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Mike C. Collins is a Disability Consultant and former Executive Director of the National Council on Disability. Mr. Collins was appointed to this position in 2007.

Previously, Mr. Collins was the first executive director of the California State Independent Living Council, created in 1997.

Mr. Collins was a key participant in California's efforts to implement changes in state policies resulting from the Supreme Court's *Olmstead* decision that has increased the demand for community-based services.

He is an expert in emergency preparedness and homeland security for people with disabilities—active at local, state, and national levels. He is a long-time disability advocate who is familiar with disability and long-term care-related programs and services, the wide variety of disability civil rights laws, and vocational rehabilitation practices and regulations at the federal and state levels.

Mr. Collins has also been a trainer, and administrator of a statewide agency working with people with disabilities.