

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND PROFESSIONALS

Lancaster County MH/MR
299-8021

Lebanon County MH/MR
274-3415

The Arc of Lancaster County
394-5251

www.thearcoflancasterco.org

The Arc of Lebanon County
270-5307

www.arcofbc.org

Mental Health America of Lancaster County
397-7461

Parent Education Network 1-800-522-5827

www.parentednet.org

Bureau of Special Education ConsultLine
1-800-879-2301

Education Law Center of PA
215-238-6907

www.elc-pa.org

PA Bar Association
1-800-932-0311

www.pabar.org

PA Department of Education

www.pde.state.pa.us

PA Training and Technical Assistance Network
(PaTTAN)

www.pattan.net

Free Mediation Services
Office for Dispute Resolution
1-800-992-4334

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www.iu13.org

The Arc of Lebanon County

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Mental Health America
Of Lancaster County

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LANCASTER-LEBANON RIGHT TO EDUCATION TASK FORCE 2008-2009

Working on behalf of
children with special
educational needs



Parents are encouraged to
participate and represent your
children at these educational
meetings

*Sponsored locally by
Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13*

LOCAL TASK FORCE PURPOSE

The Local Task Forces were mandated by a court order in 1972 to assist in improving education for all school-age persons with mental retardation. In 1975, the Right to Education Act was passed by the US Congress and included all children with disabilities.

Activities

This Task Force functions as an independent organization of parents and other interested parties in Lancaster and Lebanon Counties who are interested in coordinating efforts to identify opportunities to move education forward for all children.

The Local Task Force also:

- makes recommendations to improve, strengthen, expand and monitor programs and services;
- takes positions to influence decision makers in schools and other agencies providing or supporting special education programs;
- disseminates information;
- serves as an information resource to families, schools and community agencies;
- speaks on behalf of students receiving services and assists in communicating their needs to the community.

Meetings

All meetings are scheduled to begin at noon and conclude by 2:30pm.

The following are the meeting dates for 2008-2009:

September 18th, 2008

IU 13 Conference Center in Lancaster

November 13th, 2008

IU 13 in Lebanon

January 29th, 2009

Warwick School District Offices in
Lititz

April 23rd, 2009

Manheim Township District Offices in
Manheim Township

May 28th, 2009

IU 13 Conference Center in Lancaster

Anticipated topics for the 2008-2009 year include:

Chapter 14 Regulations Update
Response to Intervention (RTI)
Co-Teaching
Meeting Facilitation
Differentiated Instruction

***For directions to meetings and to
RSVP contact Melissa at 606-1738
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Who are we?

Parents of children with disabilities and special educational needs are the mainstay of this Local Task Force. Also serving on the Lancaster-Lebanon Task Force are:

- representatives of the Lancaster-Lebanon IU13;
- representatives of Local School Districts;
- representatives of Community Agencies;
- interested citizens from our community.

Related Parent—Agency Councils

Lancaster Interagency Coordinating Council:

- concerned with issues of transition from Early Intervention programs to school-age programs;
- contact the IU 13 Early Intervention Program at 606-1600.

Lancaster County Transition Coordinating Council:

- concerned with K-12 students transitioning to adult life;
- contact IU 13 School to Work Program at 606-1600.