

**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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The Arc of Schuylkill County
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PO Box 271
Ringtown, PA 17967
570-889-3206

Service Access and Management Inc.
SAM Inc.
590 Terry Reiley Way
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**SCHUYLKILL
COUNTY
RIGHT TO
EDUCATION
TASK FORCE
2021-2022**

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 22, 2021

Legislative process & how to outreach to your representative presenter Katie Yost

November 3, 2021

Dyslexia Pilot Program Update - Pamela Kastern

January 12, 2022

*TBD**

March 16, 2022

*TBD**

May 11, 2022

*TBD**

****Topics to be determined***

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
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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