

Katherine Neas

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EXPERIENCE

**EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, PUBLIC AFFAIRS
AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION**

October 2017 to Present

- Lead the association's strategy and activities through Federal, Regulatory, and State Government Affairs, Political Action Committee Grassroots activities and the association's engagement with private health insurance companies
- Facilitate the work of the Public Policy and Advocacy Committee of the APTA Board of Directors
- Contribute to the management of the association \$50 million budget as a member of the executive team

**EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
EASTERSEALS**

1995 – 2017

- Served on a three person senior leadership team that acted as the interim Chief Executive Officer of the national office
- Managed the Washington, DC Easterseals Office of Public Affairs and the Public Policy Committee of the Easterseals National Board of Directors
- Served as the primary Easterseals spokesperson with the media and have experience in working with television, radio and print media
- Managed a team of federal and state lobbyists who exceeded annual goals each year
- Oversaw federal grants and contract development staff and activities and exceeded the organizational budget goals by \$6 million in 2016
- Possess content expertise in budget and appropriations, education, health care, family support, employment, income support and issues affecting the operations of non-profit organizations
- Led comprehensive federal legislative campaigns resulting in the enactment of the 1997 and 2004 Amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act that advanced access to education services for more than 6 million children

- Crafted federal law and regulation to ensure the academic progress of all children with disabilities would be measured and reported to the public
- Established funding for respite services in all 50 states for families with children with disabilities as part of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
- Advanced policies to ensure youth with disabilities can access job and career training that are now part of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act
- Increased screening for developmental delays for young children involved in abuse and neglect
- Created a model inclusive child care program for children with and without disabilities now implemented by more than 70 child care centers

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY AFFILIATED PROGRAMS FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

1991 - 1995

- Secured federal appropriations for university programs from three agencies within the US Department of Health and Human Services that met or exceeded budget goals each year.

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT, UNITED STATES SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISABILITY POLICY

1987 – 1991

- Served as the Number Two staff person for Chairman Tom Harkin and was involved in all aspects of the development, debate and enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act

COALITION LEADERSHIP

- Chair of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities from 2013-2016
- CCD Education Task Force Co-chair 1995-2015

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Equal Rights Center Board of Directors

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University, BS 1985