

Member School Districts of Berks County Intermediate Unit 14

- 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

MEMBERSHIP

Parents of special education students are the mainstay of the Local Task Force, which is required to have a 51 percent parent-consumer membership. Also serving on the Local Right to Education Task Force are concerned citizens and representatives from:

- Berks County Intermediate Unit #14
- Local school districts
- ARC Advocacy Services
- Local and regional special education service

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 insure that the intent and spirit of the Agreement is carried out throughout the Commonwealth.

BERKS COUNTY Local Right To Education Task Force

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Local Right To Education Task Force

*It is not enough to have a vision -
We must embrace it
and act upon it
Together*

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BCIU Berks County
Intermediate Unit
an educational service agency

Duties 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 amongst 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 IU#14.
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 assure 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.

Resources

Arc Advocacy Services Berks County
610-603-0227 www.marcpa.org/

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

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

Berks County Learning Disabilities Association
610-988-8457 www.bclda.org

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

Mental Health Association of Reading and Berks County
610-775-3000 www.mharbc.org

Mental Health/Mental Retardation—Berks County
610-478-3271 www.co.berks.pa.us

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

Parents Involved Network (PIN) 800-688-4226
215-751-1800 X513 www.pinofpa.org

Parent to Parent & Special Kids Network
800-986-4550 TDD: 717-540-4722

PA Department of Special Education
717-783-6913 www.education.state.pa.us

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

The Special Education Consult Line 800-879-2301

Temple Institute on Disabilities
215-204-1356 www.wrightslaw.com
<http://disabilities.temple.edu/Wrightslaw>

Your local public or charter school

Meetings

Dates: Tues, Oct 5, 2010
Tues, Dec 7, 2010
Tues, Feb 1, 2011
Tues, Apr 5, 2011

Agenda: 11:30 a.m.-noon Lunch
12:00-1:00 p.m. Business Meeting,
Speaker, and Parent
Input

Location: Berks County Intermediate Unit #14
Room 115
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Business meetings are followed by a presentation and discussion. All meetings include:

- Dissemination of resources
- Discourse on current issues within local special education
- Networking

Please consider joining us. All are welcome and meetings are free.

Topics are selected by the Local Task Force members. Suggestions for future topics are warmly welcomed and encouraged.

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