

**ADDITIONAL  
RESOURCES FOR  
PARENTS AND  
PROFESSIONALS**  
Bureau of Special Education ConsultLine  
1-800-879-2301

Disability Rights Network of PA  
1-800-692-7443  
[www.drnpa.org](http://www.drnpa.org)

Education Law Center of PA  
215-238-6907  
[www.elc-pa.org](http://www.elc-pa.org)

Free Mediation Services  
Office for Dispute Resolution  
1-800-992-4334

PA Bar association  
1-800-932-0311  
[www.pabar.org](http://www.pabar.org)

PS Department of Education  
[www.pde.state.pa.us](http://www.pde.state.pa.us)

PA Training and Technical Assistance  
Network  
(PaTTAN)  
[www.pattan.net](http://www.pattan.net)

Parent Education Network  
1-800-522-5827  
[www.parentednet.org](http://www.parentednet.org)

State Task Force Office  
1-800-692-7275 or 717-234-7132  
Fax 717-234-7615

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85 East Main Street  
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Ringtown, PA 17967  
570-889-3206

Service Access and Management Inc.  
SAM Inc.  
1 South Second St  
Pottsville, PA 17901  
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**SCHUYLKILL  
COUNTY  
RIGHT TO  
EDUCATION  
TASK FORCE  
2016-2017**

Working on behalf of  
children with special  
educational needs



Parents are encouraged to  
participate and represent  
their children at these  
educational meetings

*Sponsored locally by  
SCHUYLKILL IU 29*

## LOCAL TASK FORCE PURPOSE:

The Local Task Forces were mandated by a court order in 1972 to assist in improving education for all school-age persons with mental retardation/intellectual disabilities. In 1975, the Right to Education Act was passed by the US Congress and included all children with disabilities.

### ➤ **LOCAL TASK FORCE DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

\*Assist in providing information for improving, strengthening, expanding and monitoring programs and services for persons covered under MR/Intellectual Disabilities Services

\*Supports for school-aged persons and carries out the letter and spirit of the Right to Education Consent Agreement. (PARC v. Commonwealth)

\* Follows the policies, procedures and guidelines outlined by the State Task Force.

\*Reviews recommendations and communications from the State Task Force as a regular agenda item.

\*Cooperates with the direct service provider agencies, both public and private, in planning for a continuum of programs and services.

\*Refers problems identified locally to LEA's, approved private agency or to the State Task Force for clarification, recommendation or solution.

\*Makes recommendations to the STF or other approved private groups concerning solutions to problems which may have ramifications on a regional or statewide basis.

\*Trains new members and serves as a vehicle

## MEETINGS

\* PLEASE NOTE ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

All meetings are scheduled to begin at 9:30 A.M. and conclude by 12:00 P.M.

The following are the meeting dates and tentative topics for 2016-2017 Meetings will by Local Task Force meeting followed by State Task Force webinar with trainings listed:

*September 28, 2016*  
*ASERT Collaborative and BAS Programs*

*November 15, 2016*  
*Update on WIOA*

*January 17, 2017*  
*Update on Employment First*

*March 8, 2017*  
*PDE/BSE Conference at Hershey Lodge*

*March 15, 2017*  
*ABLE Act*

*May 17, 2017*  
*TBD*

*In addition:*  
*November 17, 2016 at IU29 from 6pm until 7:30pm there will be information on Trauma Informed Care.*

*March 22, 2017 at IU29 from 6pm until 7-30nm there will be information on*

### Who are we?

Parents of children with disabilities and special educational needs are the mainstay of this Local Task Force. Also serving on the Schuylkill County Task Force are:

- representatives of the Schuylkill County IU 29
- representatives of Local School Districts
- representatives of Community Agencies
- interested citizens from our community

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### Related Parent—Agency Councils: *Schuylkill County*

- Coordinating Council:*
- concerned with issues of transition from Early Intervention programs to school-age programs;
  - contact the IU 29 Early Intervention Program at 570-544-9131

### *Schuylkill County* *Transition Coordinating Council:*

- concerned with K-12 students transitioning to adult life
- contact IU 29 Preparation for Adult Life Consultant 570-544-9131