

ACTION NEEDED: Protect Early Intervention Services – Contact Congress Today!

Congress is currently working through the FFY 2026 appropriations process, and decisions being made now will directly impact funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), including Part C Early Intervention services and university based training programs.

Call to Action

Contact your Congressional representatives today!

Call the Capitol Switchboard at **(202) 224-3121** and ask to be connected with your Representative or Senator.

Message to share:

“Please oppose any cuts to IDEA, including Part C Early Intervention. These programs are critical to the health and development of infants and toddlers across California. I urge you to maintain full funding for IDEA and preserve University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs).”

You can also share a short story about how IDEA Part C services have made a difference in your community.

Appropriations Process Underway

The House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies will mark up its FY 2026 appropriations bill on **July 21, 2025**. This bill directly impacts funding for:

- **IDEA (Parts B and C)** *Cuts to IDEA Part B funding could significantly impact special education services in schools for students ages 3-21. Please act now to maintain full funding of IDEA and preserve services and support for students with disabilities safeguarding their access to a free and appropriate public education.*
- **Medicaid**
- **Education and health workforce development**

The full Appropriations Committee will consider the bill on **July 24, 2025**, ahead of the August recess.

Key Deadline:

Congress must finalize FY 2026 appropriations by **September 30, 2025** to avoid a government shutdown. Without a deal, a temporary **Continuing Resolution (CR)** will be required.

What's at Stake for CSHA Members:

- IDEA Part B & C formula grant funding (impacting services starting **July 1, 2026**)
- Graduate training programs for SLPs and audiologists
- Access to essential early intervention and school-based services
- Medicaid supports for children and adults with communication needs

Other Policy Updates:

On **July 4**, the “One Big Beautiful Bill” was signed into law, enacting changes to Medicaid and other federal programs. This legislation may impact client eligibility and provider reimbursement.

Learn more from [Tony Anderson, ARCA Associate Director \(click here\)](#)

LA Times coverage: [Los Angeles Times Article \(click here\)](#)

Let’s make sure every voice is heard!

Thank you for standing with CSHA in advocating for the individuals and families we serve.