ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTS

Disability Policy


BOTTOM LINE

For each of the 18 core concepts of disability policy, the table provides the definition, the underlying constitutional principle, federal statutory sources, court cases related to those statutes, and other important court cases supporting the core concept. The table does not contain references to regulatory or state law that supports the core concepts.

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TIPS

• Use the information in the matrix as the basis for organizing training or educational material.
• Use the information in the matrix as the basis for examining trends in supporting a particular core concept.

KEY FINDINGS

• The Matrix of the 18 Core Concepts of disability policy provides:
  • The definitions of each of the 18 core concepts of disability policy affecting families with members who have disabilities
  • Identifies the Constitutional underpinning of each of the 18 core concepts
  • Identifies and provides citations to federal statutory provisions and acts that support each of the 18 core concepts
  • Identifies and provides citations to federal court cases related to the identified statutory provisions that support each of the 18 core concepts
  • Identifies and provides citations to other federal court cases that support each of the 18 core concepts.

METHOD

• The core concepts matrix was developed through a legal review and qualitative content analysis of the U.S. Constitution, federal statutes, and federal court cases.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS


Turnbull, H. R. & Stowe, M. J. (2001). Five models for understanding how professionals, policy leaders, researchers, families, and individuals with disabilities think about the
