

**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

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PO Box 271
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Service Access and Management Inc.
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1 South Second St
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**SCHUYLKILL
COUNTY
RIGHT TO
EDUCATION
TASK FORCE
2020-2021**

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*

Schuylkill
Intermediate
Unit 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 2020-2021 Meetings will by Local Task Force meeting followed by State Task Force webinar with trainings listed:

September 23, 2020

Technology use in schools – Use of technology in the classroom & in remote learning

November 4, 2020

Questions when it comes to secondary transition

January 13, 2021

Using items in Live Binder for a place to stockpile online

March 17, 2021

Have Peel come in (or discuss virtually) the resources they offer

May 12, 2021

Student with IEPs and School Police (rights and responsibilities. Best practices.)

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