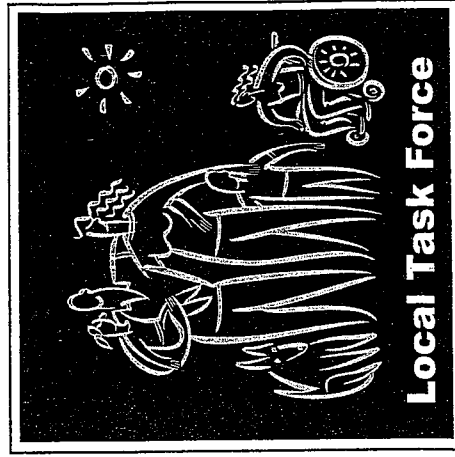


Local Task Force Right to Education

*Advocates for students
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Special Education services
in Butler, Lawrence &
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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 866-950-1040
or TTY 412-281-4409
Education Law Center
Pittsburgh (www.elc-pa.org) 412-258-2120
Disability Rights Network 800-692-7443
ABOARD 800-827-9385
or (www.aboard.org) 412-781-4116
Special Kids Network 800-986-4550



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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 PL. 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.

2014-2015 Meeting Dates

The Local Task Force will hold meetings on the following dates. All meetings will be from 10:00 am to Noon at Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV, 453 Maple Street, Grove City, PA 16127.

- September 11, 2014
- October 9, 2014
- November 13, 2014
- January 8, 2015
- February 12, 2015
- March 12, 2015
- * April 9, 2015
- May 14, 2015

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.



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