



Right to Education Local Task

2024-2025 Local Meeting Schedule

2nd Tuesday of the month October, November, February, March, April and May
at 10 am

In Person: The Arc of NEPA 115 Meadow Ave Scranton PA

Via Zoom: Meeting ID 874 8881 1884 Passcode: 364196

Purpose

Parent Lead Group, supported by the PA State Task Force, with the purpose to assist in improving, expanding, and monitoring programs and services for children eligible for special education supports and services. LTF #19 includes family members, educators, providers, and professional representation from:

The Arc-NEPA, NEIU 19 and Lackawanna -Susquehanna County administration. Together this group works to plan opportunities that ensure that all eligible children receive an individualized, free and appropriate public education (FAPE).

Membership

LTF #19 invites all parents and guardians of students with disabilities to attend monthly meetings and/or become a member by attending at least 2 meetings.

Meetings will begin with introductions, provider reports, State Task Force update, and a presentation on a relevant topic in special education.

Following the meeting, there will be an opportunity to network with parents, providers, professionals, educators, and advocates.

Key Areas for Discussion and Training

Proper Identification & Evaluation; Individualized Education Plans (IEP); Least Restrictive Environments (LRE); Inclusive Practices; Specially Designed Supports/Services; Extended School Year (ESY); Positive Behavior Support Plans; Transition Planning; Training Information and Resources

2024-2025 Meeting Details

Tues Oct 8th - FAB (Framework for Access & Belonging w/ Supplementary Aides & Services) –Kristin Starosta (PaTTan)

Tues Nov 12th - Office of Dispute Resolution Services –Ashley Smith Program Manager, ODR

Tues Feb 11th- FBA- PBSP- Beyond Behavior Consulting

Tues March 11th - Transition Services in the IEP- Gena Bensinger and Jessica Capwell -IU 19 TaC

Tues April 8th- Building an Inclusive Classroom- Include Me – Arc of PA

Tues May 13th-NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) – JoAnna Van Tine-Community Engagement Coordinator

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