



# Right to Education Local Task

## 2023-2024 Local Meeting Schedule

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### 2023-2024 Meeting Details

Tues Oct 10<sup>th</sup> - Presentation: Addressing Mental Health in the School Setting- PA Parent & Family Alliance

Tues Nov 14<sup>th</sup> - Presentation: College for Students with Disabilities- Janine Starinsky-Misericordia University

Tues Feb 13<sup>th</sup>- Presentation: IU 19 New Programs and Initiatives- Kelly Dickey and Colleen Penzone

Tues March 12<sup>th</sup> -Presentation: Special Education Funding- Education Law Center

Tues April 9<sup>th</sup> - Presentation: Area Camps and Activities

Tues May 14<sup>th</sup> -Presentation: Keith Focht (PDE) and Gary Smith (ODP)

### 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

### Contacts

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Right to Education Local Task Force 19

### Leadership Team

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