

AUCD Policy Talk features writing by both established and emerging leaders in the AUCD network and disability community about the complexities of disability policy. We believe in wide-ranging perspectives on disability as experienced through multiple lenses and bodies. Storytelling about policy allows us to lift up real-life stories to connect individuals to our mission. AUCD's mission is to advance policies and practices that improve the health, education, social, and economic well-being of all people with developmental and other disabilities, their families, and their communities by supporting our members in research, education, health, and service activities that achieve our vision. AUCD Policy Talk is where any person can find disability policy expertise from various voices in the field for a future in which all people, including those living with developmental and other disabilities, are fully included, participating members of their communities. Our general and specific submission guidelines are below.

General Submission Guidelines

AUCD Policy Talk seeks:

- Submissions by anyone who identifies as a person with a disability or family member, AUCD Network member, current or former Emerging Leaders (Trainees) including those hoping to share a story about the impact of policy in their lives. We also will occasionally publish work by featured guests outside of this scope.
- Writing rooted in the lived experience of disability policy in all its variations.
- Fresh perspectives, superior craft, and vivid imagery.
- Revelation so stark that it hurts. Tragedy can reveal, but so can humor and joy.

Please note:

- We are open for submissions year-round.
- Standard response time is two weeks.
- We accept previously published (if indicated) or unpublished work.
- Please send submissions smueller@aucd.org after reading the blog specific guidelines (see below).
- Authors and photographers retain rights. Please credit us if your work is republished, and please be sure to let us know so we can celebrate your achievements!
- With the publication of each issue, we make a concerted effort to promote the work of our contributors via Facebook, Twitter, and our newsletter.

Specific Guidelines

We seek posts for our AUCD Policy Talk site. Send submissions to smueller@aucd.org in the text of an email and include the words "AUCD Policy Talk" in the subject line.

We're looking for **500- to 1000-word** posts with a **title** that motivates, educates, and shares others about disability policy in action. Any references to policies, research, or additional materials can and should be included via attachments or hyperlinks. Include a **brief bio** and **picture** with [image description](#).

Some possible topics to consider include competitive integrated employment, transition from sheltered workshop to competitive integrated employment, restraint and seclusion in schools, long-term services and supports, Medicare for All, etc. and a sample posts by [Rylin](#) and [Sarah](#).