

To: **Families that have a school age student(s) with an IEP**
From: The Right to Education State Task Force
RE: Parent / Family Support Group – The Local Task Force

Special Education Parent/Family Support Group

Become Involved With Your Local Task Force !!!

The Local Task Force (LTF) - is a Parent / Family Support Network Group for Families that Have a Child with a Disability.

The Local Task Force membership consists of parents and family members of children with disabilities, local IU representatives, local MH / ID office, the Local Arc, area school districts and charter schools, and additional agency outreach programs.

The function of the Local Task Force is to support each other through dialogue, trainings and networking. You should attend the LTF if:

- You are a family member supporting a school age child with a disability
- You are a local public/ private service provider
- You are a school district employee
- You have a concern or questions regarding the special education system
- You want to network with family members and professionals
- You are interested in finding out more about the Local Task Force
- You want to share information with the special education community
- You want to learn more about regulations and special education processes such as Evaluations Reports, IEPs and NOREPs.
- And so much more...

If you are interested in attending the Local Task Force (Family Support Group) you can either contact your Chairperson or Vice-chairperson. Your Chairperson and/or Vice-chairperson is a parent of a child with a disability from your Intermediate Unit Region. If you are interested and want to learn more, please contact your Chairperson and/or Vice-chairperson or just show up to the local task force meeting. The Local Task Force groups meet a minimum of five times a year.

Included with this email is an information sheet listing each Local Task Force / Parent / Family Support Network Group by IU region and county. Additionally, aligned to that county is **a *Chairperson and/or Vice-chairperson's name and email for you to contact***. Also, below their names are the meeting dates, time, and location for you to join us.

Any further questions, please contact Keith H. Focht, Chairperson of the Right to Education State Task Force at 717-783-6921 or kfocht@pa.gov