

LOCAL RIGHT TO EDUCATION TASK FORCE #15

3-24-25 Meeting Minutes

Recording: https://caiu-org.zoom.us/rec/share/-jotSW0NcVoWxqoEB7_5gkpoej1OzLHs4udmYYZg_iXJLyDq8Jp1Ekat7Yfphlv.t_3tJlwrsUh3ifK3?startTime=1742826680000

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Attending:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kathy Gingerich, Co-Chairperson	The Arc of Dauphin County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Beth Light	The Arc of Dauphin County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Beth-Ann McConnell	CAIU - Interagency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Holly Turner	CPARC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kathleen Haigh	Family Member/PEAL Center
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Megan Johnston	Cumberland Perry MH
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ed Bernot	Dauphin County ID
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Andrew McCrea	CAIU, Director of Student Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laken Wilson	CPARC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lissette Johnson	CPARC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Smiley	CPARC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tawanna Rose	Dauphin County MH
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patti Wiedt, Co-Chairperson	Parent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pam Matesevac	Parent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Sloppy	Parent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sherry Campbell	Central Dauphin School District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Melissa Bialis	Central Dauphin School District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tim Krushinski	PDE- State Task Force
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deanne Ryan-Washington	West Shore School District
<input type="checkbox"/>		Newport School District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Candis Chubb	Cumberland Valley School District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Christine Titih	CT HomeCare Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patsy Gilbert	Parent Advisory Council – Derry Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jessica Capitani	Parent Advisory Council – Derry Township
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amanda Neidig	UCP Family Support Specialist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kelli Fry	UCP Family Support Specialist
<input type="checkbox"/>		ODP-State Task Force
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Irene Reedy	CAIU Student Services Supervisor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emmy Sasala	Family member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maggie Parke	Family Member Parent to Parent of PA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gerren Wagner	Family Member, Parent Advocate ABA in PA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Mulle	Family Member, Include me PA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Butler	Family Member/ The Next Step
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cynthia Lamon	Family Member/Lighthouse Human Svrs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Susan Tachau	PATF

<input type="checkbox"/>	Tracy Beck	PATF
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leah Kostelak	CAIU, Transition
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Pellman	CAIU, Transition
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chris Bonneau	Family member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mikhail Bower	UCP Central PA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Macsisak	The Arc of PA, Program Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mikeisha Mobley	The Arc of PA, Program Specialist
<input type="checkbox"/>		Big Spring SD, Director of Student Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Andrea Layton	ASERT, Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emily Saich	ASERT, Central Region Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sarah Lopez	
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II. Discussion

Agency Spotlight: Focusing on behavioral and mental health. Please listen to the recording to hear about the following:

Connections Health Solutions Sarah Lopez, LMHC, MBA Vice President Implementation

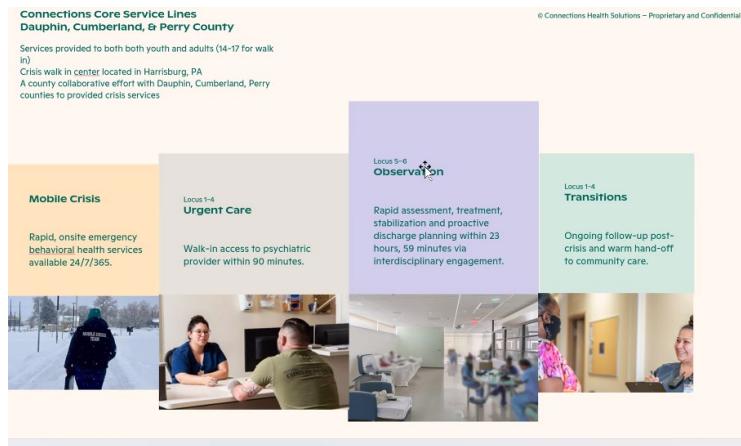
Connections Health Solutions

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Connections Health Solutions operates the emergency behavioral health crisis walk-in center which serves all individuals aged 14+ in need of emergency behavioral health care and treatment. The center is open 24/7/365 to support individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis.



ASERT - Andrea Layton, ASERT Director, and Emily Saich, Central Region Director, ASERT (Autism Services, Education, Resources and Training) is a partnership of medical centers, centers of autism research and services, universities, and other providers involved in the treatment and care of individuals of all ages with autism and their families. ASERT was developed to bring together resources locally, regionally, and statewide.

Community- Upcoming training with a local church

What does ASERT do?



EDUCATE

Individuals with autism and their families, professionals, and community members



SUPPORT & CONNECT

The autism community throughout Pennsylvania to local, regional, and statewide resources



BUILD

Resources, programs, and innovative projects



MEASURE

Data, needs, and change

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Connect on Social Media



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<https://asdnext.org/resource/getting-a-haircut/>

III. CAIU #15 Local Task Force Elections - Kathy Gingerich and Patti Wiedt were voted back in as the Co-Chairs for upcoming school year. Thank you to both of you!

IV. MEMBER UPDATES

Families: Nothing to report

Arc of Dauphin County: Kathy Gingerich reported that they continue to be very busy with referrals for advocacy.

ARC of PA: Mikeisha Mobley shared some upcoming events.

<https://thearcpa.org/event/include-me-transition-series-spring-2025/2025-04-08/1/>

<https://thearcpa.org/include-me/include-me-connection-club/>

<https://thearcpa.org/>

District- Cumberland Valley School District, Candis Chubb noted Special Olympics is a focus currently as well as Early Intervention transition and enrollments are happening. Staff shortages are a priority for the upcoming school year. Additionally, January's parent and caregiver training was a success. West Shore School District will be hosting a community fair on April 23rd.

CAIU – Beth-Ann shared a link for the Local Task Force Padlet. This houses all presentations shared this school year during our meetings as well as links to those individuals or organizations. Other information is on there for resource sharing! Check it out! <https://edservtac.padlet.org/bmcconnell17/local-task-force-15-capital-area-intermediate-unit-2024-2025-t1lmeinghcx5ndic>

CPARC: Laken Wilson noted their May 3, 2025 The Caregiver Relaxation Workshop. All are welcome! Are you an overwhelmed parent/family member? Overworked DSP, or a nurse? Much relied upon aide or teacher? Therapist? Do you happen to work with an individual in any way, who has a disability????

THEN THIS IS THE EVENT FOR YOU!

Back by popular demand. \$10 registration fee, returned the day of the event.

Join us for our 4th Annual Treat Yourself Caregiver Relaxation
Register at <https://cparc.org/event-registration/>



Cumberland Perry MH & IDD: Megan Johnston shared the following training:

Bullying and Suicide Awareness Training
April 2nd, 2025

12 pm - 3 pm
Virtually
FREE Training!

https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://youthmovepa.wildapricot.org/event-5847153?CalendarViewType=1&SelectedDate=3*11*2025 ;Ly8!!MLfEAXbzNKM!Vkf-LrYi-2HnoAlFT0TxFiRD02y6f7x4VmZc8MtrK_mUoHPXFoNDJC1ugRql0Zr09tq0SEc8WXUYlw8AHG-T0aOFNbq2sABq0KMveA\$

Dauphin County MH/ID & CMU: Ed Bernot shared that Pathway's Forward (formerly known as CMU) will continue to be the contact for intakes but ECCM and CCR will be the Supports Coordinator Organizations that individuals will choose from for their services/supports.

Additionally, Ed noted that they have been doing training with local district's psychologists on their intake eligibility. Please reach out to Ed for more information on this. ebernot@cmupa.org

Parent to Parent: N/A

UCP: Amanda Neidig shared about their upcoming events.

- ∴ Please join UCP Central PA Family Support Services for a fun filled evening of creating ∴ at Mechanicsburg Area Senior High on Tuesday, April 1st from 6P-8P!
- ∴ This is a great opportunity meet other families and connect with our staff.
- ∴ Registration is required. You can register by using the link below or by scanning the QR code on the event flyer.

Register Here 

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/f58a5fa8db57464ca12d3df5977c00d2>

If you have questions, please reach out to us at: FamilySupportServices@ucpcentralpa.org

V. State Task Force updates: Kathy Gingerich provided a recap of the State Task Force meeting held on March 19, 2025 Additional information will be shared soon on the PaTTAN site-

<https://stage.pattan.net/Collaborative-Partnerships/State-Task-Force>

Carol Good provided a presentation on navigating PaTTAN's site and included a discussion on Collaborative Partnerships- <https://stage.pattan.net/Collaborative-Partnerships>

Dr. Clancy shared an update on Attract, Prepare and Retain initiative for obtaining special education staff
<https://www.pattan.net/News/Attract-Prepare-Retain>

Customized Professional Development and Technical Assistance has had 491 requests and this includes a broad range of requests including early intervention

PDE Disability Inclusive Curriculum Pilot was discussed. This will be a second round and has been successful in the pilot period.

Additional conference information will be shared soon by Sharon Kennedy. Dr. Clancy mentioned a couple including; The Special Education Local Task Force Right to Education for Students Eligible under IDEA Capacity-Building Institute will be held on July 8-10, 2025 in Gettysburg PA

1975-2025
The Legacy of IDEA began in PA

- 1972 Parc vs Board of Education Pennsylvania
- 1972 Mills vs Board of Education of District of Columbia
- 1974 Education of the Handicapped Act(EHA)
- 1975 Education for All Handicapped Act (EAHCA) known today as

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act



Indicator 8 Post Card- There will be a digital option shared to Local Task Force leads to share regarding a survey that is focused on asking families how well their child's school does to engage with them as families.

[Https://www.leaderservices.com/survey](https://www.leaderservices.com/survey)

Families to the Max: Jacqui DiDomenico shared an update on what Families to the Max provides.

Information can be found in the following areas: <https://stage.pattan.net/Parent-Information/FAMILIES-TO-THE-MAX-Pennsylvania-Statewide-Family>

<https://www.pealcenter.org/families-to-the-max-pennsylvania-statewide-family-network/>

VI. LTF MEETING PLANS

Proposed CAIU #15 Local Task Force Meetings

2024-2025 LTF # 15 Meetings

9/23/24	10:30-12:00	https://caiu-org.zoom.us/j/98792714913
11/18/24	10:30-12:00	https://caiu-org.zoom.us/j/93261301756
1/13/25	10:30-12:00	https://caiu-org.zoom.us/j/91223347054
3/24/25	10:30-12:00	https://caiu-org.zoom.us/j/97474672910
5/19/25	10:30-12:00	https://caiu-org.zoom.us/j/99764400870

