

DCDT Submits Testimony to Interagency Committee on Disability Research

DCDT Government Relations Committee with the support of the executive committee members submitted testimony to the [National Interagency Committee on Disability Research](#) . ICDR held their public stakeholder's meetings, August 5 and 13, 2008 "to allow individuals with disabilities and their representatives (family members, organizations, service providers, disability and rehabilitation research and policy groups, advocacy organizations with specialized disability knowledge) the opportunity to suggest specific ways to improve future disability and rehabilitation research to benefit individuals with disabilities."

ICDR also sought information from concerned individuals regarding the effectiveness of the existing federal research programs in response to the changing needs of individuals with disabilities. These comments covered a wide range of research areas, including, among others:

- Employment of people with disabilities
- Community integration and continuum of care
- Health disparities
- Access to assistive technology and universal design
- Transition of youth to employment and independent living
- Availability of accessible housing, transportation and recreation

A panel of ICDR members read portions of our [submitted testimony](#) in the first hour of August 13th, 2008 of the public meeting. You may also hear our testimony at <http://tinyurl.com/6lfddz>. Ours is the last testimony read in that hour and begins at minute 58.