
Resource Contacts

Butler County MH/EI/ID	724-284-5339
Lawrence County MH/DS	724-658-2538
Mercer County MH/DS	724-662-6715
The Arc of Butler County	724-282-1500
The Arc of Mercer County	724-981-2950
The Arc of Pennsylvania	800-692-7258
Lawrence Co. Association for Responsible Care	724-658-8515
OVR – New Castle	724-656-3070
OVR – Erie	800-541-0721
PA Department of Education Consultline	800-879-2301
PaTTAN – Pittsburgh	800-446-5607
Parent to Parent of PA	888-727-2706
PEAL Center or TTY	866-950-1040 412-281-4409
Education Law Center Pittsburgh (www.elc-pa.org)	412-258-2120
Disability Rights Network	800-692-7443
ABOARD or (www.aboard.org)	800-827-9385 412-781-4116
Special Kids Network	800-986-4550



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Local Task Force Right to Education

*Advocates for students
and families receiving
Special Education services
in Butler, Lawrence &
Mercer Counties*



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History and Purpose

In 1972, the federal district court of eastern Pennsylvania made final order, injunction, stipulation and consent agreement in the suit filed by the Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Children (PARC), now known as The Arc of Pennsylvania. The suit was filed against the Secretary of Education, The State Board of Education, the Secretary of Public Welfare, and all their agents, on behalf of thirteen children with mental retardation who had been denied access to a free public education.

The historic agreement, often referred to as the PARC Consent Agreement, mandated that the Commonwealth develop plans to identify, locate, evaluate, educate and train all school age children with mental retardation. This action pre-dated and precipitated the federal law P.L. 94-142, the Education of All Handicapped Child Act. This law was amended most recently in 2004, and is now known as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA 2004).

The first plan, COMPILE, established a system of state and local task forces with the primary purpose being to insure that the intent and spirit of the Right to Education Consent Agreement is carried out throughout the Commonwealth. These task forces, now known as the State and Local Task Forces on the Right to Education, became an active partner in the identification and location of thousands of students with mental retardation during the early and mid-1970s.

Today, because of this action, all students with disabilities are afforded a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). Today, the State and Local Task Forces remain a vital part of the Commonwealth's Education System for all disabilities.

State Task Force on The Right to Education

The State Task Force serves as an advocate for students with Intellectual Disabilities, but actions, decisions and initiatives often affect all students with disabilities. The State Task Force (STF) has the responsibility to call upon the Commonwealth's resources for resolution of needs and problems through administrative and policy making means.

The State Task Force is comprised of four members, representing the following:

- The Arc of Pennsylvania
- PA Department of Public Welfare
- PA Department of Education
- Governor's Office

The STF meets at least five times a year and meetings are open to the public. Parents and educators are encouraged to attend.

State Task Force

1-800-360-7282 or

<http://tinyurl.com/statetaskforce>

Local Task Force

Local Task Forces (LTFs) were formed to represent the needs and interests of students with intellectual disabilities and their families on a local level. Today, most LTFs have expanded their efforts to include all students with disabilities.

All LTF meetings are open to parents, agency providers and school professionals who are concerned about the education of students with disabilities.

2019-2020 Meeting Dates

The Local Task Force will hold meetings on the following dates. All meetings are on a Thursday and will be from 10:00 am to Noon, unless otherwise noted, at Mid-western Intermediate Unit IV, 453 Maple Street, Grove City, PA 16127.

September 12, 2019

October 10, 2019

November 7, 2019

January 9, 2020

February 13, 2020

March 12, 2020

April 9, 2020

May 7, 2020

All meetings of the Local Task Force are open to the public. Anyone wishing to present oral testimony at a Local Task Force meeting must contact the Chairperson to make those arrangements.

State Task Force

Midwestern Intermediate Unit will host the State Task Force downlink meetings on the following dates: The downlink meetings will be from 10:00 to Noon. All downlink meetings are held on a Wednesday and are open to the public.

September 25, 2019

November 6, 2019

January 8, 2020

March 18, 2020

May 13, 2020



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