

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND PROFESSIONALS

Bureau of Special Education ConsultLine
1-800-879-2301

Disability Rights Network of PA
1-800-692-7443
www.drnpa.org

Education Law Center of PA
215-238-6907
www.elc-pa.org

Free Mediation Services
Office for Dispute Resolution
1-800-992-4334

PA Bar association
1-800-932-0311
www.pabar.org

PS Department of Education
www.pde.state.pa.us

PA Training and Technical Assistance Network
(PaTTAN)
www.pattan.net

Parent Education Network
1-800-522-5827
www.parentednet.org

State Task Force Office
1-800-692-7275 or 717-234-7132
Fax 717-234-7615

LOCAL CONTACTS:

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The Arc of Schuylkill County
85 East Main Street
PO Box 271
Ringtown, PA 17967
570-889-3206

Service Access and Management Inc.
SAM Inc.
1 South Second St
Pottsville, PA 17901
570-621-2700

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SCHUYLKILL COUNTY RIGHT TO EDUCATION TASK FORCE 2018-2019

Working on behalf of
children with special
educational needs



Parents are encouraged to
participate and represent
their children at these
educational meetings

*Sponsored locally by
SCHUYLKILL IU 29*

LOCAL TASK FORCE PURPOSE:

The Local Task Forces were mandated by a court order in 1972 to assist in improving education for all school-age persons with intellectual disabilities. In 1975, the Right to Education Act was passed by the US Congress and included all children with disabilities.

➤ **LOCAL TASK FORCE DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

*Assist in providing information for improving, strengthening, expanding and monitoring programs and services for persons covered under Intellectual Disabilities Services.

*Supports for school-aged persons and carries out the letter and spirit of the Right to Education Consent Agreement (PARC v. Commonwealth).

* Follows the policies, procedures and guidelines outlined by the State Task Force.

*Reviews recommendations and communications from the State Task Force as a regular agenda item.

*Cooperates with the direct service provider agencies, both public and private, in planning for a continuum of programs and services.

*Refers problems identified locally to LEA's, approved private agency or to the State Task Force for clarification, recommendation or solution.

*Makes recommendations to the STF or other approved private groups concerning solutions to problems which may have ramifications on a regional or statewide basis.

*Trains new members and serves as a vehicle for educating the community.

MEETINGS

* PLEASE NOTE ALL MEETINGS AND
EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

All meetings are scheduled to begin at 9:30
A.M. and conclude by 12:00 P.M.

The following are the meeting dates and
tentative topics for 2018-2019
Meetings will by Local Task Force meeting
followed by State Task Force webinar with
trainings listed:

September 26, 2018
The Legislative Process

November 7, 2018
***Sexual Abuse In The Disability World and
What Can Be Done***

January 9, 2019
How To Write A Transition Plan

March 27, 2019
School-Wide Positive Behavior Support

May 15, 2019
***Suspensions and Explosions As It Relates to
Chapter 14 and Chapter 15***

In addition:

Who are we?

Parents of children with disabilities and special educational needs are the mainstay of this Local Task Force. Also serving on the Schuylkill County Task Force are:

- representatives of the Schuylkill County IU 29
- representatives of Local School Districts
- representatives of Community Agencies
- interested citizens from our community

Related Parent—Agency Councils: ***Schuylkill County Coordinating Council:***

- concerned with issues of transition from Early Intervention programs to school-age programs;
- contact the IU 29 Early Intervention Program at 570-544-9131

Schuylkill County Transition Coordinating Council:

- concerned with K-12 students transitioning to adult life
- contact IU 29 Preparation for Adult Life Consultant 570-544-9131