NCLD Applauds the Passage of the RISE Act as Part of the Mental Health Matters Act in the House of Representatives


"We have pushed for the RISE Act to be passed for years. For too long, students have needed to obtain an expensive new evaluation to access accommodations in college, despite a track record of having a disability and receiving services under an IEP or 504 plan in K-12," said Lindsay Kubatzky, NCLD’s Director of Policy & Advocacy. "We applaud the House of Representatives for passing this piece of legislation and would like to extend a special thank you to Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), the lead sponsor of the RISE Act, and Congressman Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA), the lead sponsor of the Mental Health Matters Act for their leadership."

“This is about more than graduation rates and being treated justly. Learning disabilities often run through families, so without addressing systemic problems in education, issues with poverty, mental health, and criminalization only deepen in our community," says Kayla Helm-Queen, former NCLD Young Adult Leadership Council Member. “Making the needed changes such as accepting IEPs and 504 plans can drastically impact the quality of life of individuals with learning disabilities and their posterity.”

Learn more about the RISE Act at ncld.org/rise.

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