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	Attached you will find my thoughts on what a college system should look like, giving protections for all students. I have copied and pasted the introduction and the closing in here, but the entire document should be read.	
	Put in place strict guidelines that protect all students. Make it clear these are not optional. In cases where crimes have alleged to have occurred, any and all efforts to get the police to take the case should be priority. If the accuser refuses, then all efforts must be made to protect both students until one is found at fault with a high degree of certainty and while observing rules of due process. Also, any result, both a finding of responsible or not, should be easily and quickly reviewed by both State and Federal. If they see the college has failed to live up to its promise of neutrality and fairness, the state can override the punishment.	
	I would also suggest that someone should do a case by case review of all cases over the last 6 years. If Allegany, UCL, U of Cincinnati, Amherst, and Colorado State University can have cases where they so clearly got it wrong and settled in lawsuits, it stands to reason that they among many other colleges got it wrong with students who simply do not have the ability to sustain a 2 to 3 year lawsuit. At the very least, these students who would not have been found responsible under a fair system should get a refund from the college for their tuition, meal plans and housing fees, and have their records expunged. Accusation doesn't equal guilt, and to presume it does not only does a grave injustice to those who are falsely accused, but it also undermines confidence in the existing system.	
	Colleges should not be quasi-judicial systems. They simply are not capable. Their job should be to protect students, all students. If a student wants justice or punishment, that is what the criminal courts are for. They also have the ability to civilly sue the person they say is responsible. If a college is forced to hold hearing, it must take pains to make sure it's staying as a neutral fact finder.	
	I would also suggest that some of the OCR offices on colleges, such as the ones who have ignored	

exculpatory evidence, or those who have expelled students when the 'victim' insisted they were innocent, lose their jobs. Only when colleges understand not doing their job correctly will result in personal loss will they change. If any student has been suspended or expelled without being allowed a hearing, knowing the charges they were accused of, unable to have any meaningful form of cross examination, or any other clear breach of normal due process, then the college needs to expunge their record, offer a letter taking fault, refund money paid and re-enroll the student asap with assistance if needed. The exceptions to this would be if there was an independent inquiry, such as a criminal case, or a lawsuit that established guilt. If the criminal case resulted in a not guilty, or less, then these consequences for the college should be automatic. In short, the ability to get academic accommodations, movement in and out of classes, or dorms, the ability to get counseling, and the ability to get basic NCO should be made easier for all. Advocates should be automatic. But the ability to suspend or expel students needs to be much harder. Colleges should first Educate, then Correct bad behavior, then Protect, and only in extreme cases where there is ample proof, Punish. Thank you for taking the time to read this. Vincent Morrone https://www.reg See attached file(s) 450 ulations.gov/cont entStreamer?doc umentId=ED-2017-OS-0074-10515&attachme ntNumber=1&co ntentType=msw1 https://www.reg 170 To: Assistant General Counsel Hilary Malawer Regulatory Services Division, Department of Education ulations.gov/cont From:Loribeth Weinstein, CEO entStreamer?doc umentId=ED-Jewish Women International 2017-OS-0074-Date:September 20, 2017 15285&attachme Re:Department of Education Proposed Rule: Evaluation of Existing Regulations ntNumber=1&co ntentType=pdf Jewish Women International (JWI), a leading national organization working on DV/SA, urges the Department of Education to put students first by maintaining all guidance on Title II, Title VI, and Title IX in its current form and preserving 34 C.F.R. pts., numbers 1 thru 1299. JWI, a leading advocate for campus sexual assault and dating violence prevention, condemns any rollback of protections for survivors of violence on college campuses. Incidents of sexual assault on college campuses are alarmingly frequent - one in five women and one in sixteen men will be sexually assaulted in college, and over ninety percent of these students will not report the assault. (National Sexual Violence Resource Center - Statistics about Sexual Violence, 2015) It is imperative the Department of Education provides protections to survivors under Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972. Instead of stripping away Title IX implementation regulations, we urge the Department to work to support survivors of violence and provide additional resources to schools and colleges to combat the culture of violence. Title IX requires schools that receive federal funding to provide equal access to educational programs and activities. Sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking create hostile educational environments that impede survivors ability to achieve their full potential in both educational and

	extracurricular settings. Removing the regulatory guidance runs counter to the intention of the law and will lead to a greater risk for survivors. Additionally, removal of the Title IX implementation guidance denies both survivors and accused perpetrators the rigorous adjudication process students deserve.  JWI provides critically important proactive, prevention programming on college campuses, teaching students about sexual assault, dating abuse, and bystander intervention. Through our multifaceted holistic program, Change the Culture, we hear from scores of students who want more prevention education. A revocation of Title IX guidance will make it challenging to provide this information to students and create the cultural changes needed on campuses.	
	Every student deserves equal protection under the law. Strong enforcement of Title II, VI and IX from the Department of Education is essential. JWI calls on the Department of Education to protect the civil rights of students and maintain all existing guidance and regulations	
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	2)"Know Your Rights: Title IX Requires Your School to Address Sexual Violence*" handout;	
	3)"Building Partnerships with Local Rape Crisis Centers: Developing a Memorandum of Understanding;"	
	4)"Not Alone: The First Report of the White House Task Force to Protect Students From Sexual Assault, April 2014;"	
	5)"Questions and Answers on Title IX and Sexual Violence;" and	
	6)2016 "Dear Colleague" Letter on Transgender Students.	
	Title IX protects the entire campus communityacross gender identities and ensures that schools are equipped to both prevent and remedy gender-based discrimination. Safe Berks opposes any scaling back or dilution of the Department of Education and Department of Justice guidance.	
	Please see our attached letter for our full comment. We oppose any rescission of current Title IX guidance and have outlined our reasons in the attached documents.	
	Mary Kay Bernosky, CEO & Carmen J. Bloom White, Esq.	
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	I've worked for a non profit parent advocacy group for 17 years and talked with thousands of	
	parents who think just like me. We love our children, and want the best for them. We know how	
	tough it can be, and expect highly qualified professionals to work as hard as our kids do. My family	
	has had fabulous supports and services, but that quality has been dwindling, and these cuts would	
	devastate our ability to maximize our childrens potential and progress.	
	As a citizen I firmly stand behind the laws listed below and their federal implementing regulations	
	and non-regulatory guidance, which are essential to ensuring states and school districts fulfill their	
	obligations to students with disabilities and their families. I urge you not to modify or rescind any.	
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	Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (	
	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)	
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	Higher Education Act;	
	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) amending Title I of the Rehabilitation Act of	
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	1973.	
	These laws are about equality, acceptance and love. We need to remember that we are a country	
	by, for and of the PEOPLE. Children, adolescents and adults with disabilities are people. Please	
	remember that. We love them. Remember that.	
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	Specifically, modify guidance to allow States to pay for technology needed for students' education,	
	skill development, and participation in Pre-ETS under "authorized activities," as defined in under 34	
	C.F.R. 361.48(a)(3)(i) and 34 C.F.R. 361.48(a)(3)(ii).	
	Specifically, modify guidance to include coaching supports when necessary to support work-based	
	learning experiences.	
	Overall, the regulations on Pre-ETS should give states considerably more flexibility in determining a	
	broader range of services that could potentially enhance a student's career development. The lack	
	of flexibility inhibits the SVRAs' capacity to fully engage students in the required Pre-ETS on a scale	
	necessary to expend the full amount of the Pre-ETS reserved funds. This may potentially limit the	
	success of the Pre-ETS implementation.	
	Recommendations: Amend 34 C.F.R. 397 to allow individuals of any age to make informed choice	
	for subminimum wage employment and to opt out of the follow-up and follow-along services.	
	Allowing individuals to opt out of such services would not only honor their choice, but would allow	
	VR agencies and staff to expend the resources on services that individuals with disabilities are	
	choosing to receive to seek and maintain employment.	
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	Recommendation: RSA amend the following data elements in the most recent RSA-911 case	
	services reporting manual as follows:	
	1. The extent, detail and frequency of the new data elements and collection are time-consuming and	
	can possibly limit the time that SVRA staff engage with participants. It potentially inhibits	
	establishing the counseling relationship necessary for engaging in the VR process.	
	2.Strike or reduce Section XVIII: Eliminate or simplify the Post-Exit Data Elements from the RSA-911	
	reporting requirements.  3.Allow all individuals to choose not to self-identify their race and strike instructions mandating	
	staff to identify race.	
	4.Reassess and potentially remove data elements 64, 67, 69, 70, and 71.	
	See attached file for more information,	
	Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.	
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2017-OS-0074-10555&attachme ntNumber=3&co ntentType=msw1 2 believe victim's/survivors and to see those who have assaulted women brought to justice. This is a role I am a part of every day in my jobs as an emergency room nurse and as a nurse at a college, however I have also seen the other side. I have two sons one who was wrongly accused and who went through a process that was anything but fair, unbiased, equitable, that upheld due process, or allowed for the right to be heard.

Believe the victim no matter what, leaves the accused defending him self as guilty until proven innocent. I thought it was our constitutional right to be innocent until proven guilty. This is not true on a college campus and until this happens to you most people have a hard time believing this. I am attaching my son's story showing the bias and inequities in the system and how my son was treated along with a copy of my son's student rights at his college.

Trauma Informed Prevention is the "Public Health Perspective" that has taken hold over the last eight years. This thought process is pervasive throughout the CDC and the DOJ. Many of these studies seem to have been funded through the VAWA. A Trauma Informed Approach according to the Director of Community Living on our campus states; "It guides us to approach all students as though they have experienced abuse, regardless of whether they have or not." I feel like I need to repeat that. Treat the student as though they have been assaulted even if they have not. It only matters that they believe they were assaulted. Is it not important to look at both sides? Title IX is about fair and equal treatment. Why are we not using more evidenced based studies like the Rape and Sexual Assault Victimization Among College-Age Females, 1995-2013.

A Highlight of Activities report for the OCR 2009-2016 was recently released. It states there was a 1,170% increase in the number of Sexual Violence related complaints from 2009 to 2016. The Obama administration has focused on prevention of sexual assault and violence. How is this huge increase in "sexual violence" considered an accomplishment? How are we helping the "victims"? It seems that the problem is expanding. I know the colleges are proud of their increased numbers stating people feel comfortable now to report their assault. It seems more believable that the number of assaults is increased because of the expanded definitions of the words "sexual assault and "rape"?" The CDC states, "Sexual violence includes a continuum of behaviors such as attempted or completed rape, sexual coercion, unwanted contact, and non-contact unwanted experiences like harassment." Including "non-contact unwanted experiences like harassment" certainly increases the numbers. Add to this the preponderance of evidence standard and our sons are much more likely to be found guilty! Is it ok with you that a young man found responsible for a non-contact experience potentially will suffer life long effects with his career or worse? Think of the stigma of being labeled a sex offender it is embarrassing, humiliating, it is an emotional scar that does not go away. Depression, suicide and PTSD are common. Your life is sidelined for months to even years with this process and they cannot return what was taken away even if the final verdict is not guilty. This is a life-changing event with a life sentence.

The college has pressure to meet statistics so that they can continue to receive Federal Grant money. How does this make the college fair and impartial? We need to remove the potential bias of college administrators/faculty/students who sit on these hearing panels and could be pressured into making the best decision for the college and ultimately their own jobs.

The fact is believe the victim at all costs, combined with the inflated definitions of the words "rape" and "sexual assault", throw in affirmative consent and preponderance of evidence standard without providing all due process rights and yes we have a kangaroo court. Title IX should not be in the business of deciding a young mans future. Please repeal the DCL! We need to return these investigations to trained professionals in the criminal justice system! Rape or Sexual assault is a serious crime! Why are we letting college professors/administrators or students determine these outcomes? I ask where is the common sense in this? The current system is not fair to the victims or to the accused. Please repeal the DCL and it current guidance!

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I would like to request a modification of the regulations to include Intervener Services on the list of Related Services. We our raising our deafblind granddaughter and had no idea how hard it would be to get the services and help she would need at school. Because deafblindness is such low incidence, there has been little help for her. Just as a deaf child needs the services of an interpreter to help guide them, a deafblind child needs an intervener. Imagine when you can't see or hear, your problems are magnified so much more. By having an intervener at her side, the intervener brings

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	the world to her. The intervener helps the student gather information, learn concepts and skills,	
	develop communication and language, and establish relationships that lead to independence.	
	The use of interveners in educational settings continues to increase across the country. Please help make it possible for all deafblind children to receive these services. You can make a difference for our children to get the services they need across the board. An intervener can facilitate access to visual and auditory information, communication and interaction in the child's mode of communication and instruction needed to learn and make meaningful educational progress.	
	Again, please help us by including interveners on the list of Related Services for all deafblind	
	children. Thank you for your help. Jay Bidwell	
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	Second, the facility aid is prescribed to be a per-pupil funding model. This was the most reasonable option when the program was created. Since then, states have come up with other creative facility aid programs that should be incentivized. These range from providing the states' moral obligation to charter school financing to giving charter schools first right to acquire empty school buildings (or lease them for \$1/year). States may come up with other creative facility aid solutions that are outside of the original prescribed method. This approach would be consistent with the Department's shift toward giving states more autonomy in defining how they can provide solutions to some of the intractable problems in education.	
	Both of these shifts can be accomplished with minor word changes to the program description in the Federal Register. Please see the attached file for suggestions.	
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	partnership with the YMCA to serve the needs of working adults. Students can complete	
	undergraduate and graduate degrees face-to-face on Franklins main campus in Columbus, Ohio, at multiple co-locations in the Midwest, and online.	
	We appreciate the opportunity to provide input and inform the Regulatory Reform Task Forces evaluation of existing regulations and guidance. Please see the attached file for our specific comments related to existing regulations that we recommend be removed or that would benefit from clarification.	
	Sincerely,	
	The Accreditation Team of Franklin University:	
	Dr. Pamela Shay, SVP of Accreditation & Institutional Effectiveness	
	Danielle Buckius, Executive Director of Accreditation & Institutional Effectiveness	
	Kate Grimes, Director of Academic Compliance	
	Heather Jenkins, Accreditation Coordinator	
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	ration and removing educational barriers to the homeless children and youth. The federal	
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	educational assistants, even knowing American Sign Language or supports for visual impairments,	
	do not have the level of training/education to properly support a child with deafblindness. As a	
	parent, I do not have all the supporting facts readily available, but there are several organizations	
	that have proven the value of interveners as a related service and are helping to standardize their	
	training and qualifications such as National Center on Deaf-Blindness and the Minnesota DeafBlind	
	Project (see A-Familys-Guide-to-Interveners for more information about interveners). In following	
	E.O. 13777, I will attempt to address the issues raised with modifying this regulation.	
	(i) Eliminate jobs, or inhibit job creation; No, it should not eliminate jobs but rather provide support	
	for specifically trained personnel in the school system.	
	(ii) Are outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective; No, interveners have been shown to be highly	
	effective related service for individuals with deafblindness.	
	(iii) Impose costs that exceed benefits; I do not have hard data on this, but I believe most children	

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with deafblindness already receive one-on-one support, just not necessarily from a trained intervener. The National Center on Deaf-Blindness does have Online Web Access modules for people to receive free intervener education and has developed a national certification process for interveners. Having specially trained personnel provide support with individuals with deafblindness should result in better outcomes that will reduce total costs in the long run.

- (iv) Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with regulatory reform initiatives and policies; No, just as interpreters are a recognized related service for children with deafness, an intervener should be a related service for those that are deafblind.
- (v) Are inconsistent with the requirements of section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2001 (44 U.S.C. 3516 note), or the guidance issued pursuant to that provision, in particular those regulations that rely in whole or in part on data, information, or methods that are not publicly available or that are insufficiently transparent to meet the standard for reproducibility; or Not sure exactly, but the rationale to include interveners and data to support it should be publicly available, since most support comes from the National Center on Deaf-Blindness. (vi) Derive from or implement Executive Orders or other Presidential directives that have been subsequently rescinded or substantially modified." Not applicable.

Bottom Line: I am a parent of a child with CHARGE Syndrome, which is the leading cause of deaf-blindness. My daughter that is deafblind has received intervener services from her school for the past two years through her IEP and it has been a critical support for the academic progress she has made. This past year, her intervener facilitated our daughter's access to information which has greatly increased her desire to read and explore her world, including developmentally appropriate socialization with her peers. From this experience, we can look back when our daughter only had a special education one-on-one and some of the ways that person unintentionally inhibited her progress, simply because she did not have specialized training. For example, that person was a fluent signer but was not always signing within our daughter's communication bubble (i.e. outside her visual field) so our daughter simply didn't know she was being communicated with. This aide was a wonderful person but didn't have the education to communicate effectively or give our daughter access to information and her environment. This is why specially trained people called interveners are so important as a related service in IEPs for children that are deafblind. Thank you for your consideration.

https://www.reg ulations.gov/cont entStreamer?doc umentId=ED-2017-OS-0074-14190&attachme ntNumber=2&co ntentType=pdf I'm submitting comments in two major areas first:Evaluation of Existing Regulations and the second: including and correcting correcting misconceptions about the use of the terms dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia.

1. RE: Docket ID: ED-2017-OS-0074: Evaluation of Existing Regulations
I am writing in response to the ED request for public comment on regulations that may be appropriate for repeal, replacement, or modification as directed by Executive Order 13777 and as part of the "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda". Any regulation, guidance, technical assistance and/or other administrative activity must be whether [the regulation/guidance] advances educational equity and serves the interests of all students. I agree with COPAA, attaached letter, dated August 18, 2017, (found at https://c.ymcdn.com/sites/copaa.site-ym.com/resource/collection/FB227BDB-B917-408A-9993-

E58A6F069478/COPAA\_on\_ED\_reg\_review\_final.pdf) that shows that the ED's narrow slant and sole focus in this regulatory review tilts toward reducing burden on "entities significantly affected by Federal regulations" while completely disregarding the most important entity served by our nation's education laws - students.

2. This letter serves an important purpose in correcting misconceptions about the use of the terms dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia. There is still misinformation surrounding the use of these terms. Please do not eliminate this important guidance. Im requesting that the Dear Colleague Letter: "Dyslexia Guidance dated October 23, 2015 (found at https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/memosdcltrs/guidance-on-dyslexia-10-2015.pdf) be retained as active guidance.

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I am submitting comment on the proposed evaluation of the Department of Education (DEd)'s existing regulations, particularly

those related to the implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA), dates August 19, 2016. We

understand that comments are being received as it relates to repealing, adjusting and/or changing the rulemaking related to

the Javits Wagner O'Day Act under what is known as AbilityOne, and the treatment of those opportunities as not "competitive

and integrated" for the purposes of WIOA. Our comments support maintaining the current regulations as they exist, in

particular, as they relate to the treatment of AbilityOne programs as being defined as not "competitive and integrated" for

the purposes of WIOA.

AbilityOne, the brand name for the implementation of the Javits Wagner O'Day Act (JWOD), passed in 1938, and refreshed

in 1971, is charged with providing training and employment opportunities to people who are blind or severely disabled. The

program effectively merged (as was the purpose of such Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) programs) the training with

employment for people with disabilities. The passage of WIOA and subsequent rulemaking provided an opportunity to

bifurcate the two functions, particularly for those providing employment and training to people with disabilities.

It is my contention that the WIOA rulemaking as it relates to sheltered workshops, of which JWOD is, marks the

culmination of a long progression of civil rights development to shift from segregation of people with disabilities in the

employment realm. WIOA will ensure that a managerial shift of those organizations currently operating under JWOD

will have to synthesize with the new regulations and will simply be formalizing what is already occurring in the disability

employment and training community. Moreover, many advocates for people with disabilities see sheltered workshops as

limiting for those who are employed in them, particularly where direct labor requirements are employed.

AbilityOne nonprofits are one of the largest employers of people with disabilities in the nation, and the federal

government's paradoxical position on the matter is one which must be reconciled. However, such a reconciliation

is for participants in the program to synthesize, and options are available AbilityOne nonprofits to become

Competitive and Integrated under the WIOA law. A solution has been presented to Congress and the Section 809

panel in the form of a White Paper (attached below). Fundamentally, the DEd got the regulations correct. Pushing

AbilityOne to have to adjust to the modern work environment, and examining how JWOD fits the modern economy,

is an essential part of the regulations. The intent is to mainstream Competitive and Integrated opportunities and I

strongly believe the WIOA regulations are the right direction to meet that objective. Alternatively, maintaining the

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	status quo will be a huge step back from the Competitive and Integrated push for people with	
	disabilities. Please	
	see the attached White Paper for further detail on the role WIOA and JWOD could play with	
	ensuring Competitive and Integrated opportunities for those with disabilities.	
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	stemming from an intellectual or mental health issue such as ADD, AD/HD, Asperger's, autism,	
	anxiety disorder, bipolar disorder, or a processing disorder. Due to the wording of current guidance	
	from the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR), students with invisible disabilities	
	are not receiving resources and supports specific to their unique needs during Title IX proceedings,	
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	Attached to this comment are two documents. The first attachment is a White Paper, written by	
	Lori Tucker, Esq. and myself, detailing how this community of students is being harmed by current	
	OCR policy and how the proposed Regulatory Reform Task Force can proceed in remedying the	
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	Dear Ms. Malawer:	
	CW Resources, Inc. has been providing employment, vocational training, and placement services to	
	people with disabilities since 1964. Headquartered in New Britain, CT, we employ over 1,000	
	individuals with significant disabilities in meaningful and well-paying jobs throughout the country,	
	many of whom are employed at military bases and prestigious government facilities as a direct	
	result of the AbilityOne program.	
	Our comment is in regards to regulations and sub-regulatory guidance issued by the U.S.	
	Department of Education (DoEd), Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) for the purpose of	
	implementing the integrated settings criteria under the definition of competitive integrated	
	employment [34 CFR 361.5(c)(9)(ii) and 361.5(c)(32)(ii)] in the Workforce Innovation and	1

	Opportunity Act. These regulations and guidance are stripping away the rights of people with disabilities by closing off meaningful and well-paying jobs for people with significant disabilities. Specifically, RSAs guidance is indiscriminately disqualifying vocational rehabilitation job placements to certain nonprofit agencies (NPAs) based upon their participation in the congressionally-mandated U.S. AbilityOne Program.  In the absence of the AbilityOne program, many of the individuals we serve would not be employed or would be working in lower paying positions with minimal to no benefits. The unemployment rate for people with disabilities continues to be high, despite good intentions and various policies designed to increase employment. Eliminating and limiting job opportunities for any group of people, specifically for people with significant disabilities is unfair and disheartening.  The language in the integrated settings criteria promulgated by RSA not only restricts access to quality competitive integrated jobs for people with disabilities; it is inconsistent with other parts of the regulation, the departments longstanding practice and technical guidance. As an employer in a number of states, some of the vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies are discounting any AbilityOne job which is problematic and can lead to unfilled positions.  We respectfully request that the DoEd immediately rescind the FAQ guidance (posted on DoEds website, https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/rsa/wioa/competitive-integrated-employment-faq.html) related to the definition of integrated settings and issue clarifying guidance and that employment at community rehabilitation programs, including employment positions funded through the AbilityOne Program, may be considered competitive integrated employment as long as it meets the criteria defined in RSA-TAC-06-01 and the WIOA (P.L. 113-128). This is an Employment First approach which not only supports individual choice but will lead to the employment for many individuals with si	
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	With all the emphasis on children with disabilities being served in regular classrooms, usually	
	referred to as Inclusion, there needs to be clarification that IDEA and its regulations assure all	
	children with disabilities appropriate educational services and placements.	
	I have two adult sons, 32 and 41 years old, who have profound intellectual and developmental	
	disabilities. They both attended High Point School in Ann Arbor, a school that specialized in students	
	with the most severe and complex disabilities in Washtenaw County. Regular classrooms were in no	
	way appropriate for them, even with special supports and accommodations. At High Point, they	
	experienced the best care and educational opportunities available in a loving and supportive	
	community. I have no regrets, but I know the pressure has been on school systems for many years	
	to eliminate schools like High Point in the name of an erroneous and misplaced desire for all	
	students to be included.	
	The following is an article Lyrete for The DD News Blog in colehration of my can Dannys 40th	
	The following is an article I wrote for The DD News Blog in celebration of my son Dannys 40th birthday. It is just as relevant today as it was a year ago.	
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umentId=ED-	they can, live as independently as they can, and get a job and pay as much taxes as they can. I did	
2017-OS-0074-	not ask to give birth to a child with a severe disability. He is here though, and looks to me for love	
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	I've worked for a non profit parent advocacy group for 17 years and talked with thousands of	
	parents who think just like me. We love our children, and want the best for them. We know how	
	tough it can be, and expect highly qualified professionals to work as hard as our kids do. My family	
	has had fabulous supports and services, but that quality has been dwindling, and these cuts would devastate our ability to maximize our childrens potential and progress.	
	devastate our ability to maximize our cililarens potential and progress.	
	As a citizen I firmly stand behind the laws listed below and their federal implementing regulations	
	and non-regulatory guidance, which are essential to ensuring states and school districts fulfill their	
	obligations to students with disabilities and their families. I urge you not to modify or rescind any.	
	Civil Rights Act of 1964	
	Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)	
	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (	
	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)	
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	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (MICA) amending Title Left the Rehabilitation Act of	
	Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) amending Title I of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.	
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	These laws are about equality, acceptance and love. We need to remember that we are a country	
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by, for and of the PEOPLE. Children, adolescents and adults with disabilities are people. Please remember that. We love them. Remember that. https://www.reg Via http://www.regulations.gov 163 ulations.gov/cont entStreamer?doc September 20, 2017 umentId=ED-2017-OS-0074-Hilary Malawer 15317&attachme **Assistant General Counsel** ntNumber=1&co Office of the General Counsel ntentType=pdf U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue SW Room 6E231 Washington, DC 20202 Re: Request for Comments on Existing Dept. of Ed. Regulations and Guidance (in subtitles A and B of title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations) Dear Ms. Malawer: Legal Aid at Work (formerly Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center) submits the following comments on the Department of Education's Request for Comments on Existing Department of Education Regulations and Guidance (in subtitles A and B of title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR")). Legal Aid at Work is a 100 year old nonprofit providing free legal services across California and in other states to low-income individuals and their families who face unlawful discrimination and other injustices. We advance equality and access in the workplace, schools, and other community and public facilities, including through enforcement of Title IX. Fair Play for Girls in Sports, a project of Legal Aid at Work, has been dedicated for nearly 15 years to expanding the possibilities for girls and young women by enforcing Title IX in educational environments, specifically as to athletic programming. We daily work on matters to enforce Title IX's promise of equity, in particular focusing on girls in public schools in grades K-12 to ensure gender equality in education, specifically in schools' athletic programming. Girls who participate in sports experience better academic, health, and employment outcomes. Through the experience of our work and that of enforcing Title IX across the country alongside many other advocates we have seen Title IX's profound impact on girls' and women's athletic participation. Millions more female students are now able to participate in sports, and on a more "equal playing field," than before the law's passagethe supporting regulations and guidance have been critical in achieving such progress. Within the Fair Play project we regularly rely and focus on the regulations pertaining to athletic equality, in particular Subtitle BRegulations of the Offices of the Department of Education, Chapter IOffice for Civil Rights, Department of Education. Within Subtitle B, the regulations 106.1 to 106.71 are of key importance to enforcing Title IX to ensure nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance. Not only do educational institutions, students, and staff rely on the clear guidance of the regulations, many courts do as well. See e.g. Mansourian v. Regents of Univ. of California, 602 F.3d 957, 964 (9th Cir. 2010). We strongly recommend that the Department maintain the regulations and related guidance governing schools to ensure such educational institutions are gender equitable. In addition the aforementioned regulations, the Dear Colleague letters, 1979 Policy Interpretation, and the OCR Investigators' Manual pertaining to athletics are central to enforcement of Title IX. For example, the Policy Interpretation has been cited by 100 federal courts throughout the country. See e.g., Ollier v. Sweetwater Union High Sch. Dist., 768 F.3d 843, 854 (9th Cir. 2014). Similarly, dozens of courts rely on the Investigator's Manual to appropriately navigate and apply Title IX's standards.

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	transformational in a very unique situation that empowered us as a family to do all we could to help	
	him understand his world around him. It wasn't until we had gone to mediation with the school due	
	to differences in what they thought our son needed in the education system, where they finally	
	brought in some Deaf/Blind Professionals who helped point out where his education was lacking.	
	Mostly it was communication. Our son was 11 years old at this point and still didn't have a formal	
	communication plan in school. If you can only imagine not hearing, not seeing and not connecting	
	with your world for 7 hours a day, 5 days a week with people who did not understand you. I beg of	
	you to push for this wording. We are a very small group but our kids CAN learn. They deserve a	
	voice and to be heard. They just need a different way of doing so. With this regulation added to the	
	list of related services, our children will have a chance to a meaningful education. This will save so	
	much unnecessary grief for both the family and school system, but mostly, it will provide the	
	student with an education that is appropriate for their disability of access. Thank you for your time.	
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Comments by Wallace State Community College (Hanceville, Oneonta, Ala.) Docket ID: ED-2017-OS-0074

Wallace State Community College joins the American Association of Community Colleges in offering comments related to Executive Order 137777, "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda," which requests input on regulations that should be repealed, replaced or modified. We affirm the comments submitted by AACC and endorse the recommendations made in "Recalibrating Regulation of Colleges and Universities: Report of the Task Force on Federal Regulation of Higher Education," a bipartisan report by senators released in 2015. We urge the administration to use this report as its guide, and note the additional specific issues below.

Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), 34 CFR 668

The Human Resources metric has been particularly problematic as college employment numbers are requested for a time period over the course of the academic year rather than for a specific snapshot in time. This measure is next to impossible to report accurately. For instance, in a given year, a number of employees will retire, resign or be terminated. And many of these employees will be replaced through new hires. Are we to report two employees for one position because both served in the given time period -- the one who retired and the one who was hired? Or is the report really seeking to know how many unique job titles/positions were active during a given period? A better measure might be to request data for the number of employees on a given date in time, or an average number of employees over the course of the period.

Secondly, in terms of student success, data are requested for the number of graduates or completers, and separately for the number students who have transferred. If a student has been reported in the graduate category, he or she cannot also be reported as having transferred. These categories, however, are not mutually exclusive in the reality of the student experience. Some students graduate and enter the workforce, others graduate and transfer, and still others transfer without graduating. As we have focused on completion, Wallace State's number of graduates has risen in the IPEDS cohort, to its most recent rate of 38 percent. However, while 25 percent of our students transfer, we are only able to report that 10 percent do, since 15 percent of those also graduated. This feels punitive, both to the college, which has a reputation as an outstanding place for students seeking academic-transfer opportunities, and to the students represented in these numbers, whose story is not accurately told. Many of our students graduate and transfer, and should be reported as such.

## Title IV - Student Loans, 34 CFR Parts 30, 668, 674, 682, and 685

The authorization of year-round Pell provides much-welcomed relief to community college students, especially those who are motivated to finish more quickly, and those enrolled in programs that require year-round attendance. The Pell funds awarded to students are rightly tied to the intensity of enrollment. A student enrolled part-time is awarded an amount of Pell proportional to that part-time status, so that students attending half time, are awarded half as much Pell as a student with the same level of eligibility attending full time. However, Title IV funds in the form of federal student loans have no such proportionality. We believe this puts undue risk both on the student, who will be required to repay the loan, and on the college, which is held accountable for repayment. The ability to rack up levels of debt disproportionate to the degree being pursued is not only more likely in the current scheme, but should the part-time student fail to complete, the loan repayments are also much higher than is necessary. The availability of such "easy money" teaches poor financial discipline and encourages over-borrowing for the degree.

## Gainful Employment, 34 CFR Parts 600 and 668

The intent of gainful employment data to provide a picture of the debt-to-earnings ratio for program is admirable. However, as AACC points out, no community college in the U.S. has failed the debt-to-earnings metric. Furthermore, many applied technology courses, which are hands-on in

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	nature and typically have lower enrollments as a result, do not meet the minimum cohort numbers required for some of the questions on the survey. And those that do rely on instructors to track employment in field for graduates from several years prior. What of the graduates who have moved, changed contact information, or otherwise lost touch? Should an instructor guess? Or should they not be reported? The very nature of this requirement would seem to lend itself to inaccurate results. And if inaccurate, then of what value is the metric? Until and unless the collection of earnings data can be automated and tied to tax returns, this measure will always be flawed.	
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	Unfortunately, many students still do not have access to an equitable education free from sex discrimination. As Secretary of Education, you have the power to address this critical civil rights issue and help make schools safer and more equitable for all students. These 52 individuals join with AAUW in urging the U.S. Department of Education to keep in place current Title IX guidance and regulations and fully enforce the law.	
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ntNumber=1&co	Dyslexia and a Dyslexia Practitioner of 17 years, I have seen the challenges that have been caused	
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	serving and providing accommodations for students with Dyslexia. The recent language in ESSA, as	
	highlighted in the "Dear Colleague Letter: Dyslexia Guidance" document (dated Oct. 23rd, 2015),	
	the case for screening, identifying, serving and providing accommodations is clearly stated. This	
	letter was the result of DECADES of research, study and advocacy on behalf of educators, families	
	and individuals of all ages on behalf of those who live with Dyslexia and the challenges (and	
	blessings) that accompany life with Dyslexia.	
	It is IMPERATIVE that language be retained in any educational legislation that REQUIRES public	
	institutions to continue to identify and serve students with Dyslexia, Dysgraphia and Dyscalculia	
	under the category of Learning Disabilities throughout the United States. I do not support any	
	legislator or proposed educational legislation attempting to remove this language from current law,	
	for any reason and strongly urge every member of the current Department of Education and	
	Congress NOT support the removal of this language under ANY circumstances.	
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	Advocates, Families, Students and Individuals with Dyslexia, Dysgraphia and/or Dyscalculia has	
	worked tirelessly for MANY years to get this language RECOGNIZED and entered into law. For any	
	member of the Department of Education or any legislator to attempt to remove this language from	
	current legislation is INEXCUSABLE.	
	Therefore, PLEASE, under NO circumstances should you PROPOSE, SUPPORT or VOTE for ANY	
	legislation (regardless of what other information may be contained in the proposed legislation) that	
	involves removing the very clear language, as outlined in the "Dear Colleague" letter. For in so	
	doing, you would be disregarding the efforts of thousands of individuals who worked over the past	
	two decades to ensure that Dyslexia, Dysgraphia and Dyscalculia are recognized as the learning	
	disabilities they are, so we can screen, identify and serve students earlier and provide them with	
	supports they need to nurture their strengths as well. Any legislation that removes or changes this	
	language should not be supported, because it will set efforts back DECADES for absolutely NO	

	GOOD REASON and this is completely UNACCEPTABLE.	
	Thank you for your consideration.	
	Maureen A. Tarulli M.Ed	
	Dyslexia Practitioner	
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https://www.reg	My daughter was born with hydrocephalus via c section at 37 weeks, had brain surgery to insert a	131
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15538&attachme	nearly walking! She wouldn't be anywhere close without the therapy. Her occupational therapist is	
ntNumber=2&co	also beyond amazing, she's assisting my daughter overcome the nerve damage that has weakened	
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	Many of these concerns can be substantially reduced, if not eliminated, by offering schools and	
	parents the option of arbitration, as outlined in the draft regulation reproduced below. The sole	
	focus of the arbitration proceeding would be the student's educational program. Attorneys would	
	not participate unless the parties agree, and even then the extent of their participation would be at the discretion of the arbitration panel. The arbitration decision would be required within 30 school	
	days, absent exceptional circumstances, and would be implemented under the timeline set by the	
	arbitration panel. Equally important, the arbitration decision would be final with no right of appeal.	
	The three-member arbitration panel would include the primary sources of expertise required to	
	determine an appropriate education for the student: an expert in the child's primary disability, an	
	educator with special education experience, and an attorney familiar with special education law. All would have training in the practice and ethics of arbitration, and each would be chosen randomly.	
	Last, but arguable most important, parents would be provided expert and independent counseling on the strengths and weaknesses of participating in an arbitration proceeding prior to consenting to arbitration	
	Attached are:	
	(1) the text of a proposed regulation 34 CFR 300.521, and	
	(2) the text of a law review article, Rosenfeld, S.James, It's Time for an Alternative Dispute	
	Resolution Procedure, 32-2 NAALJ 361 (Fall 2012), discussing the benefits of arbitration in more detail.	
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<pre>ntentType=msw1</pre>	Going forward, all TIX sexual-assault cases should be taken out of the hands of college-	
<u>2</u>	administrators. But regardless of where the process resides, the due process rights of accused	
	students should be upheld at all costs, and not denied in order to "protect" accuser. This is NOT	
	EQUITABLE. You cannot deny due process, AND use the lowest burden of proof, AND allow the	
	accuser to appeal the outcome, AND impose life-altering consequences - UNDER THE PRETENSE	
	THAT THIS IS ALL JUST AN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.	
	The attached document recommends changes to the DCL to include protections for all accused	
	students. This is by no means meant to be an exhaustive list, but as the parent of an accused	
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	student, I have tried to demonstrate - by what was NOT AVAILABLE TO MY SON - that accused	
	students are not asking to have misdeeds "swept under the rug." They are simply asking for the	
	basic rights available to anyone accused of a crime - fairness and transparency and the ability to	
	defend themselves.	
	Because the underlying basis for the DCL - to protect students from sexual assault - is undeniably	
	appropriate, the unintended consequence is that it permits, and, in fact, encourages, the very	
	broadest interpretation with the least amount of accountability - on the part of the accuser, and on	
	the administration that acts as the agent for the accuser. The result is that the DCL - despite the	
	lofty intent - is a weapon that can, and is, being used to destroy lives. We can do better, and it is a	
	moral imperative that we do so.	
	Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.	
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	Student Loan Servicing Alliance (SLSA)	
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Dear Ms. Malawer:

I am an advocate from Bel Air, Maryland. I am writing in response to the U.S. Department of Educations (ED) request for public comment on regulations that may be appropriate for repeal, replacement, or modification as directed by Executive Order 13777 and as part of the Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda led by the Administration.

My work/role as an advocate directs me to first tell you that the test of any regulation, guidance, technical assistance and/or other administrative activity must be whether [the regulation/guidance] advances educational equity and serves the interests of all students. Therefore, COPAA believes EDs narrow slant and sole focus in this regulatory review tilts too far toward reducing burden on entities significantly affected by Federal regulations while completely disregarding the most important entity served by our nations education laws students.

Therefore, it is on behalf of children with disabilities in Maryland Public Schools and their families that I make the following recommendations:

## PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER

Sincerely,

Katy Bosserman, M.Ed.

Maryland Advocate

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Docket ID: ED-2017-OS-0074

Name: The Dear Colleague Letter and Resource Guide on ADHD

URL: https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201607-504-adhd.pdf

I request that the Department of Education retain the Dear Colleague Letter and Resource Guide on Students with ADHD, issued July 26, 2016, as active guidance.

This year, my six-year-old son was diagnosed with ADHD, which my wife and I have since learned is the most common mental health disorder among children and teens in the United States today. The news was accompanied with a parallel diagnosis of Generalized Anxiety Disorder, which stems directly from the ADHD. It is of extreme importance to us that he be given every chance to thrive in the public school system.

To date, we have benefitted greatly from the public services and resources that have accompanied his diagnosis, and we strongly believe that he and other children like him should continue to receive the same level or more of care and attention that has been offered as a result of this guidance.

ADHD affects the academic progress, social success, self-esteem, and overall happiness of 6.4 million American children. Without support and adequate services to mitigate ADHD symptoms in academic and social settings, a child like ours may suffer poor grades, school failure, and long-term damage to self-esteem and learning.

The Dear Colleague Letter provides clear, well-informed guidance to help teachers and administrators identify and support struggling students with ADHD. It ensures that students with ADHD have access to a free and public education (FAPE), their guaranteed right under U.S. law. In the year since its release, the Dear Colleague Letter has received no legal, political, or scholarly objections. Furthermore, complaints to the Department of Education regarding discrimination against students with ADHD will almost surely continue to decrease as the Dear Colleague letter is adapted and heeded by schools across the country.

When ADHD symptoms are left unaddressed at school, the entire classroom can suffer devastating consequences. By retaining the provisions outlined in the Dear Colleague Letter, the DOE is empowering schools to provide more efficient academic support, save money, and bolster their students learning opportunities. This provision does not meet the criteria for elimination. It is not

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	outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective; it does not impose costs that exceed benefits; and it does not create a serious inconsistency. Indeed, it is essential and should remain in place.	
	If our sons diagnosis had not been taken seriously, we would be in dire straits right now concerning his education. Instead, he is warmly accepted by his school community and surrounded by individuals who are committed to guiding him and helping him achieve the best possible school experience. Pleasure ensure that he and other children like him all enjoy an equal opportunity to flourish.	
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