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## **PRESIDENT OBAMA SELECTS DDS STAFFER FOR COMMITTEE**

**Washington, DC**— President Barack Obama has appointed D.C. Department on Disability Services (DDS) Program Specialist Rebecca Salon to the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCID). PCID is a federal advisory committee that provides advice and assistance to the President of the United States and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on a broad range of topics that impact people with intellectual disabilities and the field of intellectual disabilities.

Dr. Salon has been a program specialist with the DDS State Office of Disability Administration since 2013, coordinating efforts for initiatives such as No Wrong Door, Employment First, and activities of the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant. Salon also serves as Project Director at the National Center on Leadership for the Employment and Economic Advancement of People with Disabilities. She has held numerous positions at the Joseph P. Kennedy Institute, including serving as Director from 2004 to 2007. Salon is a graduate of the State University of New York at Albany and Syracuse University.

President Lyndon B. Johnson established The Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities in 1966 to ensure the right of a “decent, dignified place in society” for people with intellectual disabilities. Thirty-one members comprise PCPID, including 18 citizen members and 13 ex officio members representing the federal government. Citizen members are appointed by the President and serve for a maximum of two years. According to the Administration for Community Living, approximately 8 million Americans of all ages, or three percent of the general population, experience intellectual disabilities.

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