

RIGHT TO EDUCATION Local Task Forces

Right to Education Local Task Forces (LTFs) were formed more than 30 years ago to represent the needs and interests of students with mental retardation and their families. Today, LTFs have expanded their efforts to include all students with disabilities.

LTFs are actively involved with programs and services for students with disabilities in all 501 school districts across the state and follow procedures outlined in the handbook developed by the State Task Force.

Membership in a LTF is determined at the local level, with a required 51% majority of parents/consumers. Each LTF must have representatives from the IU, the local MH-MR offices, the local ARC, a school district, and parents/consumers.

Duties and Responsibilities of Local Task Forces:

- Carry out the letter and the spirit of the Right to Education Consent Agreement.
- Make recommendations that improve, strengthen, and expand programs.
- Advocate for students with disabilities.
- Monitor programs and services.
- Identify and refer programs to appropriate local agencies or the State Task Force.
- Cooperate with public and private agencies in planning for continuum of programs and services and a minimum of duplication.
- Educate the community at large about the needs of students with disabilities.
- Follow procedures, policies, and guidelines as outlined by the State Task Force.

DIRECTIONS:

From Route 83 North:

Take Lemoyne Exit 42
Bear right onto Third Street.
Proceed to Market Street and turn right.
Turn left after underpass onto Rt. 11/15 North.
Proceed several miles.
Turn left onto Valley Road in Enola (1/4 mile past the Sunoco Gas Station).
Turn right immediately onto First Street.
Proceed 3/10 mile and turn right onto Miller Street.
Turn right into the CAIU driveway.

From Route I-81 North/South:

Take Exit 65 (Enola & 11/15 South).
Proceed on 11/15 South to first stop light (intersection with Valley Road).
Turn right onto Valley Road in Enola.
Turn right immediately onto First Street.
Proceed 3/10 mile and turn right onto Miller Street.
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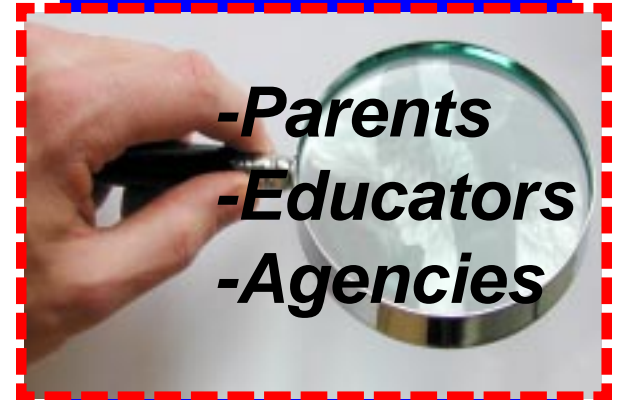
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LOCAL TASK FORCE #15

Capital Area Local Task Force Purpose

The Right to Education Consent Agreement of 1972 provided for the establishment of a **Local Task Force** in each of the 29 Intermediate Units. The primary purpose is to ensure that the intent and spirit of the Right to Education Consent Agreement is carried out throughout the Commonwealth.

WHO WE ARE:

We are a group of parents and professionals working together to ensure the right to education for persons receiving special education services. The **Local Task Force** is comprised of parents, representatives from the Capital Area Intermediate Unit, school districts, county Mental Health/Mental Retardation services, agency representatives, ARC, and most importantly--school-aged persons.



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(717) 732-8400, Ext. 8342*

*Please leave a message and your call will be returned.

www.caiu.org

Click on Special Services, go to
Local Task Force.

Responsibilities

1. Review special education legislation and other legislation affecting school-aged children.

2. Monitor and observe special education services and provide recommendations for improvement and expansion.

3. Discuss education concerns and provide recommendations to solve problems.

4. Serve in an advisory and advocacy role to protect rights of students with disabilities.

5. Encourage cooperation with the public and private agencies that provide services to persons with disabilities.



Committees

1. Public Awareness and Public Relations: Develop ideas to increase awareness of the Local Task Force among parents and interested others.

2. Referral for Action: Address and attempt to resolve individual concerns of parents and professionals regarding special education issues.

3. Visitation/Monitoring: Monitor special education programs and services and make recommendations as necessary for change.

4. Education: Update Local Task Force on legislative issues that affect special education and other topics of interest to parents of students receiving special education services.



Meeting Information

LOCAL TASK FORCE meetings are open to the public. Anyone who wishes to attend is welcome.

When: **LOCAL TASK FORCE** meetings are held on Mondays from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. A meeting schedule is available on the Web at www.caiu.org.

Where: Meetings are held at the Capital Area Intermediate Unit, 55 Miller Street, Summerdale, Pennsylvania.