



# Right to Education Local Task

## 2024-2025 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.

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> - FAB (Framework for Access & Belonging w/ Supplementary Aides & Services) –Kristin Starosta (PaTTan)

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

Tues Feb 11<sup>th</sup>- FBA- PBSP- Beyond Behavior Consulting

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

Tues April 8<sup>th</sup>- Building an Inclusive Classroom- Include Me – Arc of PA

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

### Contacts

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### Facebook Page

Right to Education Local Task Force 19

### Leadership Team

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