JOIN ATRA ON CAPITOL HILL ON JUNE 27th!

ATRA is working with three national coalitions including sixty (60) national rehabilitation and disability organizations to host a Congressional briefing on the value of rehabilitation and habilitation services and devices. As Congress considers health care reform, it is critical that people with injuries, illnesses, and disabilities have continued access to rehabilitative and habilitative care.

Compelling speakers will highlight the importance of intensive inpatient hospital rehabilitation, outpatient rehabilitation and habilitation therapies, prosthetic limbs and other assistive devices and technologies. Speakers include:

- U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) (invited): Bilateral leg amputee injured in Iraq
- U.S. Congressman Brian Mast (R-FL) Bilateral leg amputee injured in Afghanistan
- Eric LeGrand: Former Rutgers football player who sustained a spinal cord injury during a game
- Roseann Sdoia: Boston bombing survivor who sustained an above knee amputation
- Isabella Smith: Child with a developmental disability whose speech has benefitted from habilitative speech therapy

Powerful testimonials will be shared of personal injury, habilitation, rehabilitation, and recovery. Cutting-edge assistive devices and technologies will be demonstrated by users.

The briefing will take place on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Eastern Time, in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room SD-106. Over 50 Senate staff visits that same day are also planned to bring the message directly to policymakers.

For more information, please websites of our coalitions CPR, HAB Coalition, and ITEM Coalition.

Get Involved!

ATRA needs to have recreational therapists in attendance! What does attendance involve?

- A commitment to be in D.C. on June 27th from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm on the Senate side of the Capitol, attending Hill visits and the Congressional Briefing. (More to follow on scheduling of the Hill visits.) No expertise needed.
- If you know anyone who would be interested in attending, please have them contact me at julie@atra-online.com or call 703.234.4111.

If you can’t attend, how you can support remotely?

- For chapters, please post a message on your organization’s website or Facebook page about this opportunity. An email blast is coming out this afternoon from ATRA to all ATRA members, feel free to forward that on to your members.
• Support ATRA’s Social Media efforts surrounding this event (please retweet on twitter and share on FB). We have a company working with us to orchestrate a social media campaign to leverage the impact of this event, including video footage of the briefing.

Come if you can, support this if you can’t. Hope to see some of you in late June!