DISABILITY & AGING CAPITOL ACTION DAY

Unity Through Diversity

#DisabilityAgingUnited

May 23, 2019 10:00AM – 3:00PM.

Cesar E. Chavez Plaza and the State Capitol

Sacramento, California

2019 marks the 15th anniversary of Disability Capitol Action Day! To honor the power of partnership, and solidarity, we welcome you to the first-ever Disability & Aging Capitol Action Day! Today provides a unique platform for cross-generational action that will help to advance our rights, as people with disabilities, of all ages, and older adults. Let this day remind us of our collective power and that we are stronger together!

# Agenda

**9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

**Resource Fair and Entertainment at Cesar**

**Chavez Park**

Cesar Chavez Plaza – 901 “I” Street

**10:00 a.m.**

**Check In & Sign Up for Legislative Teams**

Get name tag with team number, button for lunch.

**10:15 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Education Rally**

* From CARA, DAC, and YO!
* Entertainment
* Overview of our Policy Platform
* Personal stories
* Marching orders for the day

**11:30 a.m.**

**Line up to march. Chant/Song start**

All line up behind banners. Shuttle available for

those who are not able to march.

**11:45 a.m.**

**Arrive at South Steps of Capitol**

Sit with your team - numbers on chairs.

Lunch will be brought to you.

**11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Lunch & Team Prep**

South steps of State Capitol.

**12:15 - 12:45 p.m.**

**Capitol Legislative Briefings at the South Steps**

**1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Legislative visits**

* When team is done, return report to info table at south steps
* Debrief & Celebrate!

**Return Buses/Shuttles will leave:**

* 2:30pm - 5:30pm for DAC heading to Amtrak and Sacramento Airport from corner of L St. & 10th St.
* 3:00pm for CARA to return home on 10th St. between L St. and N St.

# 2019 Exhibitors

See map on next spread for locations. Visit disabilityactioncoalition.org/booth-info for full vendor details.

B16 Ability Tools

A06 Arthritis Foundation

C28 CalABLE

C26 California Association of Marriage and

Family Therapists

A04 California Association of Public

Authorities for IHSS (CAPA)

C29 California Department of Aging

B11 California Department of Fish and Wildlife

C23 California In-Home Supportive Services

Consumer Alliance

A09 California Telephone Access Program

A05 California for Disability Rights/Association

of California State Employees

with Disabilities

B18 CROWD (Capitol Region Organized

Within Disability)

A02 Disability Rights Advocates

A10 Disability Rights California

B15 Freedom Tech - A Program of the

California Foundation for Independent

Living Centers

A07 Hearing Loss Association of

America-California

A01 Legal Aid at Work

B14 My Friends Pediatric Day

Healthcare Center

C24 No Barriers Disabled Access Consulting

and Advocacy Services/Californians for

Disability Rights, Inc.

A08 Panasonic

A03 Potter Handy LLP-DBA Center for

Disability Access

B13 Rare Patient Voice LLC

C21 Resources for Independent Living (RIL)

B20 SCI-FIT

B12 SEIU Local 2015

C30 State Independent Living Council

B17 The Arc of California

C22 United Domestic Workers of America

(UDWA)

B19 Victims of Crime Resource Center -

University of the Pacific McGeorge School

of Law

C27 West Coast Captioning

C25 YO! Disabled and Proud - A Program of

the California Foundation for Independent

Living Centers

# [Map of Cesar Chavez Plaza]

# [Map of March Route]

# CHANTS

Tell me what Democracy looks like!
WE ARE WHAT DEMOCRACY LOOKS LIKE!

Seniors and Disabled
Need a seat at the Table

Si Se Puede!

The People united will never be defeated.
El pueblo unido jamas sera vencido.

# SONGS

To the tune of Glory, Glory Hallelujah

We are seniors and disabled organized with unity

We need health care that’s affordable and high in quality

We need long- term care and SSI, accessibility

Prescription drugs, indeed!

We are organized together,

United, we will stand forever

We’re diverse and organized for action

Together we will win.

# Thank You to Our 2019

# Disability & Aging Capitol Action

# Day Sponsors

California Alliance for Retired Americans

California Foundation for Independent Living

Centers

United Domestic Workers

AFSCME Local 3930

SEIU Local 2015

Disability Rights California

California Association of Public Authorities

(CAPA)

San Francisco IHSS Public Authority

Disability Organizing Network

Ability Tools

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Disability Rights Advocates

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# About the Co-Hosts

[Logo for Disability Action Coalition] California’s Disability Action Coalition (DAC) is made up of people with all types of disabilities, organizations and allies – representing more than 1 million Californians. Our mission is to organize people with disabilities and allies to protect and advance our civil rights, self-determination and life opportunities. Learn more and join us at [www.disabilityactioncoalition.org](http://www.disabilityactioncoalition.org).

[Logo for California Alliance for Retired Americans] The California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) is California’s largest, grassroots senior advocacy organization representing 1 million seniors through our 275 affiliated organizations. CARA works to improve the quality of life for seniors and their families, and supports policies that promote aging in place with dignity and independence. You can learn more about CARA at [www.californialliance.org](http://www.californialliance.org).

# Disability Action Coalition & California Alliance for

# Retired Americans Joint Policy Platform

Note: We have legislative tracking forms available and there are no signs allowed in the Capitol.

**Long Term Supports and Services Options:**

**SB 512 (Pan) & $1 million budget ask**

This bill is the first step to create an important option in providing for long term supports and services, specifically for people with disabilities and older adults who do not qualify for Medi-Cal . It would establish the California Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Benefits Board to oversee an alternative LTSS benefit/program.

SB 512 would also establish the California LTSS Benefits Trust to manage and invest money made available, from a source to be determined, to pay for LTSS for eligible people with mobility, sensory, intellectual/developmental, and mental health disabilities. It would also establish the California LTSS Advisory Committee to provide recommendations to the Board.

In addition, we also support the companion budget proposal to spend $1 million for a study to determine how much a new benefit would cost and the potential service options. The bill is sponsored by the California Aging and Disability Alliance (CADA) which an alliance of cross-disability, aging and worker organizations. CFILC and CARA are both members of CADA.

**Increase SSI/SSP Base Grant and Reinstate**

**COLA: AB 1434 (Kalra)**

This bill supports the budget ask to increase individual SSI/SSP (Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Program) grants from $889 per month (90% Federal Poverty Level, FPL), to $1,099 per month (112% FPL). This bill would also reinstate the COLA (cost-of-living adjustment) beginning January 1 of the 2020 calendar year.

SSI is a Federally- funded income support program for older persons and persons with disabilities and SSP is a state supplement to the federal program. The California SSP has been reduced to the lowest legal amount.

From 2008 to 2012, $4.6 billion has been shifted from SSP, reducing SSP payments by $77 per month. This has impacted the lives of 1.3 million SSI/SSP recipients. Today’s total monthly payments are still $30 less than five years ago. By eliminating the cost-of-living adjustment, Californians with disabilities and older adults have lost an additional $161/month, which would have gone a long way toward meeting critical needs, such as: housing, nutrition, medical and additional daily living expenses. As a result, an increasing number of Californians with disabilities and older adults are facing homelessness, housing insecurity, hunger and a lack of access to healthy, nutritious food.

**Contact your legislator!**

**By email & social media:**

**http://myreps.datamade.us**

**By phone: 833-403-6034**

**By petition: CapitolActionDay.com**

# Plataforma política conjunta de la Coalición de acción por la discapacidad y la Alianza para norteamericanos retirados de California:

Nota: Tenemos formularios de seguimiento legislativo disponibles y no hay señales permitidas en el Capitolio.

**Opciones de servicios y soporte a largo plazo Proyecto de ley del Senado 512 (SB 512) (Pan) y pedido de $1 millón de dólares de presupuesto**

Este proyecto de ley es el primer paso para crear una opción importante para proporcionar apoyo y servicios a largo plazo, específicamente para personas con discapacidades y adultos mayors que no califican para Medi-Cal. Establecería la Junta de beneficios de servicios y apoyos a largo plazo de California (LTSS, por siglas en inglés) para supervisar un programa/beneficio alternativo a los LTSS.

SB 512 también establecería el Fideicomiso de beneficios de los LTSS de California para administrar e invertir el dinero disponible, de una fuente que se determinará, para pagar los LTSS para personas elegibles con discapacidades de movilidad, sensoriales, intelectuales/desarrollo y de salud mental. También establecería el Comité asesor de los LTSS de California para proporcionar recomendaciones a la Junta.

Además, también apoyamos la propuesta presupuestaria complementaria de gastar $1 millón en un estudio para determinar cuánto costaría un nuevo beneficio y las posibles opciones de servicio. El proyecto de ley es patrocinado por la Alianza de envejecimiento y discapacidad de California (CADA, por siglas en inglés), que es una alianza de organizaciones de trabajadores, personas mayors y con discapacidades cruzadas. La Fundación de Centros para la Vida Independiente de California (CFILC, por siglas en inglés) y la Alianza para norteamericanos retirados de California (CARA, por siglas en inglés) son miembros de CADA.

**Aumentar el subsidio básico del Ingreso suplementario de seguridad/ Programa suplementario estatal (SSI/SSP, por siglas en inglés) y reinstaurar los Ajustes por costo de vida (COLA, por siglas en inglés)**

**Proyecto de ley de la Asamblea 1434 (AB 1434) (Kalra)**

Este proyecto de ley apoya el pedido de presupuesto para aumentar las subvenciones individuales del SSI/SSP de $889 por mes (90 % del Nivel de pobreza federal, FPL) a $1,099 por mes (112 % del Nivel de pobreza federal). Este proyecto de ley también restablecería el COLA (ajustes por costo de vida) a partir del 1 de enero del año calendario 2020.

SSI es un programa de apoyo a los ingresos financiado por el gobierno federal para personas mayores y personas con discapacidades, y SSP es un suplemento estatal del programa federal. El SSP de California se ha reducido a la cantidad legal más

baja.

De 2008 a 2012 se han retirado $4,600 millones de dólares del SSP, lo que reduce los pagos del SSP en 77 dólares al mes. Esto ha afectado la vida de 1.3 millones de beneficiarios del SSI/SSP.

Los pagos mensuales totales de hoy en día siguen siendo $30 menos que hace cinco años. Al eliminar el ajuste por el costo de vida, los californianos con discapacidades y los adultos mayores han perdido $161 adicionales al mes, lo que habría contribuido en gran medida a satisfacer necesidades críticas, tales como: vivienda, nutrición, gastos médicos y gastos adicionales diarios de subsistencia. Como resultado, un número creciente de californianos con discapacidades y adultos mayores se enfrentan a la falta de vivienda, la inseguridad en la vivienda, el hambre y la falta de acceso a alimentos saludables y nutritivos.

# Notes

# Thank you for participating in the Disability & Aging Capitol Action Day!

We hope you had productive legislative visits, learned something new, and felt the power of community.

Please feel free to send us your comments and feedback at:

tinyurl.com/DisabilityAgingFeedback

# Stay Tuned...

Stay Tuned for 2020. Follow the Disability Action Coalition on Facebook & Twitter @CaliforniaDAC to stay up to date with the latest event news.

www.DisabilityActionCoalition.org

If you are interested in joining the Disability Action Coalition, please visit our website and complete the “Join” form, go to www.tiny.cc/joinDAC or email us at californiaDAC.info@gmail.com.

# IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DURING CAPITOL ACTION DAY:

Medical Emergency Call 9-1-1

Call or Text

Jodi Reid, CARA: 415-515-2156

Hene Kelly, CARA: 415-533-5244

Russel Rawlings, DAC: 916-469-5696

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