

Meeting Dates 2021-2021

- August 25th, 2021
- September 29th, 2021
- October 20th, 2021
- November 17th, 2021
- December 15th, 2021
- January 19th, 2022
- February 23rd, 2022
- March 23rd, 2022
- April 20th, 2022
- May 18th, 2022

- All meetings are held on Wednesdays this year

- Every meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend

- We encourage family, IU and school district participation

- Our meetings are held through Zoom from **10AM to 12 PM**. Our link is:

<https://zoom.us/j/5378786005?pwd=VDMzYlRlYUJUTElYUzJlWGFSDA0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 537 878 6005
Passcode: CLIU21

CLIU21 Contact Information:

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Schnecksville, PA 18078
610-769-4111
<https://www.cliu.org/>

Local Task Force 21

Includes The Following School Districts:

- Allentown School District
- Catasauqua Area School District
- East Penn School District
- Jim Thorpe Area School District
- Lehigh Area School District
- Northern Lehigh School District
- Northwestern Lehigh School District
- Palmerton Area School District
- Panther Valley School District
- Parkland School District
- Salisbury Township School District
- Southern Lehigh School District
- Weatherly Area School District
- Whitehall-Coplay School District

Additional Resources:

The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties
(610) 849-8076

<https://www.arcoflehighboroughs.org/>

Special Education Consult Line:

800-879-2301 or consultline@odr-pa.org

[https://www.education.pa.gov/K-](https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Special%20Education/Complaints/Pages/ConsultLine.aspx)

[12/Special%20Education/Complaints/Pages/ConsultLine.aspx](https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Special%20Education/Complaints/Pages/ConsultLine.aspx)

PEAL:

866-950-1040 or 412-281-4409 TTY www.pealcenter.org

Disability Rights Pennsylvania:

800-692-7443; www.disabilityrightspa.org

The Education Law Center of PA: 215-238-6907; www.elc-pa.org

PaTTAN:

800-360-7282; www.pattan.net

The ARC of Pennsylvania:

800-692-7258; www.thearcpa.org

Office of Dispute Resolution:

800-222-3353; www.odr-pa.org

State Task Force Office:

800-446-5607 ext. 6828

Visit Facebook: @Carbon Lehigh IU #21 Family Support Group

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LOCAL TASK FORCE 21



Our mission is to support families in understanding laws and regulations that affect their special needs student's rights. We help those with disabilities and their caregivers find resources to effect positive changes in their school districts and their lives.

Visit our Facebook Page: @Localtaskforce21

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Local Task Force History

The Right to Education Local Task Force, otherwise known as LTF, was established in 1972 due to the PARC Consent Decree.

The PARC Consent Decree was created after the PA Association for Retarded Citizens, now the ARC of PA, sued the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the rights of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities to attend public school.

The state of Pennsylvania agreed to provide a Free and Appropriate Public Education, otherwise known as FAPE, for all children with disabilities.

The Court's decree established the standard that each child must be offered an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and that children should be placed in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) possible while promoting inclusion.

The PARC consent decree was then recognized on a national level as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, also known as IDEA, in 1975.

Membership

The Local Task Force 21 members are families of children with disabilities otherwise known as consumers. In addition to families, each LTF must have representatives from:

- The CLIU 21 (Director or designee)
- The ARC of Lehigh and Northampton Counties (Advocates or designee)
- Service Providers serving school-aged, special needs children.
- Agencies providing services to school-aged children with other abilities.
- Office of Dispute Resolution (ODP)
- Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)

*Our members are from Lehigh and Carbon Counties.

For further information please email:
localtaskforce21@gmail.com

Current Consumer Representatives:

Lehigh County:

Allentown School District: Karino Castillo

Catasauqua School District: Theresa LaFavor

East Penn School District: Amanda Robbins

Cathy Johns

Parkland School District: Lisa Mendoza

**We need parents who want to represent their district*

You should attend an LTF21 meeting if:

- You are a family member or caregiver supporting a child with different abilities.
- You're a service provider in the special needs community.
- You're a school district or CLIU21 employee.
- You have an interest in, or a concern regarding the special ed. system in your district.
- You want to network with others within the special needs community.
- You want to share information and gain knowledge pertaining to special education.
- There is a systemic issue that has the potential to affect students with special needs.
- You are interested in becoming a Parent (Consumer) Representative to support special education within the school district you reside.
- You are interested in supporting the Local Task Force as an Agency Representative.

Local Task Force IU21 2021-2022 Schedule

Wednesday, August 25th, 2021: 10AM-12PM
Roseann Polishan and Mandy Colville; Arc of NEPA
Presenting on Myths of the IEP
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Wednesday, January 19th, 2022: 10AM-12PM
Suzanne Mulhern
Presenting on Vision Statements
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Wednesday, September 29th, 2021: 10AM-12PM
Becky Fahs, RN BSN; Advocacy Alliance
Presenting on Healthy Sexuality
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Wednesday, February 23rd, 2022: 10AM-12PM
Diane Perry; PEAL Center
Presenting on Friendship
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Wednesday, October 20th, 2021: 10AM-12PM
Lorie Brews; PEAL Center
Presenting on Presuming Competence
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Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022: 10AM-12PM
Presenting on Procedural Safeguards
and Effective Communication
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Wednesday, November 17th, 2021: 10AM-12PM
Shaun McElmoyle; CLIJ21 Ed. Consultant
Presenting on A Behavior Overview for Parents
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Wednesday, April 20th, 2022: 10AM-12PM
Seth Hoderewski, Director of Transition Services, LVCL
Presenting on Lehigh Valley Center For Independent Living
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Wednesday, December 15th, 2021: 10AM-12PM
Dual Transition Meeting
Alison Haberman and Avery Ellis with CLIJ21
Presenting on EI to School Age
Kendyle Mills with CLIJ21 Ed. Consultant
Presenting on Transition Age to Aging Out
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Wednesday, May 18th, 2022: 10AM-12PM
Lisa Russo, Ed. D; PATTAN
Presenting on UDL (Universal Design for Learning)
Including defining/discussing LRE and Inclusion
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If you have any questions:
Contact Amanda Robbins, Chairperson LTF21
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