

The Arcticulate



Please drop off to: 115 Meadow Avenue, Scranton

Buddy Walk 2023

History of The Buddy Walk

The Buddy Walk was established in 1995 by the National Down Syndrome Society to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness. The walk itself is a family fun day with food, entertainment, raffles, children's events and the ceremonial walk to celebrate our loved ones with Down Syndrome, making this an extraordinary day of awareness.

Generous support by our community has made it possible to provide a variety of support services to children and adults with Down Syndrome and their families.

Nationally, The Buddy Walk is turned 29 this year and we are excited to celebrate this milestone!



Recently, we held the Annual Buddy Walk of NEPA on October 1st at Scranton High School. We had a tremendous response to the day's festivities and we are very proud to announce a truly successful event with several hundred folks in attendance.

Huge Shoutout to the People Who made the Buddy Walk a Wonderful Success:



- Jon Meyer, Master of Ceremonies
- Mid Valley Jr. Spartans' PRIDE Squad, Grand Marshals
- Michelle Viall - NDSS
- EJ the DJ
- University of Scranton OT Dept.

- Scranton High Cheerleaders
- Scranton High Penn Serve
- Scranton School District
- Violets...a little bit of everything
- West Scranton High Cheerleaders
- The Vendors, Food Trucks, Non-Profit Organizations, Community Responders, Sponsors, Donors, Volunteers and Walkers
- The Buddy Walk Committee

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President's Message



This year is drawing to a close, and the holidays are upon us. This also should be a time of reflection as to where we began the year, what has occurred, where we are now, and where we are going. The Arc has experienced a year of challenge. Because of excellent diligence by our staff, we survived the enormous challenges of Covid 19. We faced the storm, bore the headwinds, and emerged victorious. However, sad to say, the nonprofit community still faces the same challenges, a lack of caring from the populous at large. In spite of the essential and very important work done by all at The Arc, recognition by the public is still wanting. In spite of the dedication of all to the mission, accolades are few and far

between. And what really is frustrating, is the woeful lack of assistance and recognition from the elected officials in Harrisburg. I do apologize for my doleful utterances. but my admiration for the people who dedicate their lives helping those less fortunate frustrates and saddens me. However, let us end on a more positive note. May all of you have a joyous Thanksgiving, a very merry Christmas, and a happy New Year. And, may Tiny Tim walk. Enjoy the holidays and remain positive. As Abraham Lincoln once said, The Arc of history bends toward goodness. It may take a while but eventually The Arc of history arrives at goodness.

Sincerely,
Bill Burnell
Board President

Exec's Corner



Passing Days

"It seems a shame to see September swallowed by the wind. More than that it's oh so sad to see the summer end. Although the changing colors are a lovely thing to see, if it were mine to make the change, I think I'd let it be." **John Denver**

Lots has been written about the autumn time of year. It is certainly a time of transition. We've enjoyed early sunrises and late sunsets, reaping the many benefits of summer. As the sunshine wains today in the early sunsets, we collect what is ours and head indoors, safe from the early dusk and chill in the air. In Fall, we trade the fresh fruits of June and July for the gifts of the harvest, preparing, as we do each year, for what's to come. Change comes.

Change is happening within and around The Arc. Our system of services and supports will transition from a fee for service to an alternative system that recognizes quality in care. In preparation, we keep

our eyes and ears on the how, the why and then when such changes will happen. As advocates, The Arc will support a changing system of care that truly enhances the lives of individuals we support.

I am proud to share with you that The Arc successfully submitted a proposal for recreation services to the Luzerne/Wyoming County Office of Developmental Services. In January, Mari, Holly, and their team, will begin coordinating recreational experiences for adults throughout Luzerne County.

Here at home we are moving closer to experiencing the development of the neighboring property. 2024 will see the construction of a WaWa and The Arc securing improved parking for you, folks we serve, and guests to our building.

Change is inevitable. Change is also an opportunity to be better. So it is... so it will be.

My best wishes for an enjoyable thanksgiving.

Maryclaire Kretsch
Executive Director

DSP Week 2023

This year, we celebrated DSP Week from September 10-16th. The week-long celebration serves as a reminder of the essential work DSPs do and an opportunity to celebrate their unwavering commitment to The Arc's mission and the individuals they serve. Thank you, DSPs! We applaud and appreciate you for your dedication and compassion!



**Great coworkers & good cheer,
it's that time of the year!**

All employees are invited to attend our annual

Holiday Luncheon

being held on

Thursday, December 21st
in the Meadow Ave. Conference Room

12:00pm to 2:00pm.

*Come and enjoy the opportunity to mingle
with your co-workers
and share some Holiday Spirit.*

We hope to see you there!!

***Earn Extra Cash This
Holiday Season!***



We are happy to announce a limited time increase to our Employee Referral Program!

From November 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, eligible referring employees can receive up to \$600 per referral-that's an additional \$200! (*\$250 after referral's completion of initial 30 days, \$350 after referral's successful completion of a 90-day probation period, see HR for additional details and requirements).

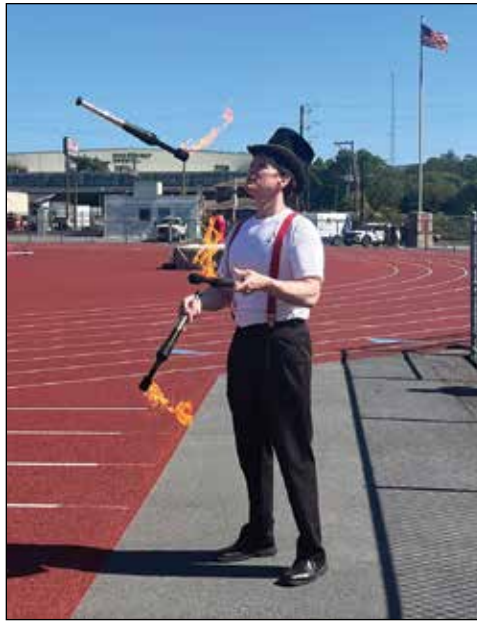
There is no limit to the earning potential so tell all your family and friends!

Buddy Walk 2023

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Judge Robert Mazzonei
The McDonough Family
Northeastern Transit
Smacchi Masonry
Friends and Family of Lily
Tomaszewski
Dick and Jean Walsh
Donations
Dr. John Bushta
DS Connex
Pennsylvania Ambulance
Pennsylvania State Police
Scranton Police Department
Scranton School District
Violets...a little bit of everything

Thank You for a truly amazing event. We are sincerely grateful for your kindness and generosity. Hope the holiday season is good to you and your family. Please stay safe and healthy.



An Afternoon with Chris Kelly

On October 29th, the Friends of The Arc Auxiliary sponsored a Meet and Greet with Chris Kelly, Times-Tribune Editor and Writing Coach. He delivered a touching story of his life and discussed the life we live. Aiden Kearney and his musical talents were featured on the keyboard, Kristen Haefele gave a beautiful invocation and Tommy Hennigan presented Chris Kelly with an amazing masterpiece. Eileen Williams and the committee did an outstanding job on putting together a fabulous event. Mary Murphy Fox was an excellent emcee; Corolla Sawka made and displayed gorgeous sunflower centerpieces; La Buona Vita is always fabulous and we would like to thank Kathy Gavin and her staff along with everyone who shared their Sunday afternoon with us.





The Arc-NEPA joined in the fun at the Buddy Walk at Misericordia University (Mangelsdorf Field) in Luzerne County on October 8th. The Misericordia University Physical Therapy Club and the Luzerne County Down Syndrome Network hosted a non-competitive one-mile, live music, food trucks, 50/50 raffle and basket raffle.

Welcome to The Arc Family!

Severina Jimenez
 Catherine Lopez
 Kim Messenger
 Maleah Hawley
 Michael Valentine
 Lorraine Marek
 Haddy Sissoko
 Charline Kenol
 Justin Rayman
 Jacqueline Oporto
 Jason Kappes
 Mitchel DeGraw
 Michelle King
 Brian Supple
 Jociane Tavares
 Robere DeGraw



What an amazing night at a fabulous venue Wallenpaupack Brewing Company with wonderful people United Way of Lackawanna and Wayne Counties and Pike and many terrific folks from the community! We are so very grateful for the support we have received for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Your kindness and compassion means the world to us.

Leave a Legacy

Remembering... The Arc's founding parents, concerned community members and friends have passed on a legacy of commitment to a new generation. Today, we seek to sustain this legacy.

Building... Looking toward tomorrow may often be intimidating, but at The Arc we continue the mission and grow with the needs of the children and adults we serve.

Leaving a Legacy... By giving a gift to The Arc, you are ensuring a bright future for the people served in our programs. Estate giving allows for a variety of ways for individuals to choose the support most appropriate for planning their legacy: Outright cash gifts, designated life insurance policy, bequests, real estate.



How about these awesome pumpkins?!?!?! As you can tell, there is a lot of talent here at The Arc and we think everyone did such a great job.

Awareness Celebration

The Arc-NEPA was represented at the Awareness Celebration event at Clifford Twp Park on September 16th which was sponsored by



Lackawanna-Susquehanna County Intellectual and Developmental Disability and Autism. It was a great event to learn about

Community Resources while enjoying games, music, activities, giveaways, food and drink.



Advocacy Department Launches New Virtual Series

The advocacy department launched a new virtual series in September. This is a monthly 30 minute IEP Breakdown of each section of the IEP and related documents for parents and guardians to have a better and more clear understanding of the IEP documents and sections and how they can contribute with meaningful participation, as they know their child best and they are equal members of the IEP team.

We have received much positive feedback from these sessions, which include remarks such as the following:

" This is great information"

" I learned so much in a short amount of time"

" I feel better prepared for my IEP meeting now"

Each session is recorded and posted to The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania Advocacy You tube channel for opportunities to view again. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJWcfoxlzgfqQVinLISGQaQ>

To date we have 3 sessions posted that include Permission to Evaluate/Re-evaluate, NOREP, and Present Levels.

Our future sessions are listed on the attached document, happening the 1st Thursday of each month at 12 noon.

IEP "BREAKDOWN" MINI-SERIES

WHEN

1st Thursday of the month beginning September 7th through May 2nd @ 12 noon

WHERE

Via Zoom from anywhere

REGISTER :

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAvfu-pqz0tHNYmyW5w9IDVe5nWNTwi5-0Q>

Presented by Arc of NEPA Advocacy



REGISTER FOR ONE OR ALL 30 - MINUTE SESSIONS

TOPICS

Sept 7th Permission to evaluate/re-evaluate
Oct 5th NOREP
Nov 2nd Present Levels
Dec 7th Parental Concerns/Rights
Jan 4th Goals
Feb 1st SDI's
March 7th Related Services
April 4th Placement and Penn Data
May 2nd Progress Monitoring

QUESTIONS:

Contact one of the Advocates at Arc of NEPA
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Spotlights

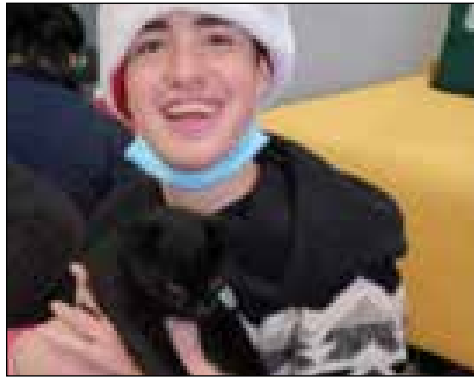
Today we celebrate...

Henrietta (Penny) is a 70-year-old female who resides at Devereux Foundation with her caretakers Fred and Mary.

Henrietta is a very kind individual to be around you can always see her smiling and laughing in Robinson Park, she loves to socialize with her friends and do puzzles. On Henrietta day off she loves to get pampered by getting her nails and hair done. Henrietta is very well known as a fashionista always dressed so stylish. You will never see a frown on Henrietta face, she can tell you majority of the staff members names here at program.



Overall Henrietta(Penny) is just someone who will steal your heart with her smile and laugh and her thoughtfulness.



Shawn is our November spotlight, he is a 21-year-old male who resides at our arc group homes.

Shawn is a very caring and loving individual to be around, He has the biggest smile and a huge imagination you never know what job he is working that day, you can catch Shawn in our cps groups with his friend David they love to watch wrestling or do coloring activities together. Shawn has the best sense of humor and loves to dance with his friends at the dj on Thursdays, he is always thinking of his friends here at program and loves to make them notes or even pictures. He does give the best hugs too.

Shawn loves to drink hot chocolate on chilly days when they go to McDonalds or dunkin doughnuts.

Overall Shawn is a loving caring person who just loves to make friends, he will steal your heart after the first hug he gives you.

Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends"



The Arc was at Boscov's for the "Friends Helping Friends" Event on October 18th!!! Boscov's helps out local non profits with a shopping extravaganza in-store only event - the annual "Friends Helping Friends" Event. The Arc is proud to be a part of this community fundraiser! Jo-Ann and Cara represented The Arc for this special occasion.



The Aktion Club gathered and donated school supplies which were donated to Outreach-Center for Community Resources in Scranton. Outreach distributed the supplies to children in Scranton during its Children's Career Fair.

Arc Stars Presents "Under the Sea"

The Arc Stars Theatre program "Under the Sea" was a huge success this year with lots of fun, dancing, acting and singing and everyone was excited to see each other. The Friends of The Arc Auxiliary were so happy with all the work and dedication that went into the project. There were weekly practices during May and June with a dress rehearsal. Everyone was thrilled to be a part of the process and we are truly grateful to the Lackawanna County Department of Arts and Culture, Scranton Area Community Foundation (NEPA Gives), Gerrity's Supermarket, Hawk Family Foundation, Moses Taylor Foundation and North Pocono School District for their on-going kindness and support. The production of the play was on June 16th at North Pocono High School. This was our sixth production and it is our goal is to continue the educational and fun learning experience that the Arc Stars enjoy.

We would like to send shoutouts to:

Gerri Featherby - Director

Lindsay Cocker - Artistic Director

Avery Roberts - Technical Director

Christina Sohns-Williams and her sister,
Jennifer Sohns-Petty - Choreographers

The Friends of The Arc Auxiliary

The Theater Buddies

Parents, Guardians and Caregivers



Cookie Sale

When: Orders need to be placed by:
Wednesday, December 6

Orders will be ready for pick-up on:
Friday, December 15 - 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where to Pick-up: The Arc Conference Room
115 Meadow Avenue, Scranton, PA
570-346-4010

Looking for a tasty way to enjoy the holiday season...Please consider purchasing some yummy cookies! The cookies will be sold by the pound featuring a mixed assortment of flavors. The cost will be \$12.00/lb. and can be displayed on a plate or packaged in a container. *The Friends of The Arc Auxiliary* would like to thank you for continued kindness.

In Remembrance

It is never easy to say goodbye to any of our folks. On Saturday, October 21st, we lost Raymond P. who resided with us at one of our homes. We celebrated his life on November 2nd with his housemates and friends.

Raymond was born in December of 1967 and would always say "Happy Birthday, Happy New Year!". As a child, Raymond spent his time being around his family, riding horses which he won many ribbons and awards for, listening to a variety of music; especially Perry Como and traveling with his parents. He had a very close relationship with his mother and father and uncle.

If I had to use three words to highlight what made Raymond so special, I would have to say "Funny, Outgoing and Loveable". He lit up a room with his smile and loved others deeply, treasuring each moment he got to spend with them.

He always made sure that no one would forget about his "12 o'clock Brown Soup", "2 o'clock pudding" or his "5 o'clock dinner". Raymond would always let you know that his friend "Bridget" was coming in at "4 Hundred". He had a close relationship with his staff and his housemates.

Raymond was so very special and made a powerful impact on all the lives he touched. He will be greatly missed and never forgotten.



Honorariums



Celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, special events are all beautiful moments to be honored and cherished. Remembering your loved ones, friends, neighbors, co-workers is a wonderful way to let them know how much you care and that you are thinking of them. We can help relay those messages for you.

When you send The Arc a donation along with the name of the person(s) being honored, we will send a pre-printed card to the honorees, letting them know that a donation was made in their name and who sent the gift. It's a great way to say, "I Care" and benefit The Arc!

Memorials

We also have a Memorial Program which sends your sympathy and condolences when a loved one passes away. We are here to assist you in making your wishes known.



Donate Your Vehicle

An Easy Way to Turn Cars into Cash for Charity

The Arc Vehicle Donation Program accepts all cars, trucks, motorcycles, RVs, regardless of the condition of the vehicles. Towing is free to the donor. If you want to donate your vehicle, please click on the link on The Arc's website www.thearcnepa.org or call 1-877-272-2270. All you



will need to do is provide the year, make and model of a vehicle, the general condition, the vehicle identification number and the title of the vehicle of the must be available for information purposes when calling. All vehicles that are donated to our program must have a clean title. Please indicate The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania as the chapter to receive the proceeds of the sale of the vehicle.

Donating is easy! It may be tax-deductible.

Spirit of the Season CLA Tour 2023

Santa's helpers will be back on the streets of Lackawanna County, on December 20th, visiting our festive (and dare we say, competitive) CLAs for the holiday season. Judges will be looking for the most colorful, creative, magical decorations. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, but only one CLA will be presented with the coveted "Spirit of the Season" award!

Good Luck!



Do you have what it takes to be the most festive door on the floor?

We're looking for the most colorful, creative, magical decorated doors! Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, but only one group room will be presented with the coveted "Spirit of the Season" award!

Judging will take place on Wednesday, December 20, 2023.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone's entries!

Good Luck!



Embark on a quest with Mickey Mouse and pals as they follow Captain Hook's treasure map for clues to find Tinker Bell after he attempts to capture her magic. Journey across the Marigold Bridge with Miguel from Disney Pixar's Coco into the magnificent and mystical Land of the Dead and discover a vibrantly colorful performance with skeletons atop sway poles dancing over the audience in a beautiful cultural celebration of family. Travel to the wintry world of Arendelle and sing along with Elsa as video projection creates a kaleidoscope of crystals to help build her ice palace. Witness Belle lift into the sky as the enchanted chandelier comes to life high over the ice. Demonstrate the power of teamwork when Buzz Lightyear, Woody and Jessie recruit the Green Army Men for a daring rescue in Andy's room. Laugh hysterically as the hilarious pirates flip, tumble, and twist on tumble tracks, stilts and more in an effort to showcase their talents for Captain Hook. Sail away with Moana on her daring voyage across the ocean and bravely encounter the fiery wrath of Te Ka. And make memories with your whole family during Aladdin and The Little Mermaid as the search party becomes an all-out magical celebration.

When: Sunday January 14, 2024

Where: Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza, Wilkes-Barre

Time: 11:00am

Cost: \$35.00

RSVP: Friday, December 22, 2023

ATTN: Mohegan Sun Arena Does Not accept CASH. They are strictly CASHLESS for parking, food, etc. So we will offer for your convenience, which needs to be paid for in advance with your ticket order.....

Parking \$10.00

Food Vouchers: (Food stand where accepted will be printed on voucher)

Soda, Bag of Chips, and Hotdog- \$10.00

Soda, Chips, Pizza- \$14.00

Reservations will not be accepted after December 22, 2023. Make your reservations today! The Arc Recreation has reserved lower level seats. We only have 30 tickets reserved, first call, first served basis. You will be responsible for your own transportation and supervision.

Call Mari or Holly at 570/207-0825 to make your reservations.

PADDC - Gather for Change:

We are excited to announce The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania was awarded the Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council Grant for the 2023-2024 year. The grant was awarded in the area "Gather for Change" where the projects awarded focus on creating learning opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities.

"The Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council is a group of people with disabilities, family members, advocates, and state department representatives who work to create favorable conditions for people with developmental disabilities and their families in the Commonwealth" - <https://www.paddc.org/>

Their Mission Statement reads as follow: "The Council engages in advocacy, systems change, and capacity building with people with developmental disabilities and their families in order to:

- Support people with disabilities in taking control of their own lives
- Ensure access to goods, services, and supports
- Support communities so that all people belong
- Empower people with all disabilities
- Promote the understanding of the life experiences of people with disabilities
- Pursue equity for all people"

The grants they offer allow them to further their mission across the state of PA into different areas and regions. The Arc of NEPA participated in a vigorous application, training process and competitive field for this grant, so we are thrilled that we have received the funding here in Lackawanna county.

Our advocacy department will be creating both in person and virtual events to increase meaningful participation, both social and systems change and an overall impact on the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, caregivers, as well as professional development for students and staff.

A number of presentations have been planned based on feedback from

surveys and requests, including original content on topics such as inclusion and understanding IEP's, as well as collaboration with outside agencies such as Social Security, local colleges and county administration and many other agencies and community groups across the region.

Please be on the lookout for the events to both attend and share with others from now until September 2024. This grant has provided us with a fantastic opportunity to continue and advance the advocacy goals of the Arc through community education and outreach. We are grateful.



Recently, we received a call from Joseph Holland asking to stop in to visit and present a donation. Thank you to all the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hook O'Malley Division 4, Your generosity means so much and The Arc is sincerely grateful for your kindness and recognition.



You are cordially invited to join us this holiday season

The Arc's "CandyLand" Holiday Party

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Nesquehoning Hose Co.

(953 E. Catawissa St. Nesquehoning, PA 18240)

The Afternoon's Festivities Include:

12:00pm-12:30pm Registration

12:30pm-1:30pm Buffet Style Dinner

1:30pm-3:00pm Music Provided by DJ Dave Gasker

Buffet Style Menu Includes:

Salad, Baked Ham and Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Stuffing, Green Beans, Corn and Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Soda

Cost: \$25.00

Hopefully we will get a visit from a special guest in red!

Golden Technologies

On behalf of our Helen & Robert Golden Memorial golf tournament, a power lift recliner and monetary donation were made to The Arc of

Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Arc promotes the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Marie is a resident of one of 11 group homes throughout the area and suffers from edema. She said her new Golden lift chair is "fabulous" and she "loves it!" We're so happy to support such a worthwhile organization in our home community. #GoldenCares #disabilityinclusion

Thank "YOU" for your contribution in the amount of \$3,500.00 and a Golden Lift Chair. The smile on our resident's face was priceless - you made that happen and for that we are genuinely grateful. Your support toward our organization is greatly appreciated and means so much to the folks we serve and all of us.



You are cordially invited to join us this holiday season at our

Friends of The Arc's "Christmas Candyland" Holiday Party

Friday, December 8, 2023

Fiorelli's Banquet Facility

(1501 Main St., Peckville, PA)

Evening Festivities:

5:00pm Registration

5:30pm Complimentary hors d'oeuvres

6:00pm ~ 7:00pm Buffet Dinner

7:00pm ~ 9:00pm Music provided by E.J. The D.J.

5:00pm ~ 9:00pm Cash Bar

Special Guest Appearance, Candyland Fun and Holiday Raffles!

Menu Includes:

Fresh Garden Greens/w Vinaigrette Dressing

Penne Rigate Pasta a'la Vodka Sauce, Chicken Tenderloins Scampi Saute,

Hand - Carved Certified Angus Sirloin of Beef, Fresh Fish of the Day

And Oven Roasted Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetable de Casa, Rolls w/ Butter

Dolce de Casa (Sweet of the House)

Coffee, Tea, Decaf, Soda

Cost is \$38.00 per Person



Happy Fall Y'all from Carbon County

We have been very busy making all sorts of crafts such as: wine bottle lights, ceramics and summer wreaths. We went to classes where we created pumpkins and Christmas trees by painting and decorating them. There was a 50's theme dance for World Down Syndrome Day. We tried to play mini golf but with bad weather we postponed it several times. We were finally able to play when we had some nice days.

My friend Tom Connors stopped by to talk with our members about owning and caring for their pets. Tom is the director of the dog shelter in Carbon County. He is known as "The Dog Whisperer" down here because of his ability to calm the most aggressive animals he rescues. Our members asked him many questions and he listened to their pet stories. He even brought his Great Dane along.

We attended the Waldorf fundraiser in Scranton and had a great time meeting new people and joining in the fun. We are getting ready to have a family bingo night and a Christmas craft. In December we will have our Christmas party and also attend a special Christmas party for our members with Santa and his helpers creating more crafts and enjoying a nice dinner. Last but not least we will "wrap up" our Christmas shopping. Everyone is happily gearing up for the holiday season. We wish everyone at The Arc a very safe and joyous holiday season. Merry Christmas from Carbon County!!

*Sheila, Brenda,
Carly and Sandy*



BOWLING WILL START PROMPTLY AT 4:30PM



The 2023-2024 "Fun & Friendship Bowling League



Luzerne County Registration Form

The Arc of NEPA is happy to start a new Bowling League in Luzerne County! The bowling season will commence on **Tuesday, September 5th** and end on **April 23rd** at **Chacko's Family Bowling Center** (195 N. Wilkes Barre Blvd, Wilkes Barre). Bowling **practice begins at 4:20pm** and league bowling begins **promptly at 4:30pm. You must be on time!!!**

Bowling will cost \$11.00 per bowler per week which includes 2 games, ball and shoes, if unable to bowl there is an absent fee of \$3.00 per week. Bowling fees must be paid on a weekly basis to The Arc recreation staff before you begin bowling.

Should we need to cancel bowling because of inclement weather, you will receive a voice message through our calling system (dial my calls). Holidays observed by The Arc include November 24, 2023, December 26, 2023 and January 2, 2024

The Arc's staff is not responsible for the supervision of league members. Parents / staff must stay with the bowler.

In order to register for the 2023-2024 bowling season you should fill out the form below (detach and keep the top half for your own information) and return to:

The Right to Education Task Force

The Right to Education Task Force IU 19 is a 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 of 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). We are focused on IU 19 which includes Lackawanna, Susquehanna and Wayne counties, but we are open and encourage anyone to attend!

Roseann Polishan, our Arc Advocate, is the Parent Chair. Adina Harkavy is the Parent Co- Chair for the 2023-2024 school year.

They have recently held meetings in October on the topic of Mental Health in the school setting with PA Parent and Family Alliance and in November on the topic of College for Students with Intellectual Disabilities with representatives from Misericordia University and Think College.

If you are interested in copies of the materials or finding out more information on these topics please reach out to Rpolishan@thearcnepa.org.



Right to Education Local Task 2023-2024 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 & 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

2023-2024 Meeting Details

Tues Feb 13th Presentation:
IU 19 New Programs and Initiatives
Kelly Dickey and Colleen Penzone

Tues March 12th Presentation:
Special Education Funding - Education Law Center

Tues April 9th Presentation:
Area Camps and Activities

Tues May 14th Presentation:
Keith Focht (PDE) and Gary Smith (ODP)

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LS BH/ID/EI	570-346-5741

Facebook Page

Right to Education Local Task Force 19

Leadership Team

Parent (Chair)	Parent (Co-Chair)
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Serving the member school districts of the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit 19 (NEIU 19)

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