

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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Pennsylvania State Task Force



on the
Right to Education

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The Pennsylvania State Task Force is charged with ensuring that the mandate and spirit of the Right to Education Consent Agreement are carried out throughout the commonwealth. The Right to Education was launched initially as a statewide education campaign designed to identify and locate school-aged children with intellectual disabilities. The State Task Force now addresses the educational needs of all children with disabilities.

The State Task Force is comprised of representatives from the following agencies:

- Pennsylvania Department of Education/
Pennsylvania Bureau of Special Education
- Pennsylvania Department of Human Services/
Office of Developmental Programs
- The Arc of Pennsylvania
- Governor's Office

The State Task Force responds to and guides a system of 29 Local Task Forces (one per intermediate unit). The Local Task Forces serve as advocates in assisting local educational agencies (LEAs) in carrying out the Right to Education Consent Agreement developed through the PARC Consent Decree of 1972.

State Task Force meetings are held bimonthly, a minimum of five meetings per year, and are open to the public. All meetings are from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and are held at the PaTTAN offices in Harrisburg, King of Prussia, and Pittsburgh. Meetings are also downlinked to various intermediate units.

For more information on meetings, please visit the PaTTAN website at www.pattan.net, or contact State Task Force Support personnel at (800) 360-7282, option 5, or (717) 541-4960, option 5.

Local Task Force on the Right to Education

Each Local Task Force is composed of the appropriate intermediate unit executive director or designee, a representative of the LEA, the appropriate county MH/ID designee, a representative from a local chapter of The Arc, a consumer representative (school-aged person and/or parent/guardian of a school-aged person with a disability), and any other private citizen or agency necessary to accomplish the purpose of the group.

In addition, the 29 Local Task Forces work with their LEAs in identifying systemic or potentially systemic issues occurring within the LEAs.

If you would like to learn more, please visit the PaTTAN website at www.pattan.net for a schedule of State or Local Task Force meetings.