#### **Resource Contacts**

Bureau of Autism Services (866) 359-7689

Bureau of Children's Behavioral Health Services (717) 705-8289

CareerLink (717) 787-3354

Department of Human Services (800) 692-7462

Office of Developmental Programs (888) 565-9435

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (800) 442-6371

> PA Family Network 1 (844) 723-2645

PA Statewide Independent Living Council (717) 364-1732

Pennsylvania Elks Home Service Program www.paelkshomeservice.org

> PA Office of Long-Term Living (866) 286-3636

> Social Security Administration (800) 772-1213

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## Centre Clearfield Clinton

# Local Task Force

Advocates for students receiving Special Education services and their families.

#### **Caregivers – Educators – Agencies**

Administrative support provided by Central Intermediate Unit #10

### **History & Purpose**

In 1972, the federal district court for Eastern Pennsylvania made final order, injunction, stipulation, and consent agreement in the suit filed by 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 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 predated and precipitated the federal law P.L. 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 ensure 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 Tsk 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 (STF) serves as an advocate for students with Intellectual Disabilities, but actions, decisions, and initiatives often affect all students with disabilities. The STF has the responsibility to call upon the Commonwealth's resources for resolutions 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 per year and meetings are open to the public. Caregivers and educators are encouraged to attend.

State Task Force 1-(800) 360-7282 pattan.net/Partners/State-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 caregivers, agency providers, and school professionals who are concerned about the education of students with disabilities.

### 2023-2024 Meeting Dates

The Central Intermediate Unit #10 will host virtual LTF meetings on the following dates:

September 20, 2023\* October 18, 2023 November 8, 2023\* December 20, 2023 January 10, 2024\* February 21, 2024 March 20, 2024\* May 15, 2024\*

\*Notes dates of State Task Force meetings, held from 10am-12pm, directly before the Local Task Force Meeting.

All meetings are open to the public. For more information, including meeting times and login information, please visit our website or contact CIU10 at:



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