

FOIA MARKER

**This is not a textual record. This is used as an
administrative marker by the William J. Clinton
Presidential Library Staff.**

Collection/Record Group: Clinton Presidential Records

Subgroup/Office of Origin: Counsel Office

Series/Staff Member: Jonathan Young

Subseries:

OA/ID Number: 40205

FolderID:

Folder Title:

IDEA [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act] 25th Anniversary

Stack:

S

Row:

112

Section:

1

Shelf:

9

Position:

2

November 28, 2000

IDEA 25th ANNIVERSARY PHOTO-OP

DATE: November 29, 2000
TIME: 6:05 PM to 6:15 PM
LOCATION: Oval Office
FROM: Mary Beth Cahill
Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

I. PURPOSE

Commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) and acknowledge 25 years of progress.

II. BACKGROUND

Congress enacted the Education for All Handicapped Children Act on November 29, 1975, to support states and localities in protecting the rights of, meeting the individuals needs of, and improving the results for infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities and their families. On June 4, 1997, before a bipartisan crowd of supporters on the White House South Lawn, you signed the reauthorization of this legislation, now known as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

IDEA strengthens academic expectations and accountability for the nation's 5.8 million children with disabilities and bridges the gap that has too often existed between what children with disabilities learn and what is required in regular curricula. Before IDEA, many children were denied access to education and opportunities to learn. For example, in 1970, U.S. schools education only one in five children with disabilities, and many states had laws excluding certain students, including children who were deaf, blind, emotionally disturbed, or mentally retarded.

Today, early intervention programs and services are provided to almost 200,000 eligible infants and toddlers and their families, while nearly 6 million children and youth receive special education and related services to meet their individual needs. Other accomplishments directly attributable to IDEA include educating more children in their neighborhood schools, rather than in separate schools and institutions, and contributing to improvements in the rate of high school graduation, post-secondary school enrollment, and post-school employment for youth with disabilities who have benefited from IDEA.

Ellen Winkler, a special education student from Pasteur Elementary School in Chicago, Illinois, is the winner of a nationwide poster contest to commemorate the IDEA 25th Anniversary. The contest was organized by the Council for Exceptional Children and The Arc of the United States, and a blue-ribbon panel headed by DOEd Assistant Secretary Judy Heumann selected the contest winner.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Administration Representatives:

Secretary Riley	
Judy Heumann	Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), DOEd
Curtis Richards	Deputy Assistant Secretary, OSERS, DOEd
Ken Warlick	Director, Office of Special Education Programs, OSERS, DOEd
Becky Ogle	Executive Director, Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities, DOL

Disability Community Representatives:

Paul Marchand	Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) Education Task Force Co-Chair (representing The Arc)
Katy Neas	CCD Education Task Force Co-Chair (representing Easter Seals)
Leslie Jackson	CCD Education Task Force Co-Chair (representing Occupational Therapy Association)
Libby Kuffner	CCD Education Task Force Co-Chair (representing National Association of School Psychologists -- NASP)
Beth Foley	Policy Specialist for Governmental Relations, Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
Linda Shepard	Executive Director, National Parent Network on Disabilities
Justine Maloney	Director of Government Affairs, Learning Disabilities Association
Maureen Hollowell	Chairperson of Education Committee, National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)

Families:

Ellen Winkler	11-year-old winner of National Poster Contest, Chicago, IL
Carol Winkler	Ellen's Mother, Chicago, IL
Danielle Boustos	8-year-old child from 1997 IDEA Reauthorization, Silver Spring, MD
Jackeline Boustos	Danielle's Mother, Silver Spring, MD

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- **YOU** arrive in the Oval Office and pose for a group photo
- **YOU** will unveil the winning IDEA 25th Anniversary poster

- Paul Marchand will present **YOU** with an IDEA Hero Award in appreciation for your Administration's strong advocacy for kids with disabilities
- **YOU** will greet participants and depart

V. PRESS

Closed Press



The Arc of the United States

Governmental Affairs Office

*The national organization of and for people with mental retardation
and related disabilities and their families*

1730 K Street, NW, Suite 1212

Washington, D.C. 20006-3868

(202) 785-3388 ♦ FAX (202) 467-4179 ♦ TDD (202) 785-3411

E-mail: gaoinfo@thearc.org

FAX FORM (COVER SHEET)

SENT BY:

____ Paul Marchand

____ Evelyn Powell

☐ URGENT

____ Marty Ford

____ Brenda Walker

☐ PLEASE COMMENT

____ Kathy McGinley

____ Kim Musheno

☒ FYI

DATE: 3/13

TO: Jonathan Young

FAX #: 456-6218

NUMBER OF PAGES (INCLUDING COVER SHEET): 4

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: _____

REMARKS: _____

MISSION STATEMENT

The Arc of the United States works through education, research and advocacy to improve the quality of life for children and adults with mental retardation and their families and works to prevent both the causes and the effects of mental retardation.



CONSORTIUM
for
CITIZENS
with
DISABILITIES

March 10, 2000

To: CCD Education Task Force
From: Paul Marchand, Co-Chair
Subj: 25th IDEA Anniversary

Representatives of CCD have held two meetings with the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services to collaborate as we prepare to celebrate IDEA's 25th Anniversary this fall. Although many of you signed up to work on Anniversary events, CCD participation to date has been quite limited. As you will see from the attached summary of planned activities/events, there's lots in the works and we need lots of help. Feel free to notify me or the person coordinating the activity/event of your interest in helping. Of course, fundraising is necessary to pull much of this off. Any leads on potential funders would be greatly appreciated.

Best regards.

cc: OSERS staff

IDEA 25th Anniversary

Activities/Events In Planning

- 1) Logo & Theme. IDEA. Lessons for all. Building on What We've Learned. Logo's for letterhead, pins, buttons, publications and other uses are in development. Mockups are attached.
Lead – OSERS P.R. Office – Juliette Rizzo
- 2) Congressional Event. To be held the 1st week of October, probably on Wednesday, October 4 on Capitol Hill. CCD sponsored, this event will honor Congressional heroes (original P.L. 94-142 co-sponsors, recent supporters).
Lead – Paul Marchand, Steve Spector (CHADD)
- 3) White House event. To be held on Wednesday, November 29, the actual 25th Anniversary. Focus to be determined. No White House commitment yet.
Lead – Paul Marchand
- 4) Poster Contest. Nationwide contest of special education students submitting art work. One winner per state. One overall winner selected for actual 25th Anniversary poster. Winner unveiled in D.C. in late July at ADA Anniversary event (hopefully at White House).
Lead – Beth Foley (CEC), Paul Marchand
- 5) Lesson Book/Calendar. Bounder booklet/calendar, possibly depicting 25 lessons learned from IDEA along with artwork from poster contest.
Lead – Juliette Rizzo, OSERS
- 6) IDEA Public Awareness Kit – Developed for multiple audiences.
Lead – Juliette Rizzo, OSERS
- 7) IDEA Report Card – Accomplishments over 25 years.
Lead – Patty Guard, OSEP
- 8) IDEA Discretionary Programs – Compilation of success stories resulting from IDEA discretionary programs.
Lead – Jane West (HECSE), Lou Danielson, OSEP
- 9) Joint Congressional Resolution – CCD will draft resolution for adoption by Congress to mark the 25th Anniversary.
Lead – Katy Neas (ES), Jane West (HECSE)

- 10) **IDEA Symposium.** An invitation-only symposium to address the next 25 years of IDEA. To be held in D.C. in the fall, possibly on or near November 29.
Lead – Lou Danielson, Libby Kuffner (NASP), Jane West (HECSE)
- 11) **ADA/IDEA Torch Pledge.** AAPD and the ADA 10th Anniversary Torch relay has develop a pledge (1 for policymakers, 1 for citizens) to protect IDEA and ADA. Full grassroots effort to sign pledges.
Lead – Andy Imparato, AAPD
- 12) **Fund Raising –** All of the above requires substantial funding. The 'special education industry' will be scoured for sponsorships. CCD organizations will be asked to contribute.
Lead – Paul Marchand, you!

Next CCD/OSERS meeting **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**
2-4 PM
AT OSERS

ROUTING SLIP

Date: 10/31/00

From: Stephanie Street

Assistant to the President and Director of Presidential Scheduling

File

Regret

Comments

No time in schedule

SUBJECT:

Commemoration of the 25th Anniversary
of the Individuals w/ Disability Act (IDEA)

Kris Balderston	—	Jake Siewert	—
Elizabeth Cotham	—	Lisel Loy	—
Samuel Berger	—	Capricia Marshall	—
Sidney Blumenthal	—	Thurgood Marshall Jr.	—
Chuck Brain	—	Minyon Moore	—
Charles Burson	—	Bob Nash	—
Mary Beth Cahill	—	Beth Nolan	—
Maria Echaveste	—	John Podesta	—
Terry Edmonds	—	Steve Ricchetti	—
George Frampton	—	Barbara Chow	—
Sarah Gegenheimer	✓	Rob Rosen	—
Laura Graham	✓	Rozensky/Brown	—
Nancy Hemreich	—	Kim Tilley	—
Mickey Ibarra	—	Gene Sperling	—
Ben Johnson	—	Carrie Street	✓
Joel Johnson	—	Karen Tramontano	—
Neal Lane	—	Loretta Ucelli	✓
Mark Lindsay	—	Melanne Verveer	—
Bruce Lindsey	—		—

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: October 27, 2000

___ ACCEPT

___ REGRET
00 OCT 30 A 9:55

___ PENDING

TO:

Stephanie Streett
Assistant to the President
Director of Presidential Scheduling

FROM:

Mary Beth Cahill *MBC*
Assistant to the President
Director of Public Liaison

REQUEST:

Commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) with a White House event.

PURPOSE:

To acknowledge 25 years of progress under IDEA and urge continued vigilance in enforcing the law.

BACKGROUND:

Before a bipartisan crowd of supporters on the White House South Lawn, President Bill Clinton signed the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997 on June 4, 1997.

This Act strengthens academic expectations and accountability for the nation's 5.8 million children with disabilities and bridges the gap that has too often existed between what children with disabilities learn and what is required in regular curriculum.

This year, in conjunction with the "Spirit of ADA" Torch Relay, the disability community has been urging community leaders and elected officials to sign a pledge in support of the ADA and IDEA. President Clinton signed this pledge during his visit to the Disability Network in Flint, Michigan.

The disability community seeks a commemorative signing ceremony analogous to the celebration for the ADA 10th Anniversary. It is unclear at this point whether there will be particular deliverables to announce.

DATE AND TIME:

November 29, 2000, time TBD

BRIEFING TIME:

TBD

DURATION:

TBD

(R)

LOCATION: TBD

PARTICIPANTS: TBD

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: TBD

REMARKS REQUIRED: TBD

PRESS/ MEDIA: Open Press

RECOMMENDED BY: Mary Beth Cahill
Jonathan Young

CONTACT: Jonathan Young, 6-7032

ORIGIN OF PROPOSAL: Meeting between President Clinton and disability groups on
October 27, 2000