RESOURCES

The Arc Alliance
610-265-4700 | www.thearcalliance.org

Autism Society of Berks County
610-736-3739 | www.autismsocietyofberks.org

Berks County Intermediate Unit
610-987-2248 | www.berksiu.org

Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania
800-692-7443 | www.drnpa.org

The Greater Reading Mental Health Alliance
610-775-3000 | www.grmha.org

Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities—Berks County
610-478-3271 | www.co.berks.pa.us/dept/MHMR

Parent Education Network (PEN)
800-522-5827 | www.parentednet.org

Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania
888-727-2706 | www.parenttoparent.org

PA Department of Education
717-783-6788 | www.education.state.pa.us
Click “Instruction” and choose “Special Education”
717-783-6913 | Bureau of Special Education

Pennsylvania Training & Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) www.pattan.net
800-441-3215 King of Prussia
800-360-7282 Harrisburg

The Special Education Consult Line
800-979-2301

Wrightslaw
www.wrightslaw.com

MEMBER SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF BERKS COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Antietam School District
Boyertown Area School District
Brandywine Heights Area School District
Conrad Weiser Area School District
Daniel Boone Area School District
Exeter Township School District
Fleetwood Area School District
Governor Mifflin School District
Hamburg Area School District
Kutztown Area School District
Muhlenberg School District
Oley Valley School District
Reading School District
Schuylkill Valley School District
Tulpehocken Area School District
Twin Valley School District
Wilson School District
Wyomissing Area School District

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GOALS OF THE LOCAL TASK FORCE

1. Assist families and professionals of school-age students with special education needs by providing educational and networking opportunities so that they are better able to make informed decisions to meet the needs of their student(s).

2. Help disseminate local, regional, and state school and community-based special education services, workshops, and informational or recreational opportunities to the community.

3. Foster collaboration among public and private agencies which provide special education services.

4. Identify local needs and problems and forward them to the State Task Force.

5. Assess programs and services for school-age children with special needs, making recommendations for their improvement, expansion, or discontinuation.

6. Recommend solutions for identified areas of concern and develop an action plan to affect positive change.

7. Review recommendations of the State Task Force and advise the administration of any recommendation which should be adopted/implemented within Berks County Intermediate Unit.

8. Assist the administration in carrying out the rules and regulations growing out of the Right to Education Consent Agreement.

9. Review intermediate unit and district special education plans and make recommendations which will help ensure that they meet the needs of school-age children with special needs.

10. Assist the State Task Force in the collection of data to determine the effectiveness of the Right to Education Consent Agreement.

MEMBERSHIP

Parents of special education students are the mainstay of the Right to Education Local Task Force, which is required to have a 51 percent parent-consumer membership. Also serving on the Local Task Force are concerned citizens and representatives from:
- Berks County Intermediate Unit
- Local school districts
- Arc Advocacy Services
- Local and regional special education service agencies

CHILDREN ARE OUR INSPIRATION

The Right to Education Consent Agreement of 1972 provided for the establishment of a Local Task Force in each of the 29 intermediate units to ensure that the intent and spirit of the agreement is carried out throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Business meetings are followed by a presentation and discussion. All meetings include: dissemination of resources, networking, and discourse on current issues within local special education.

Please consider joining us. All are welcome and meetings are free. Topics are selected by the Right to Education Local Task Force members.

2022-2023 Meetings

Meetings are held on Tuesdays.
October 4, 2022        April 4, 2023
December 6, 2022       May 2, 2023
February 7, 2023

Meetings are scheduled to be held virtually.
A zoom meeting link will be shared with all participants the day before the scheduled meeting.
Meeting 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.