identifies resources to promote research by federal agencies on aging with a disability and promote interagency collaboration. The toolkit provides a range of active research and resources from federal agencies and examples of best practices from the public and private sectors. It also describes current deficits in the research on aging with a disability and opportunities for future research and collaboration. Examples of these opportunities include developing a standard terminology of “secondary health conditions,” identifying which conditions most negatively impact community participation and quality of life and how they interrelate, and linking research findings with key issues facing individuals with disabilities. The toolkit is posted on the ICDR website at this link:

https://icdr.acl.gov/system/files/resources/ICDR-AwD%20Toolkit-5.18.21_508.pdf/

Employment: A Toolkit for Interagency Collaboration

The ICDR *Employment* toolkit facilitates additional research by federal agencies and departments as well as collaboration in the field of employment for people with disabilities by

describing current employment resources and providing examples of federal employment promotion activities. It also describes resources on various subtopics focusing on the employment of people with disabilities. The toolkit also identifies unexplored employment research areas that could benefit from interagency collaboration. Examples of these areas include examining the economic benefit of designing products for accessibility at the onset versus later revision or modification, identifying evidence-based practices to support the transition of youth to postsecondary education and employment, opportunities to scale transition interventions, and advancing the study of career pathways to include people with disabilities. The toolkit is posted on the ICDR website at this link:

https://icdr.acl.gov/system/files/resources/EMP-Toolkit.3.9.21_508.pdf

Objective 3: Promote and establish a repository of research materials and best practices for accessible and usable health information technology (IT).

Assistive Technology and Universal Design: A Toolkit for Interagency Collaboration

The ICDR produced the *Assistive Technology and Universal Design* toolkit to improve interagency collaboration on accessibility and provide an overview of active research and policy efforts in AT/UD across the federal government. Examples of AT/UD innovations from the private sector are included in the toolkit to encourage additional research and collaboration. The toolkit also focuses on the role of AT/UD on aging, education, finances, health, information and communication technology, physical environments, and research. The toolkit is posted on the ICDR website at this link: https://icdr.acl.gov/system/files/resources/AT-UD%20Toolkit.2.5.21%20%28003%29_508.pdf

Health Care Access and Quality for People with Disabilities: A Toolkit for Interagency Collaboration

The ICDR's *Health Care Access and Quality for People with Disabilities* toolkit provides resources for future research on health care access and equity to address the health disparity issues that people with disabilities face. The toolkit includes an overview of federal programs and research, best practices, and areas for future research on health care access and quality for people with disabilities. Examples of areas for future research include access to adaptive equipment, the impact of delaying medical care due to cost, local approaches to resolving access challenges, development of a cultural competency model for addressing health care, and measuring the cost as a nation of not successfully caring for people with disabilities. The toolkit is posted on the ICDR website at this link: <https://icdr.acl.gov/system/files/resources/ICDR-Health%20Care%20Access-Qual-Toolkit.091021%20508.pdf>

Health Information Technology (IT) Toolkit: A Compendium of Accessible & Usable Health IT Resources

The ICDR developed the *Health Information Technology (IT) Toolkit* to improve access to health IT to people with disabilities and older adults. The toolkit provides an overview of health IT and usability resources, research, and best practices across federal agencies, grantees, and non-federal organizations. Its purpose is to facilitate additional research and collaboration by federal agencies and departments on this topic and provide recommendations focusing on

accessible and usable health IT. Recommended areas of future focus include improving individual access to usable health information; continuing to collect data about the changes in prevalence, burden, and impact of using these technologies; ensuring that users with disabilities, older adults, and caregivers are involved in health IT development and innovation; maintaining a focus on incorporating accessibility and usability during product development; and increasing the proportion of doctors and hospitals with access to usable health IT. The toolkit is posted on the ICDR website at this link:

https://icdr.acl.gov/system/files/resources/ICDR-HIT%20Toolkit_508.pdf

Objective 6: Create a Youth Transition Research Academy to analyze and advance quality research methodologies to improve the transition-related evidence base.

Employment for Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities: Translating Evidence Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic Virtual Symposium

The ICDR hosted the Employment for Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities virtual symposium on July 28, 2021. The symposium presented panels on vocational rehabilitation evidence and outcomes, early work experiences and future employment, postsecondary education and employment, federal efforts to improve employment outcomes, and employers and the future of work. A summary from the symposium, including panel summaries, questions and answers, and key takeaways, is posted on the ICDR website at this link:

<https://icdr.acl.gov/system/files/resources/Employment%20Symposium%20Meeting%20Notes-final.docx>

Goal 2: Develop a government-wide inventory of disability, independent living, and rehabilitation research.

The Interagency Rehabilitation and Disability Research Portfolio

During FY 2021, the working group launched a government-wide inventory (GWI) (i.e., the Interagency Rehabilitation and Disability Research Portfolio; <https://irad.nih.gov/>). The ontology, security features, visualization, and functionality were developed and tested before launch. The portfolio contributors include the U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Science Foundation, and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The goal of the GWI is to create a public facing repository of disability, independent living, and rehabilitation research for trend and data analysis across federal agencies. This repository will allow for greater substantive analyses and more nuanced understanding of pertinent issues affecting the disability community. To date, three agencies have submitted data to the repository. Targeted launch activities are being planned for FY 2022.

Lunch and Learn Series

In FY 2021, the ICDR launched a Lunch and Learn webinar series on topics related to disability and rehabilitation research to highlight the work of partners and member agencies. The first session featured a presentation by Dr. Jennifer Stevens-Lapsley on aging and mobility, *Getting Older is Not for the Weak; An Evidence-Based Approach to Improving Mobility*. The second

session saw Dr. Susanne Bruyere present on the research being conducted by the Yang-Tan Institute on Employment and Disability at Cornell University on workplace disability inclusion. The third session featured a presentation from Dr. Debra Brucker, the Institute on Disability, University of New Hampshire, and Veronica Helms Garrison, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), titled *Using National Health Surveys to Better Understand HUD-Assisted Adults Living with Disabilities*.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The ICDR EC met throughout FY 2021 to develop action plans, implement strategic work plans, and discuss current and emerging research areas of interest to the ICDR. The EC met virtually in December and March of FY 2021. The meetings provided an opportunity for the EC members to convene and discuss strategic planning activities, continue work on their action plans, provide updates on current or upcoming activities, and share agency activities related to COVID-19.

[Meeting summaries and any supplemental materials can be found on the EC page on the ICDR website.](#)

STAKEHOLDER MEETING

The ICDR held a stakeholder meeting in June 2021 for members, senior NIDILRR leadership, affiliated researchers, and disability advocacy group representatives. Discussions included:

- An overview of the ICDR and the EC;
- Community integration and participation;
- Employment and education;
- Health, functioning, and wellness; and
- AT and UD.

[A summary report from the stakeholder meeting can be found on the ICDR website.](#)

ICDR WEBSITE ENHANCEMENTS

During FY 2021, the ICDR continued to populate the ICDR website ([ICDR.acl.gov](https://www.icdr.acl.gov)) with scheduled events, disability research news, and federally funded research products. As the ICDR website is hosted by ACL, the ICDR presented recommended website enhancements and updates to ACL throughout FY 2021.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN FY 2022

To align ICDR's mission and vision in the most efficient manner with the goals of the current administration, focused work will be done across the following focus areas: 1) interagency disability data and statistics, 2) equity, 3) COVID-19 related activities and 4) Government Wide Inventory. All new activities for FY 2022 and initiatives are being planned and executed around

these focus areas and will inform the next iteration of its strategic plan. These focus areas are key priorities of the administration and research is being done across each of these areas, yet there is an opportunity for greater collaboration and information sharing among federal departments and agencies. Structurally, the existing subcommittees will not be disbanded, as it is possible that subcommittees will have ad hoc issues to address, but the topical areas of focus can be revisited as part of the annual planning process, based on the needs of the disability community and the priorities of the Administration. By design, each focus area is cross-cutting to allow for input and expertise from ICDR members and strengths from each agency.

The first focus area is on interagency disability data and statistics. This will involve reforming its Disability Data and Statistics workgroup, which focuses on establishing greater coordination and collaboration related to disability statistics, terminology, and data collection. The second focus area is equity, reflecting the current administration's focus on this topic. EC members will develop a stakeholder meeting related to this topic to further explore research benefiting people with disabilities. The ICDR will continue to focus on COVID-19 and its impacts. The focus area of COVID-19 is not meant to duplicate existing federal work or workgroups, rather to allow for greater coordination and collaboration in terms of what is happening related to COVID and disability data and research, including Long COVID. Proposed activities for this topic include acting as a clearinghouse to connect people with federal resources on COVID-19 and disability research and a Lunch and Learn session or State of the Science meeting on the topic. The focus area of the Government Wide Inventory is designed to continue populating and sharing this tool once populated with relevant agency's disability and rehabilitation research data. In addition to continuing to promote obtaining data to be housed within the inventory, suggested activities include a promotional event of the GWI and potentially COVID-19 focused analyses and report based on available cross government disability data.

Progress in these areas will assist other agencies and federal partners who are less familiar with data collection concerning disability and will strengthen the individual research efforts of the ICDR member agencies.

APPENDIX A: STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION

Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Public Law 113-128):

Title 29 – Labor; Chapter 16 – Vocational Rehabilitation and other Rehabilitation Services; Subchapter II – Research and Training

§763. Interagency Committee

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(a) Establishment; membership; meetings

(1) In order to promote coordination and cooperation among Federal departments and agencies conducting disability, independent living, and rehabilitation research programs, including programs relating to assistive technology research and research that incorporates the principles of universal design, there is established within the Federal Government an Interagency Committee on Disability Research (hereinafter in this section referred to as the "Committee"), chaired by the Secretary, or the Secretary's designee, and comprised of such members as the President may designate, including the following (or their designees): the Director, the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Disability Employment Policy, the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of the Administration for Community Living, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Director of the National Institutes of Health, the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Secretary of Transportation, the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, the Director of the Indian Health Service, the Director of the National Science Foundation and the Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

(2) The Committee shall meet not less than four times each year, and for not less than 1 of such meetings at least every 2 years, the Committee shall invite policymakers, representatives from other Federal agencies conducting relevant research, individuals with disabilities, organizations representing individuals with disabilities, researchers, and providers, to offer input on the Committee's work, including the development and implementation of the strategic plan required under subsection (c).

(b) Duties

(1) After receiving input individuals ¹ with disabilities, the Committee shall identify, assess, and seek to coordinate all Federal programs, activities, and projects, and plans for such programs, activities, and projects with respect to the conduct of research (including assistive technology research and research that incorporates the principles of universal design) related to independent living and rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities.

(2) In carrying out its duties with respect to the conduct of Federal research (including assistive technology research and research that incorporates the principles of universal design) related to rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities, the Committee shall-

(A) share information regarding the range of assistive technology research, independent living research, and research that incorporates the principles of universal design, that is being carried out by members of the Committee and other Federal departments and organizations;

(B) identify, and make efforts to address, gaps in assistive technology research, independent living research, and research that incorporates the principles of universal design that are not being adequately addressed;

(C) identify, and establish, clear research priorities related to assistive technology research and research that incorporates the principles of universal design for the Federal Government;

(D) promote interagency collaboration and joint research activities relating to assistive technology research, independent living research, and research that incorporates the principles of universal design at the Federal level, and reduce unnecessary duplication of effort regarding these types of research within the Federal Government; and

(E) optimize the productivity of Committee members through resource sharing and other cost-saving activities, related to assistive technology research, independent living research, and research that incorporates the principles of universal design.

(c) Strategic plan

(1) The Committee shall develop a comprehensive government wide strategic plan for disability, independent living, and rehabilitation research.

(2) The strategic plan shall include, at a minimum-

(A) a description of the-

(i) measurable goals and objectives;

(ii) existing resources each agency will devote to carrying out the plan;

(iii) timetables for completing the projects outlined in the plan; and

(iv) assignment of responsible individuals and agencies for carrying out the research activities;

(B) research priorities and recommendations;

(C) a description of how funds from each agency will be combined, as appropriate, for projects administered among Federal agencies, and how such funds will be administered;

(D) the development and ongoing maintenance of a searchable government wide inventory of disability, independent living, and rehabilitation research for trend and data analysis across Federal agencies;

(E) guiding principles, policies, and procedures, consistent with the best research practices available, for conducting and administering disability, independent living, and rehabilitation research across Federal agencies; and

(F) a summary of underemphasized and duplicative areas of research.

(3) The strategic plan described in this subsection shall be submitted to the President and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives.

(d) Annual report

Not later than December 31 of each year, the Committee shall prepare and submit, to the President and to the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, a report that-

(1) describes the progress of the Committee in fulfilling the duties described in subsections (b) and (c), and including specifically for subsection (c)-

(A) a report of the progress made in implementing the strategic plan, including progress toward implementing the elements described in subsection (c)(2)(A); and

(B) detailed budget information.²

(2) makes such recommendations as the Committee determines to be appropriate with respect to coordination of policy and development of objectives and priorities for all Federal programs relating to the conduct of research (including assistive technology research and research that incorporates the principles of universal design) related to rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities; and

(3) describes the activities that the Committee recommended to be funded through grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and other mechanisms, for assistive technology research and development and research and development that incorporates the principles of universal design.

(e) Definitions

In this section-

(1) the terms "assistive technology" and "universal design" have the meanings given the terms in section 3002 of this title; and

(2) the term "independent living", used in connection with research, means research on issues and topics related to attaining maximum self-sufficiency and function by individuals with disabilities, including research on assistive technology and universal design, employment, education, health and wellness, and community integration and participation.

(Pub. L. 93-112, title II, §203, as added [Pub. L. 105-220, title IV, §405, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1173](#) ; amended [Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101\(f\) \[title VIII, §401\(16\)\], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-337 , 2681-412](#); [Pub. L. 105-394, title II, §201, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3651](#) ; [Pub. L. 108-364, §3\(b\)\(1\), Oct. 25, 2004, 118 Stat. 1737](#) ; Pub. L. 113-128, title IV, §434, July 22, 2014, 128 Stat. 1664.)

Prior Provisions

Provisions similar to this section were contained in section 761b of this title prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105–220.

A prior section 763, [Pub. L. 93–112, title II, §203, Sept. 26, 1973, 87 Stat. 376](#), relating to making of grants and contracts for training of personnel involved in vocational services to handicapped individuals, was renumbered section 304 of Pub. L. 93–112 and transferred to section 774 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 113–128.

Amendments

2014-Pub.L 113-128

- Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 113–128, §434(1)(A), substituted "conducting disability, independent living, and rehabilitation research" for "conducting rehabilitation research", "chaired by the Secretary, or the Secretary's designee," for "chaired by the Director", and "the Director of the National Science Foundation and the Administrator of the Small Business Administration." for "and the Director of the National Science Foundation." and inserted "the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Disability Employment Policy, the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of the Administration for Community Living," after "Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services,".
- Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 113–128, §434(1)(B), inserted ", and for not less than 1 of such meetings at least every 2 years, the Committee shall invite policymakers, representatives from other Federal agencies conducting relevant research, individuals with disabilities, organizations representing individuals with disabilities, researchers, and providers, to offer input on the Committee's work, including the development and implementation of the strategic plan required under subsection (c)" after "each year".
- Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 113–128, §434(2)(A), substituted "individuals with disabilities" for "from targeted individuals" and inserted "independent living and" before "rehabilitation".
- Subsec. (b)(2)(A). Pub. L. 113–128, §434(2)(B)(i), inserted "independent living research," after "assistive technology research,".
- Subsec. (b)(2)(B), (D), (E). Pub. L. 113–128, §434(2)(B)(ii)–(iv), inserted ", independent living research," after "assistive technology research".
- Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 113–128, §434(5), added subsec. (c). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (d).
- Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 113–128, §434(6)(A), substituted "Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate" for "Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate" in introductory provisions.
- Pub. L. 113–128, §434(3), (4), redesignated subsec. (c) as (d) and struck out former subsec. (d) which related to recommendations for coordinating research among Federal departments.
- Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 113–128, §434(6)(B), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: "describes the progress of the Committee in fulfilling the duties described in subsection (b) of this section;".

- Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 113–128, §434(7), added par. (2) and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: "the term 'targeted individuals' has the meaning given the term 'targeted individuals and entities' in section 3002 of this title."

2004-Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 108–364 added subsec. (e) and struck out former subsec. (e) which read as follows: "In this section, the terms 'assistive technology', 'targeted individuals', and 'universal design' have the meanings given the terms in section 3002 of this title."

1998-Pub. L. 105–277 made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 105–220, §405, which enacted this section.

- Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 105–394, §201(1), inserted "including programs relating to assistive technology research and research that incorporates the principles of universal design," after "programs,".
- Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105–394, §201(2), designated existing provisions as par. (1), substituted "targeted individuals" for "individuals with disabilities and the individuals' representatives", inserted "(including assistive technology research and research that incorporates the principles of universal design)" after "research", and added par. (2).
- Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105–394, §201(3), added subsec. (c) and struck out former subsec. (c) which read as follows: "The Committee shall annually submit to the President and to the appropriate committees of the Congress a report making such recommendations as the Committee deems appropriate with respect to coordination of policy and development of objectives and priorities for all Federal programs relating to the conduct of research related to rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities."
- Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 105–394, §201(4), added subsecs. (d) and (e).

Change of Name

- Committee on Labor and Human Resources of Senate changed to Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of Senate by Senate Resolution No. 20, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Jan. 19, 1999.
- [¹ So in original. Probably should be preceded by "from."](#)
- [² So in original. The period probably should be a semicolon.](#)

APPENDIX B: ICDR MEMBERSHIP AND FEDERAL PARTICIPATION

The ICDR is chaired by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or her designee. The authorizing statute identifies the leadership from 17 departments, agencies, and offices, as well as others the President may designate, as statutory members who provide leadership and oversight for the committee. Statutory members include:

Secretary, Health and Human Services
Director, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research
Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration
Assistant Secretary, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
Assistant Secretary, Labor for Disability Employment Policy
Secretary, Defense
Administrator, Administration for Community Living
Secretary, Education
Secretary, Veterans Affairs
Director, National Institutes of Health
Director, National Institute of Mental Health
Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Secretary, Transportation
Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs
Director, Indian Health Service
Director, National Science Foundation,
Administrator, Small Business Administration

In addition to the statutory members, other federal and nonfederal partners contribute to the deliberations, events, and products of the ICDR. Some federal partners play key leadership roles on the ICDR by co-funding activities and providing resources to support achievement of ICDR goals.

Federal Government Agencies

Executive Office of the President

U.S. Department of Education (ED)

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Administration for Community Living (ACL)

National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD)
Indian Health Service (IHS)
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research (NCMRR)
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)
National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
Office of Autism Research Coordination (OARC)
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)
Division of Neuroscience

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)
Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Office of Operations Research and Development (R&D)

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
Rehabilitation Research and Development Services (RR&D)

Independent Agencies and Government Corporations

National Science Foundation (NSF)
Social Security Administration (SSA)

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