Local Task Force Spring Conference 2018

**Autism 101!**

Hosted by The Local Right to Education Task Force
Carbon Lehigh IU #21
4210 Independence Drive, Schnecksville PA

**April 18, 2018 from 9-3 PM**

In honor of Autism Awareness month LTF 21 2018 Spring Conference will focus on Autism. Autism 101 will feature speakers on the topic of:

- Education, Advocacy, Medical, Social, Therapies, and a Panel Discussion.

**When:** April 18, 2018

**Time:** 9:00 am until 3:00 pm

**To Register Email:** LocalTaskForce21@gmail.com
Registrations must be received by Thursday, April 12th.

**Where:** Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit
4210 Independence Dr. Schnecksville, PA 18078

Please contact Valerie and Janitta with any questions or concerns at: LocalTaskForce21@gmail.com

Lunch will be prepared by Work Based Learning Students at a cost of $4.50 per
Local Task Force

The Right to Education Consent Agreement guarantees a free public program of education and training to school-age students with special needs. The State Task Force and twenty-nine Local Task Forces were established to ensure that the intent and spirit of the consent agreement is followed.

The Local Right to Education Task Force is consumer driven, comprised of parents, educators, agency representatives, and other persons concerned with educational services for students with disabilities.

**The Local Right to Education Task Force & Carbon & Lehigh Counties 2018-2019**

All meetings will be held at CLIU #21 Central Office in Schnecksville. Meetings and presentations begin promptly at 10:00 am.

All parents and interested persons are welcome to bring questions and concerns to the meetings. Call 610-769-4111 X1218 or 800-223-4821 for more information.

**Meeting Dates:**

- **Sep 26, 2018** - CLIU #21 Central Office, Computer Lab A Meeting with Presentation
- **Oct 24, 2018** - Connecting the Dots Resource Fair
- **Nov 28, 2018** - CLIU #21 Central Office, Computer Lab A on Caregiver Fatigue and Self-Care
- **Jan 30, 2019** - CLIU #21 Central Office, Computer Lab A Meeting with Presentation
- **Feb 27, 2019** - CLIU #21 Central Office, Computer Lab A on Collaborating with Teams
- **Mar 27, 2019** - CLIU #21 Central Office, Computer Lab A on Healthy Sexuality
- **Apr 24, 2019** - CLIU #21 Central Office, Conf. Rooms D & E Spring Annual Conference, Tools! And How to Use Them
- **May 29, 2019** - CLIU #21 Central Office, Computer Lab A Meeting with Presentation

Looking for resources and activities for individuals with disabilities? Need assistance in understanding the transition out of high school? Want to learn how to become more involved in your child’s education? The answers to all these questions and more! Representatives from Lehigh Valley agencies and organizations will be here to discuss:

- Children’s Services
- Disabilities
- Autism
- Transition Resources
- Mental Health Employment
- Specialized Therapies
- Behavioral Health
- Advocacy Services
- Recreation
- Sporting Opportunities

* FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN * HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES * FOOD * GAMES * RAFFLES * SURPRISES *

**SAVE THE DATE**

**April 24, 2018**

Spring Annual Conference
Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21
Tools! And How To Use Them

**When:** October 24, 2018
**Time:** 5:00pm - 8:00pm
**Where:** Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21
4210 Independence Drive,
Schnecksville, PA 18078

**Hosted By:** Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 &
The Local Right to Education Task Force #21

Registration information to follow.

For more information about the event or to become a resource vendor, please contact Valerie Morton and Janitta Henry at:
LocalTaskForce21@gmail.com
Save the Date 22nd Annual National Autism Conference

August 6-9, 2018
The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel State College, Pennsylvania

Conference Mission: This conference provides comprehensive, evidence-based information to assist all educational team members, other professionals, and families in developing effective educational programming for all students with autism spectrum disorders.

Who Should Attend: Family members, physicians, speech-language pathologists, administrators, higher-education faculty, general and special education professionals, early intervention staff, related service personnel, behavioral health professionals, and anyone interested in autism spectrum disorders.

Scholarships, Exhibits, and Childcare: A limited number of conference scholarships will be available for parents of school-aged children with autism and undergraduate and graduate students completing their program of study in 2018 in a related field. We will collect and showcase a variety of artwork by school-aged students with autism and we will continue to host a Children's Institute concurrent to the conference for a limited number of children, ages 6 months to 21 years, with autism and their siblings.

Registration: Conference registration will be available beginning in April at https://autism.outreach.psu.edu

Continuing Education Credits offered: Act 48, POTA, PT, ASHA, Psych, BACB, Social Work, and Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors.

Behavior Specialist Licensure Hours: The National Autism Conference will again be coordinating with PDE/BSE to preapprove sessions toward the Behavior Specialist Licensure that you will be able to self-report.

For more information, visit https://autism.outreach.psu.edu

Invited Speakers Include:

Eb Blakely
Vince Carbone
Charles Catania
Francesca degli Espinosa
Barb Esch
Isabelle Henault
Tammy Kasper
Barry Morganstern
Dan Sundberg
Perry Zirkel

Multiple sessions will be available for CEUs via live webcasting. See the website for Penn State graduate credit opportunities.

NEW – Complimentary wireless connection will be provided for participants while at the Penn Stater Conference Center.

Bureau of Autism Services Resource Center

The Bureau of Autism Services launched the Autism Services, Education, Resources, and Training Collaborative (ASERT) Resource Center. The Resource Center has 3 components, a statewide toll-free number for live assistance, 1-877-231-4244, a new website, http://www.PAautism.org and outreach specialists available for community participation. www.paaautism.org is designed to bring together existing resources for families, providers, and self-advocates, and allow them to access a broad array of information to help meet the needs of those living with or serving people with autism.

Lehigh Valley Autism Guide

A comprehensive resource guide to help families navigate the complicated journey of parenting a child or adult diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. It is also an informational resource for professionals to align their services to meet the needs of Lehigh Valley families. Stay in the loop of autism friendly events, training and important announcements.

https://lvag2017.wixsite.com/lvag
**Cooking Class for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Kids**

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 24th, 2018  
**TIME:** 11a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21  
4210 Independence Drive, Schnecksville, PA  
Personal Chef Christina will teach cooking class. **She is deaf & uses ASL. NO COST.** This class is open to all Deaf and Hard of Hearing students from Pre-school to High School. Preschool and Elementary age students must be with a parent to take this class. 

**RSVP:** Friday, March 16th to Maia Geiger, 484-735-0101 or geigerm@cliu.org

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**3rd ANNUAL LEHIGH VALLEY WINTER FAMILY FUN EVENT**

**For the Deaf/Hard of Hearing**

**SAVE THE DATE – Sunday, March 4th**

**What:** PAINTING PARTY  
**Date:** March 4th, 2018  
**Time:** 2 pm – 3 pm  
**Where:** Paintsome Pottery  
**Address:** TIlghman Square Shopping Center, 4610 Broadway, Allentown, PA 18104  
**Who Should Attend:** All ages of Families and Friends of those who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing  
Sponsored by: Hands and Voices - Guide By Your Side, along with all the members of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Task Force, including the Office for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Carbon Lehigh IU, Northampton IU, Social Workers from CLIU for School Aged Children, and Social Workers from Early Intervention.  
RSVP to Larissa Noto by 2/28/18 at: lnoto@tiu11.org  
**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SHORTLY**

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**Lehigh Valley Walk**

Saturday, April 28, 2018  
Arts Quest Center at SteelStacks  
101 Founders Way, Bethlehem, PA 18015  

**Registration:** 8:30am  
**Walk Start:** 10:00am  

**REGISTER TODAY!**  
AutismSpeaksWalk.org/LehighValley  
LehighValley@autismspeaks.org  
856-858-5400  
#AutismSpeaksLehighValley

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**TALL CAUSE**

You’re invited to an Applebee’s Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast to support Deaf/Hard of Hearing Task Force  
$7.00 per person  
Kids 10 and under $4.50

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 17, 2018  
**WHERE:** Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill & Bar  
1510 Cedar Crest Boulevard  
Allentown, PA 18104  

For More Information: 
For more information regarding tickets, e-mail Maia Geiger at geigerm@cliu.org.

Valid only at participating restaurant listed above. Ticket valid for pancake event only. Applebee's menu items are not included as part of purchase.
DEAF/HARD OF HEARING COMMUNITY
(hosted by Deaf/Hard of Hearing Task Force Group)
MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL GAME
LEHIGH VALLEY IRON PIGS VS SCRANTON/WILKES BARRE RAILRIDERS

WHEN: SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

TIME: GAME STARTS AT 1:35 PM
(Gate opens at 12:15 PM)

TICKET: $11.00 per person
(Admission ticket, $2.00 of Ballpark credit, redeemable for food concession)
LIMIT 100 TICKETS — FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE

DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2018
NOTE: PARKING TICKET IS NOT INCLUDED! BRING $5.00 TO PARK.
To reserve tickets, email Denise Brown at Brown8164@rcn.com or call her at (484) 866-8404
For more questions about this game or other events, please contact Maia Geiger at (484) 735-0101
Cash, Check or money order payable to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Task Force and send to 1406 S. Race Street, Allentown, PA 18103

Name: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________

How many: ____ X $11.00  Total: _____  Donation: _____

Donations to the D/HH Task Force would be gratefully accepted to support future events

The Fishing Derby
The fishing dates are May 10th and 11th. Life skills and MDS B and Functional IU classes from Carbon County area, as well as BHA attend this 2 day event. Classes make a variety of food to share with all.
Volunteer groups from the local school attend as helpers for the students fishing. Jim Thorpe Legion also sponsors this event. Volunteers also clean the fish for the students that wish to take their fish home. Fishing poles and bait are also provided. Lunch is provided for the students. There is a contest for the largest fish. Each student leaves with a gift and many memories. As for some students, this is their first time fishing.
The person/s to contact are Jennifer Gonzalez and Maureen Gurka at: (570) 325-3682 EXT 1314. Please be aware that they are diligently trying to keep the numbers attending per day even and underwhelming.

Germantown Grove Club Annual Fishing Derby
The Germantown Grove Club and the Jim Thorpe American Legion Post 304 will host their annual fishing derby for children with special needs on May 11th and 12th. Special needs classes in Carbon County are invited to attend this annual event. It was all started in 1954 as an American Legion function by Germantown resident, Phil Rodgers, and others.
The students are given the opportunity to experience the thrill of the sport by getting to catch fish from the section of the stream that is maintained and stocked with fish by the Germantown Grove Club. In addition to being able to catch some fish, every student is treated to food and refreshments.
Carbon Lehigh Special Needs Children’s Foundation
2018 Summer Camp Gifting Program

The Carbon Lehigh Special Needs Children’s Foundation offers a “Gifting” of dollars to help families and students with special needs to pay for day and residential summer camp programs. This program is made possible from participation of many educators and business partners in an annual Golf Tournament and donations of various community leaders as well as businesses.

Students can apply if they are:

- Students who are completing Kindergarten through 12th grade or to age 21.
- Students who receive services through an IEP in school.
- Students who attend a public school in Carbon or Lehigh Counties.
- Students who have a summer camp they want to attend during Summer 2018.

Completed applications will be reviewed by the Foundation Gifting Committee. Only complete applications will be accepted that meet student criteria. Gifts will not exceed $300 per student and will only pay a percentage of the registration fee. Student applications will be chosen by a lottery. Students awarded summer camp gifts will be notified in writing as to the amount of the “gift.” Gift amounts will be sent from the Foundation Gifting Program to the camp directly to support registrations and camp fees.

If you have any questions, contact Deb Popson at 610-769-4111 ext. 1613 or popsond@cliu.org. Return Application by May 1, 2018.

We encourage and appreciate any pictures and letters from students about their camping experience.

“This week is made possible through The Carbon Lehigh Special Needs Children’s Foundation.”

Our Mission is to enhance educational and recreational opportunities for children with special needs enrolled in the public schools of Carbon and Lehigh Counties.
2018 SUMMER CAMP GIFTING PROGRAM
APPLICATION
(Complete all sections before submitting).

☐ Student Information
Camper Name_________________________________________ Date of Birth________________________

Parent/Guardian Name________________________________________

Address_________________________________________________ Phone_________________________________

City__________________________________State______________ Zip____________________

Phone_________________________ Email_____________________

School District____________________ Grade, September 2018________________

In 100-150 words describe why you want to go to summer camp.
(Written, dictated, or shared by the student); use back to continue essay.

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☐ Camp Information (Attach a copy of the brochure or flyer of the camp you wish to attend).

Name of Camp Attending____________________________________

Address_________________________________________________

City__________________________________State______________ Zip____________________

Phone_________________________ Email_____________________

Theme, Focus, Area____________________ Cost of Camp________________________

☐ Parent Information (Gifting amounts will be from $25 to $300; not to exceed $300 or pay the full registration fee).

Parent/Guardian Signature_________________________________ Date________________________

☐ School Information
I am verifying that the student named above does attend a public school within CLIU districts and the student received services through an IEP this school year, 2017-2018.

Principal/Administrator Signature____________________________ Date________________________

School__________________________________________________ Phone________________________

Deadline for application is May 1, 2018
Mail completed application form, essay, and camp brochure to: Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit, Camp Application, Attention: June Knetz, 4210 Independence Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078
Monday, June 25 - Thursday, June 28, 2018
In partnership with...
Boy Scouts of America Minsi Trail Council &
Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania

B CLUB 2018

For BOYS who:
- love mini missions!
- live in Carbon or Lehigh Counties

Where: Settlers Camp: Trexler Scout Reservation 288
Camp Trexler Road
Kunkletown, PA 18058
Transportation: Parents will bring their child to the CLIU 21
Schnecksville Office for departure by 8:30 am on Monday, June 25, and
pickup will be on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 2:00 pm at the CLIU
21 Office in Schnecksville.
Housing: Cabins with cots. Pavilions and other buildings are available for activities.
Counselors: Staff employed by CLIU 21.
11th ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP

Trexler Scout Reservation, in the beautiful Pocono Mountains, is the
Northeast Region’s foremost Boy Scout Camp on 900 acres in Monroe County with over 25 miles of
hiking and orienteering trails and two lakes for fishing, boating and canoeing.
Be sure to complete all sections of the application including the Boys Scouts of America Youth Application.

G CLUB 2018

For GIRLS who:
- just wanna have fun!

Where: Camp Mosey Wood White Haven, PA
Transportation: Provided by CLIU bus/van from designated site.
Housing: Platform tents, each with four beds and much fresh night air!
Counselors live in a nearby tent. Our unit has an enclosed pavilion to provide additional shelter from the rain. Meals are served in a modern dining hall.
A camp health supervisor is housed in the health center to handle the health care needs of all campers.
Counselors: Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 Staff and Girl Scouts of Eastern PA summer camp counselors.

CAMP MOSEY WOOD
Camp Mosey Wood, in the beautiful Pocono Mountains, is a Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania camp located on 425 acres in Monroe County offers hiking trails, swimming and paddle boards on Mosey Wood Pond, archery and other traditional camp activities.
Be sure to complete all three sections in the application.

All campers will be chosen by lottery. Completed application forms are due by May 1, 2018.
Questions? Contact Molly Flood at CLIU 21 at 610-769-4111, ext. 1612, or e-mail at floodm@cliu.org
Ben Yorgey Foundation

The Ben Yorgey Foundation is pleased to announce the Ben Event which has been scheduled for July 15, 2018, at Macungie Memorial Park. The planned events will serve as the Foundation’s primary fundraising opportunity in 2018. Events include many free carnival activities for families, live performances, and a Special Olympics swim meet.

Ben Yorgey Scholarship
This scholarship is meant for students with Intellectual Disabilities who are leaving school at the age of 21. The scholarship hopes to assist families and young adults transitioning into the adult world. This is a monetary award which will be presented to each recipient at the end of they year graduation/ceremony. We are asking that nomination forms be filled out on line and submitted by March 1, 2018.

www.heyiknowyou.org
The ARC Summer Camp

The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania - Lackawanna County Office
115 Meadow Avenue
Scranton, PA 18505
(570) 346-4010
FAX (570) 346-8436
www.thearcnepa.org

Visit www.thearcnepa.org for more information.

The Arc of NEPA's Camp is based at Salem Bible Fellowship Church Lehighton, PA. The Arc offers a wide selection of opportunities to experience and explore. Individual choice and preference is promoted in order to contribute to your child's growth and development. We aim to create an environment that is not only rich with "fun" activities, but also rich in "worthwhile" activities.

Selecting a camp program is an important decision and, should you have any questions or require additional information, you are encouraged to contact Mari or Holly at The Arc's Recreation Services at 570/346-4010. Before you apply please be certain that your son/daughter is registered with your County Office. If you need to register, telephone the MH/DS Department at CMP County Office at 570/420-1900.

Transportation is available but limited. Please indicate on the application if transportation will be needed. We try to accommodate individual special transportation concerns.

We ask that you complete the Camp Application in its entirety. We will also need a copy of camper's Behavior Plan or ISP, please mail them to:

The Arc of NEPA
Recreation Services
Attention: Mari Pizur
115 Meadow Avenue
Scranton, Pa 18505

Carbon County Special Olympics Track & Field

Saturday practices from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Beginning February 17, 2018 at LB Morris Elementary School
150 W. Tenth St., Jim Thorpe
(Practices will move to the Jim Thorpe High School Track when weather warms up.)

Athletes need a current athlete application/medical to participate. Completed medicals should be sent to Christine: Rodrigues:

Fax: 610-599-8301
Email: CRodrigues@BerkOne.com
ail: P.O. Box 332, Palmerton, PA 18071

If you have any questions, please call Christine at 484-515-4895. Thank you
**March is Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month!**

You are cordially invited to join us for the 12th Annual Celebration Awards March 22, 2018 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
The Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel & Conference Center
300 Gateway Drive (Routes 512 & 22)
Bethlehem, PA 18017
Master of Ceremonies is Veteran Broadcaster Bill Zimpfer
Keynote Presenter: Shawn Aleong, Self-advocate

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**CHOOSE FROM 2 DELICIOUS LUNCHENTREES:**

Chicken Marsala or Pasta Primavera
Please don’t forget to indicate the food choice for each attendee in your group.

**Cost: $18 per person**
RSVP by March 16, 2018
Hotel is wheelchair accessible
Hosted by the Intellectual Disability Awareness Committee of Lehigh & Northampton Counties.

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**PLEASE CLIP & MAIL THIS FORM. USE ONE FORM FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING.**
Make additional photo copies as needed.

Name________________________________________
Email _____________________________________________________________________
Phone_____________________________________________________________________

Menu Choice:
Chicken_________ Pasta __________

Please indicate if you use a wheel chair or have special dietary needs
________________________________________________________________________

If possible, please seat me with: ____________________________________________

Enclosed is a check payable to The Arc for a total of: ________ ($18.00 per person)

Note: Each table seats 8. Seating is assigned. It may not be possible to honor all seating requests. Please contact Bob Madden with questions or requests for special accommodations during the meal or during the award presentation itself. Bob may be reached at 610-849-8076, Ext. 317 or bmadden@arcoflehighnorthampton.org.

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**Save the Date: Literacy Symposium June 13-15, 2018**
PaTTAN Harrisburg

Featuring international, national, and state-level presenters, such as Maryanne Wolf, Anita Archer, Nancy Hennessy, Suzanne Carreker, and more!
Building Transition Capacity: A Focus on Secondary Transition IEP Alignment

**Date:** April 10, 2018 (8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

**Location:** CLIU 21 Transportation Building, Walnutport

**Audience:** Special Educators, District Administrators, Transition Coordinators, Speech and Language Therapists, Counselors, and LEA’s

**Presenters:**
CLIU 21 Educational Consultants

**Objectives:**
- Components of an Aligned Transition IEP
- Focus on Present Ed Levels, Transition Grid and Measurable Annual Goals
- Activities using current IEP within transition (bring IEP)
- Network time

**Registration:**
Please register for this event on CPE Tracker at this link:
[https://www.cpetracker.org/login.aspx](https://www.cpetracker.org/login.aspx)

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2018-2019 Carbon Lehigh Transition Coordinating Council Meeting

**April 17th**
Walnutport Transportation
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

**Presenters:**
- Amanda Sanabria, Program Director, from Kaleidoscope will be discussing services.
- Amy High, Supervisor, from the OLTL Enrollment Unit, will be giving an overview of what kind of waivers/services are available through the Office of Long Term Living.

Assistive Technology, often referred to simply as A.T., refers to a device or service that helps improve functioning & independence for a person with a disability. Assistive technology comes in many shapes, sizes, & levels of complexity. Assistive technology that addresses a speech-related disability is called augmentative communication. Again, there are a multitude of products available. If your child has an IEP, the team must consider the use of assistive technology.

Please join us for speech language pathologist Heather Hamilton’s presentation. You will learn about:

- Free technology lending libraries
- Communication software applications
- Autism & the iPAD to enhance communication
- Assistive technology in different settings
- Selecting products for specific needs

Heather will also explain the SETT Process:

S-Student E-Environment T-Tasks to be done T-Tools to achieve the tasks

The Sett Process is an evaluation tool used to assess a student’s abilities & weaknesses within various routine settings & then determine products and/or strategies to help address the student’s needs. This assessment is a collaboration between the IEP team and the AT (Assistive Technology) consultant.

Please RSVP to Ramona Neidig at rneidig@arcoflehighnorthampton.org or 610-849-8076. Those who heard this presentation at the Easton Parent Support Group in January are welcome to attend if they would like a refresher or have thought of more questions. Families who have never explored assistive technology for their child are especially encouraged to attend!
Guardianship versus Power of Attorney  March 28, 2018

Hosted by The Arc of Lehigh & Northampton Counties
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem PA
6:00-7:30 PM
Guest Speaker:  Attorney Gregory Reed

What happens when your loved one with a disability turns 18? Will he or she need a guardian? It depends! Learn more about how and when to pursue court-appointed guardianship and when less restrictive alternatives, like Power of Attorney, might suffice. Attorney Gregory Reed will explain the differences in these legal options and take your questions. Please RSVP to Ramona at rneidig@arcoflehighnorthampton.org or call 610-849-8076, ext. 325.

Talking Points:
" When is guardianship necessary? Can it be transferred?"
" How long does it take? What does it cost and how is the petition filed?"
" What are the duties of the guardian?"
" How does the court determine capacity/incapacity?"
" Why is a Power-of-Attorney considered less restrictive? What are the duties of the Agent?"
" Are there different kinds of Power-of-Attorney documents?"
" Can a Power-of-Attorney be revoked? If so, how?"

Early RSVP suggested. This workshop tends to fill up fast. Please contact Ramona Neidig at rneidig@arcoflehighnorthampton.org or 610-849-8076, Ext. 325. Email registration preferred. When you register, please indicate which county you reside in.

This workshop is open to those who have a family member over 18 or soon to turn 18. Professionals welcome if space permits. Certificates of attendance available.

Family - 1 Pager Guides

- Click – Educational Initiatives
- Click – Secondary Transition
  PA Community on Transition Resources
- Scroll down on the right hand side, click - Family Engagement for Secondary Transition
- Click - Family Engagement for Secondary Transition
- Scroll down to Other Resources to support Youth and Family Members with Post School Outcomes

PA Based Resources

- Pennsylvania Secondary Transition Website: http://secondarytransition.org/
- Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Network (PYLN): http://pyln.org/pyln

- Click - Secondary Transition: Family 1 – Pager Guides
- Guides include:
  Customized Employment
  Entitlement vs. Eligibility
  Exploring the Option of a Two-or Four Year College
  The Importance of Employment: Why Work
  Job Skills: Getting Ready for Work
  Post-Secondary Education Expectations
The following is help for families and advocates of children with special needs for special education regulations and the complaint system:

- The Special Education Consult Line - 1-800-879-2301 - A service of the PA Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education, Division of Compliance
- The Education Law Center - 215-238-6970 or www.elc.pa.org

Local Autism Task Force Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at the Lehigh County Government Center, 17th Street, Allentown, PA 18101 at 6:00 pm. These meetings try to focus on issues that affect all who are touched by autism. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Patricia Theodore at patriciathedore@lehighcounty.org.

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High School Transition Planning

Hosted by: The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem PA
April 3, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Guest Presenters:
Angela Uliana - Murphy, Esquire
Seth Hoderewski, Director of Transition Services for Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living

Angela Uliana - Murphy’s expertise is special education law. She will discuss the school’s legal obligation to create meaningful post-schooling plans for students who have an IEP. In Pennsylvania, schools must begin planning for transition at age 14. However, FAMILIES can and should begin much earlier. The sooner you have a vision for your child’s future, the better!

Seth Hoderewski’s expertise is high school transition. He will share examples of students who are thriving and enjoying their lives as young adults. Both speakers will stress that good transition planning considers your child’s unique needs, preferences, interests, & strengths. The IEP team must develop measurable transition goals that are based on a variety of formal & informal assessments.

Join us to learn more about this essential part of your child’s special education program. The workshop is free, but you must pre-register. Please RSVP to Ramona Neidig at 610-849-8076, Ext. 325 or rneidig@arcoflehighnorthampton.org. Email preferred. When you register, please provide your child’s age, as well as your county of residence.

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To Access the CLIU Transition Resources Information on the web, follow these directions.

Transition Resources (at your fingertips)

Go to www.cliu.org
Roll over Departments
Click on Special Programs and Services
Click on Transition Resources on the left-hand side
or visit www.cliu.org/page/825
Premise Alert System

The Premise Alert System was created in 2004 by Susan F. Rzucidlo and Police Chief Kevin McCarthy, Sr., to provide a uniform method to alert first responders to the special needs of individuals in their community and support families and individuals with disabilities, challenges, or complex medical diagnosis in the event of a crisis. It was the first system in the nation that connected families and individuals directly to the police serving their community. By providing first responders with advance knowledge, it allows for quick and educated responses during crises, evacuations, and disasters. The service is provided free of charge.


Additional information and resources can be found at www.papremisealert.com or by emailing SPEAKsusan@gmail.com.

Pennsylvania Yellow Dot Program

Pennsylvania’s Yellow Dot Program was created to assist citizens in the “golden hour” of emergency care following a traffic accident when they may not be able to communicate their needs themselves. Placing a yellow dot in your vehicle’s rear window alerts first responders to check your glove compartment for vital information to ensure you receive the medical attention you need.

The program is a cooperative effort among the Pennsylvania Departments of Transportation, Health and Aging, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, and First Responders and local law enforcement.

How does it work?

Participants complete a personal information form, which includes the participant’s name, contact information, emergency contact information, medical history, and medications, allergies and the participant’s doctors’ names. A photo – showing only the participant’s head and shoulders – is then taped to the front of the completed information sheet.

The yellow dot decal provided in the program kit is placed in the lower left corner of the participant’s vehicle’s rear windshield. The decal should be no higher than 3 inches from the bottom of the windshield. This decal alerts first responders that vital information can be found in the vehicle.

Place the completed information sheet, with the attached picture, into the Yellow Dot folder, and then place the folder into the vehicle’s glove box.

http://www.yellowdot.pa.gov/
Best Buddies

We are promoting Best Buddies for the upcoming school year. Best Buddies seeks to make mutually rewarding friendship matches between individuals with intellectual disabilities and local college students. In Northampton County, the participating colleges are Lehigh University and Lafayette College. Remember, previous participants must reapply each year.

Are you a new applicant? Ideally, participants should be between the ages of 18 and 35 years old and be able to provide their own transportation. This is important because very few college students can provide it. Participants must also be free of aggressive or inappropriate behaviors that could jeopardize a friendship.

Online registration at www.bestbuddiesonline.org is strongly preferred over a hard copy. Returning buddies only need to complete the consent form. Newcomers should select Membership Application, choose their college, and then complete the application.

If you are having any trouble, please contact Ramona at neidig@arcoflehighnorthampton.org, or 610-849-8076, ext. 25.

There is no guarantee that all applicants can be matched, but we'll try. A great deal depends on college recruitment efforts. We try to make based on same gender, shared interests, and location. If a 1:1 match cannot be made, you may still participate in the monthly group activities. If you are interested in the program, please contact Ramona.

CLIU Annie Sullivan Award - Nominate a Professional Today!

The CLIU is participating in the Annie Sullivan Award program, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units. This award, named for Helen Keller's teacher and friend, honors an educator who exemplifies caring involvement with students with disabilities and helps others in our schools and the community to understand and accept students with disabilities. This award is open to any CLIU employee, and is intended to recognize those individuals who have superseded the general expectations of their employment.

To acquire a nomination form, please visit our webpage at www.cliu.org - go to "Departments — Special Programs and Services — Annie Sullivan Award. You can also contact Kelly Danner, Director of SPS Administrative Assistant at dannerk@cliu.org or 610-769-4111 ext. 1218.

Volunteers Needed

The Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 is in need for volunteers to act as Surrogate Parents for students who do not have a guardian available to act on their behalf. Volunteers typically will attend IEP or ER meetings, and act in place of a parent or guardian in making school-related decisions. This is a service that the CLIU #21 provides for students who attend any of the 14 districts within the Carbon and Lehigh Counties.

If you have time during the day, and want to help meet the needs of a child in your area, please call or email Maia Geiger or Amy Snyder. They would be glad to answer any questions you have.

Steve Hawkes 610-769-4111 ext. 1660
hawkess@cliu.org
Lehigh County Surrogate Parent Coordinator

Amy Snyder 610-769-4111, ext. 1915
snydera@cliu.org
Carbon County Surrogate Parent Coordinator
The Lehigh Valley TOPSoccer Club is proud to announce that registrations are now open for the Winter 2018 season. The Lehigh Valley TOPSoccer Club is the only soccer program in the Lehigh Valley that is dedicated entirely to the needs of children with special needs. The Winter 2018 season will begin on January 20, 2018.

What Is TOPSoccer?
The Outreach Program for Soccer - TOPSoccer - is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to boys and girls who have a mental or physical disability. The goal is to enable the thousands of young athletes with disabilities to become valued and successful members of the Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer League (LVYSL), Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer (EPYSA), and U.S. Youth Soccer families. The emphasis of this program is on development, training, and meaningful participation rather than on competition.

The Lehigh Valley TOPSoccer Club was founded by the parent of a child with special needs who felt that the existing soccer programs in the Lehigh Valley did not even come close to meeting the needs of aspiring players with special needs.

Who Can Enroll? - Lehigh Valley TOPSoccer Club is the only club in the Lehigh Valley dedicated 100% to offering the game of soccer to children with special needs. TOPSoccer is open to children with disabilities.

When Is It? - TOPSoccer will run in the spring from April to mid-June, the fall from September to mid-November, and the winter from January - February.

When and Where Is TOPSoccer Played? - We play on Saturday afternoon from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The venue is the Lou Ramos Center in Catasauqua. The address of the Lou Ramos Center is: 1344 N Sherman Street, Allentown, PA 18109

How Do I Register My Child? - Print the registration form located at http://www.lvtopsoccer.org and follow instructions to register.
- There is no charge for participating in the winter session.
- Please note: Players should wear regular sneakers to play on the artificial turf. Soccer cleats will not be allowed.

How Can I Help? - The TOPSoccer program exists for athletes to achieve, develop, and compete according to their abilities. We need volunteers to make this a reality for these children.

Lehigh Valley TOPSoccer Club
Program Founder/Coordinator
C.B. Ananthan
610-391-1812
administrator@lvtopsoccer.org
http://www.lvtopsoccer.org

Mail Registration Form to:
1350 Buck Trail Road
Allentown, PA 18104

 Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley

Baseball Team: Everyone deserves a chance to play baseball, and we make sure that statement is a reality! Cheer Team:
Join our Co - Ed, Inclusive Cheer Team

Do both! All are welcome.

Are you not interested in baseball or cheerleading, but would like to participate in our various activities. Fill out our event Registration Form at miracleleagueLv.org.

Player Registration
- Registration Fee: $20 per child per season
- Season starts April 7, 2018
- Scholarships are available

Fill out our Player Registration Form at miracleleagueLv.org.

Call for more information: 610-769-2096
## Community Resources

**For Families & Children in the Lehigh Valley - Family and Early Intervention Partnership of Lehigh & Northampton Counties**

### General Information
- **Childline** ............. 800-932-0313
- **Lehigh County Information & Referral** ............. 610-782-3200
- **Crisis Intervention** ............. 610-782-3127
- **Northampton County Information & Referral** ............. 610-829-4800
- **Crisis Intervention** ............. 610-252-9060
- **Social Security** ............. 1-800-772-1213

### Advocacy and Support
- **Allentown City Health Bureau** ............. 610-437-7760
- **The Arc** ............. 610-849-8076
- **ARCH** ............. 610-573-2500
- **Bethlehem City Health Bureau** ............. 610-865-7087
- **Center for Independent Living** ............. 610-770-9781
- **Consult Line** ............. 800-879-2301
- **Education Law Center** ............. 215-238-6970
- **Elis Nurse** ............. 610-365-1426
- **Office of Vocational Rehabilitation** ............. 610-821-8441
- **PA Disability Rights Network** ............. 800-692-7443
- **PA Office for Dispute Resolution** ............. 800-222-3353
- **Parent Education Network** ............. 800-522-5827
- **Project Child** ............. 610-954-9561

### Behavioral Health Services (Provider 50)
- **Intake & Referral**
  - **Lehigh County** ............. 610-782-3200
  - **Northampton County** ............. 610-829-4800
- **Access Services** ............. 610-866-6667
- **ARCH** ............. 610-573-2500
- **Behavioral Health Associates** ............. 610-379-0067
- **Carbon-Lehigh IU#21** ............. 610-769-4111
- **Colonial IU#20** ............. 610-252-5550
- **Concern** ............. 610-691-8401
- **Glenn R. Koch & Associates** ............. 610-266-0610
- **Holcomb Behavioral Health** ............. 610-435-4151
- **KidsPeace** ............. 610-799-8222
- **New Story (aka Salisbury)** ............. 610-973-0970
- **Northwestern Human Services** ............. 610-866-8331
- **Penn Foundation** ............. 215-257-6551
- **Progressions** ............. 610-266-2656
- **Team Counseling Concepts** ............. 610-395-6322
- **ReDCo Group** ............. 570-429-1529
- **Valley Youth House** ............. 610-954-9561

### Child Health
- **Allentown City Health Bureau** ............. 610-437-7760
- **AmeriHealth Mercy** ............. 1-888-991-7200
- **Bayada Home Health Care** ............. 610-776-7000
- **Bethlehem City Health Bureau** ............. 610-865-7087
- **CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program)** ............. 800-464-KIDS
- **HIPP (Health Insurance Premium Payment)** ............. 888-819-9206
- **Department of Public Welfare**
  - **Lehigh County** ............. 610-821-6509
  - **Northampton County** ............. 610-250-1700
- **Easton Hospital** ............. 610-250-4000
- **Gateway Health Plan** ............. 1-800-392-1147
- **Good Shepherd Pediatrics** ............. 610-776-3578
- **Good Shepherd Rehabilitation** ............. 610-776-3100
- **Lehigh Valley Hospital** ............. 610-402-2273
- **Loving Care Agency** ............. 610-432-7403
- **Magellan** ............. 1-866-238-2311
- **March of Dimes** ............. 610-814-7000
- **Birth Defects Foundation**
  - **Lehigh County** ............. 610-821-6770
  - **Northampton County** ............. 610-250-1825
  - **Sacred Heart Hospital** ............. 610-776-4500
  - **Shriners' Hospital (Philadelphia)** ............. 800-251-4050
  - **Shriners' Burn Center (Boston)** ............. 800-255-1916
- **St. Luke's University Health Network**
  - **Allentown** ............. 610-628-8300
  - **Bethlehem** ............. 484-526-4000
  - **Community Health** ............. 484-526-2100
  - **Visiting Nurse Asn.** ............. 484-526-1100

### Counseling
- **Bethlehem Counseling Associates** ............. 610-865-8177
- **Catholic Charities** ............. 610-435-1541
- **Center for Integrative Psychotherapy** ............. 610-432-5066
- **Community Psychological Services** ............. 610-434-2431
- **Crime Victims Council**
  - **Lehigh County** ............. 610-437-6610
  - **24 Hour Hotline** ............. 610-437-6611
  - **Northampton County** ............. 610-250-6313
- **Early Childhood** ............. 1-800-528-7222 x2329
- **Mental Health Consultations**
  - **Family Answers** ............. 610-435-9651
  - **Hispanic American Organization** ............. 610-435-5334
  - **Lehigh Valley Community Mental Health** ............. 610-691-4357
  - **Pinebrook Family Services** ............. 610-432-3919

### Child Care Resource and Referral
- **Child Care Information Services (CCIS)**
  - **Lehigh County** ............. 610-437-8000 or 800-528-7222
  - **Northampton County** ............. 610-419-4500 or 866-800-3880
- **Child Care Provider Search** ............. www.dhs.state.pa.us
Community Resources, cont.

Developmental Pediatricians
Children’s Specialized Hospital, (NJ) . 888-244-5373
CHOP (Philadelphia) .................. 800-879-2467
DuPont Hospital (Philadelphia) ...... 800-416-4441
Geisinger Medical Center .......... 800-275-6401
Good Shepherd, Pediatrics .......... 610-776-3578
Einstein Hospital ....................... 215-456-6786
Develop. Medicine
Hershey Medical Center .......... 800-243-1455
Hunterdon Medical .................. 908-788-6396
Center-Child Devel. Ctr.
Johns Hopkins Children’s Center ..... 410-955-5000
Dr. Boosara Ratanawongsa (“Dr. Boo”) 610-398-9898

Education Information Services
Community Services for Children, Inc.
Head Start & Early Head Start .... 610-437-6000
Connect Information Services ...... 800-692-7288
Mercy Special Learning Center .... 610-797-8242
Bethlehem School District

Housing Assistance
Allentown Housing Authority ..... 610-439-8678
Bethlehem Housing Authority ..... 610-865-8300
Easton Neighborhood Center ...... 610-253-4253
Easton Housing Authority ....... 610-258-0806
Habitat for Humanity ............... 610-776-7737
Lehigh County Housing Authority .. 610-433-2312
New Bethany Ministries ............. 610-691-5602
Northampton County ............... 610-759-8488
Housing Authority
Pathways (Conference of Churches) . 610-439-8653
Salvation Army Shelter ............. 610-432-0128
Sixth Street Shelter ................. 610-435-1490
Third Street Alliance ............... 610-258-6271
for Women & Children
Turning Point of Lehigh Valley ..... 610-437-3369

Legal Services
Attorney Referral & Information Service
Lehigh County ....................... 610-433-7094
Northampton County ............. 610-258-6333
Lehigh Valley Legal Service .... 610-317-8757

Nutrition/Food Services
Allentown Area ...................... 610-821-1332
Ecumenical Food Bank
Assistance Office (Food Stamps SNAP)
Lehigh County ....................... 610-821-6503
Northampton County .......... 610-250-1700
Casa Jeanette ....................... 484-860-0303
Central Moravian Food Bank ...... 610-866-5661
Coplay Food Bank ................. 610-262-6088
Nazareth Area Food Bank ........ 610-365-8869
New Bethany Ministries .......... 610-691-5602
Northampton Food Bank .......... 610-262-8030
Northern Lehigh Food Bank ...... 610-767-9525
Northeast Ministry ................. 610-691-3355
Pennsylvania Hunger Action Center 717-233-6705
Penn State Cooperative Extension (Education Services)
Lehigh County ....................... 610-391-9840
ProJeCT (Easton) ................. 610-258-4361
Safe Harbor (Easton) .............. 610-258-5540
Salvation Army
Allentown ......................... 610-432-0129
Bethlehem ......................... 610-867-4681
Easton ................................ 610-258-9531
Trinity Episcopal Church ........ 610-867-4741
Soup Kitchen
WIC (Women, Infant & Children) ... 800-367-6347
Allentown ......................... 610-432-3455
Bethlehem ......................... 610-691-6491

Recreation/Therapeutic Activities
Easter Seals of Eastern PA .......... 610-866-8092
Equi-Librium ....................... 610-365-2266
Live, Learn, & Play ............... 610-653-3799
Music Therapy Associates ....... 610-740-9890
Recreation & Leisure Line ...... 1-800-986-4550
Soccer Tots Lehigh Valley ....... 610-737-5098
The Miracle League .............. 610-769-2096
Theraplay ......................... 215-804-1002
Top Soccer .......................... www.topsoccer.us
VIA .................................. 610-317-8000
Community Resources, cont.

Support Groups/Hotlines

Aids Hotline .......................... 1-800-662-6089
Angel 34 (Childhood Cancer) .......... 610-533-1923
ARCH .................................. 610-573-2500
Assoc. for Blind & Visually Impaired .. 610-433-6018
Lehigh Valley Autism Society ........ 610-778-9212
National Autism Society of America . 800-3 AUTISM
Bereavement Support Group .......... 610-969-0330
Brain Tumor Foundation of LV ........ 267-272-2553
Cerebral Palsy for Children .......... 610-791-5683
Support Group
Cleft Palate Foundation ............... 1-800-242-5338
Compassionate Friends of LV .......... 484-597-0240
(for Parents who have suffered
the death of a child)
Eastern PA ............................ 610-402-0134
Down Syndrome Center
Epilepsy Assoc. of SE PA ............... 610-737-0613
Guide by Your Side ................. www.handsandvoices.org
(supporting families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing)
Healthy Baby Line .................... 800-986-BABY
(for pregnant women)
Healthy Kids Line ..................... 800-986-KIDS
Lauren’s Hope Foundation ............ 610-703-2423
(Supports Children with Brain Injuries and Their Families)
Lead Poisoning ........................ 800-440-LEAD
Lehigh Valley Aprasia Support Group . 215-850-7485
Lehigh Valley Family .................. www.lehighvalleymiddle.com

Support Group/Hotlines Cont.

Lehigh Valley Sickle Cell .......... 610-706-0316
Anemia Support Group
Macaroni Kids .................... www.macaronikid.com
(things to do locally)
March of Dimes ..................... 610-814-7000
Moms of Multiples .................. www.mommies.org
Mothers of Twins Lehigh Valley .... www.lvmotc.org
Muscular Dystrophy Assoc. ........ 610-297-1557
NAMI ................................. 610-882-2102
PA Department of Health Line ...... 1-877-PAHEALTH
Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania ... 800-986-4550
Pediatric Cancer ..................... www.pcfiv.org 610-297-7292
Foundation of LV
Poison Control Center ............... 1-800-222-1222
SEAS (Aspergers) .................... 610-749-0332
Special Kids Network ............... 800-986-4550
Sugar Free Kids ...................... 610-402-2273
(for children with diabetes & their families)

Transportation

LANTA Metro Plus .................... 610-776-7433
VAST ................................. 610-432-3200

Community Resources for Families & Children is provided as a service to parents and
professionals with an interest in Early Intervention. The Family & Early Intervention Partnership does not
endorse any provider or service. This list is not all inclusive.

If you have a concern about your child’s development call:

Children birth to 3 years old:  Northampton County - 610-829-4800
Lehigh County - 610-782-3200
Colonial Intermediate Unit - 610-252-5550
Carbon/Lehigh Intermediate Unit - 610-769-4111

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CARBON COUNTY CHILDREN’S TEAM
RESOURCE DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY SERVICES and HOTLINES:

General Emergency ............................................................................................................911
Child Abuse Hotline (ChildLine) .................................................................. 1-800-932-0313
Child Abuse Prevention (ChildHelp) ................................................................. 1-800-4-A-CHILD
Department of Health Hotline ................................................................. www.health.state.pa.us 1-877-724-32584
Domestic Violence ...................................................................................... 1-800-424-5600
Drug and Alcohol Hotline ................................................................. 1-866-824-3578
Lead Poisoning ........................................................................................... 1-800-440-5323
MH/DS Crisis Intervention Hotline ......................................................... 1-800-338-6467
Poison Control .......................................................................................... www.aapcc.org 1-800-222-1222
Victims Resource Center ........................................................................ www.vrcnepa.org 610-379-0151

YOUR DOCTOR .....................................................................................................................

YOUR HOSPITAL ...................................................................................................................

EMERGENCY FRIEND/NEIGHBOR ....................................................................................

HEALTH INSURANCE NUMBER ..........................................................................................

Carbon County Children’s Team is offering FREE developmental screenings for young children.

Contact your local Early Intervention Program:
For children younger than 3 years old call: 570-420-1900
For children older than 3 years old call: 1-800-223-4821
Don’t wonder…get answers…call now!!!

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CHILD CARE/PRE-SCHOOL:
Carbon County Child Care Information Srvs. .................................................. 1-570-325-2226 or 1-888-212-0483
Carbon County Pathstone/Head Start/PA Pre-K Counts ........................................ 1-610-377-3214
Carbon County Right From the Start ................................................................. 1-570-325-2771
Keystone STARS/ Northeast Regional Key ..................................................... 1-610-437-6000 or 1-800-528-7222
PA Pre-K Counts (Jim Thorpe Area) .............................................................. 1-570-325-3691

EARLY INTERVENTION:
Carbon County Early Intervention Department ................................................. 1-610-377-0773 x3723
CILU #21 Early Intervention .............................................................................. 1-800-223-4821 x1256

FAMILY RESOURCES:
Al-Anon/Alateen ......................................................................................... 1-800-344-2666
Alcoholics Anonymous ................................................................. www.district99aa.org .......... 1-800-640-7545
American Red Cross ............................................................................... 1-610-377-2100
Area Agency on Aging ........................................................................... www.carboncounty.com/aging.htm .. 1-866-670-2724
Autism Resource Community Hub of Lehigh Valley ...................................... 1-800-824-7830 or 1-800-441-1315
Autism Society of America .......................................................................... 1-610-778-9212
Autism Speaks .......................................................................................... 1-888-288-4762
Better Business Bureau of Northeast Pennsylvania ........................................ 1-800-342-9129
Big Brothers - Big Sisters ........................................................................... 1-800-455-6742
Breastfeeding Support Group ...................................................................... www.facebook.com/mamamilkcafe
Camelot for Children ................................................................................... 1-610-791-5683
Carbon County Children and Youth ............................................................. 1-570-325-3644
Carbon County Commissioner’s Office ....................................................... 1-570-325-3611
Carbon County Community Transit/The LYNX ............................................. 1-888-990-4287
Carbon County Environmental Center ......................................................... 1-570-645-8597
Carbon County Right From the Start ......................................................... 1-570-325-2771
Carbon County Safe Kids .............................................................................. 1-570-325-2788 or 1-800-683-5100
Carbon-Monroe-Pike County Drug and Alcohol .............................................. 1-610-377-5177
Care Net of Carbon County ........................................................................ 1-610-379-0411 or 1-800-395-4357
Career Link .................................................................................................. 1-570-325-2701
Catholic Social Charities ........................................................................... 1-877-628-0466
CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder) ................. 1-800-233-4050
Consumer Protection Bureau ....................................................................... 1-800-441-2555
Eastern Domestic Violence Service Center ................................................ 1-800-424-5600
Eastern PA Down Syndrome Center ......................................................... 1-800-420-0184
Family Promise of Carbon County ............................................................... 1-877-641-7590 x663535
Game Commission NE Field Division Headquarters ................................... 1-570-675-1143
Healthy Baby .............................................................................................. 1-800-986-BABY
Jewish Family Services ............................................................................. 1-610-821-8722
LEARN-Local Education & Resource Network .......................................... 1-800-325-2771
Mothers of Preschoolers ............................................................................. 1-610-826-8402
Narcotics Anonymous .................................................................................. 1-888-251-2426
National Adoption Center .......................................................................... 1-800-862-3678
NHS Human Services .................................................................................. 1-570-424-9229
North Penn Legal Services ........................................................................... 1-877-955-4250
PA Breastfeeding Coalition ......................................................................... 1-610-379-4757
PA Recreation & Leisure Line ...................................................................... 1-800-896-4550
Parent Education Network ........................................................................... 1-800-522-5827
Parent to Parent ............................................................................................ 1-888-727-2706
Parental Lawyering Referral Service ............................................................ 1-888-585-SWAN
Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange ............................................................... 1-888-585-SWAN
Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau ............................................................ 1-800-800-poconos
Products Safety Commission ....................................................................... 1-800-638-2772
PSU Cooperative Extension-PROSPER ....................................................... 1-877-746-4285
Right to Education Task Force ..................................................................... 1-800-769-4111 or 1-800-223-4821
Second Blessings Victim Resource Center .................................................. 1-877-724-1090
Special Olympics ........................................................................................ 1-800-898-4550
Special Olympics of Carbon County .......................................................... 1-800-325-3611
Suicide Prevention Lifeline ......................................................................... 1-800-873-8255
Super Cupboard .......................................................................................... 1-800-427-4366
SWAN (Statewide Adoption Network) .......................................................... 1-800-858-SWAN
Valley Wide Help ......................................................................................... 1-800-435-7111
Carbon County Children’s Team Resource Directory, cont.

**FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE:**
Carbon County Action Committee for Human Services ........................................ 1-610-377-6400
Carbon County Assistance Office ......................................................... www.compass.state.pa.us  1-610-577-9020 or 1-800-692-7462
Consumer Credit Counseling .............................................................. www.consumercredit.com .................................................. 1-800-769-3571
Money Management International ...................................................... www.moneymanagement.org ........................................... 1-866-889-9347
Shepherd House Food Pantries ............................................................... bookworm@ptd.net ......................................................... 1-610-377-6048
Social Security Administration .............................................................. www.socialsecurity.gov ..................................................... 1-800-772-1213
WIC ........................................................................................................... www.mdfs.org ................................................................. 1-610-377-6097

**HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESOURCES:**
AIDS Factline .......................................................................................... 1-800-662-6080
American Cancer Society ................................................................. www.cancer.org ................................................................. 1-800-227-2345
Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Information ........................................... www.thearcnepa.org ............................................................. 1-570-346-4010
Arc of Northeast PA .................................................................................. www.arcnortheastpa.org ...................................................... 1-570-346-4010
Bayada Pediatric Home Care Services .................................................. www.bayada.com ................................................................. 1-610-377-4717 or 1-888-995-0788
Blue Mountain Health System - Lehighton Campus ................................ www.blmtn.org ................................................................. 1-610-377-1300
Blue Mountain Health System - Palmerton Campus ................................ www.blmtn.org ................................................................. 1-610-826-3141
Blue Mountain Health System Physician Referral Line ........................................ www.biapa.org ................................................................. 1-888-707-4464
Brain Injury Resource Line ................................................................... www.biapa.org ................................................................. 1-800-444-6434
Carbon County Assistance Office .......................................................... www.dpw.state.pa.us .............................................................. 1-610-577-9020 or 1-800-314-0963
Carbon County Medical Society .......................................................... 1-610-826-6255
Carbon County Children’s MH/DS .......................................................... 1-610-377-0773 or 1-800-338-6467
Center for Vision Loss ........................................................................... www.centerforvisionloss.org .................................................... 1-610-853-6018
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) ........................................... www.chop.edu ................................................................. 1-800-879-2467
CHIP (Child Health Insurance Program) ............................................... www.chipcoversparks.com ...................................................... 1-800-986-5437
Easter Seals Eastern PA ......................................................................... www.esep.easterseals.com ....................................................... 1-610-289-0114
Elks Home Service Nurse Program ...................................................... www.paelks.com ................................................................. 1-570-622-7920
Family Planning Clinic ........................................................................... www.mdfs.org ................................................................. 1-800-367-6347
Geisinger Medical Center ........................................................................ www.geisinger.org ........................................................... 1-800-275-6401
Geisinger Wyoming Valley ................................................................. www.geisinger.org ............................................................... 1-570-708-8730
Good Shepherd Developmental Pediatrics ............................................ www.goodepsherdrehab.org ..................................................... 1-610-776-3578
Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital ............................................... www.goodepsherdrehab.org ..................................................... 1-888-44-REHAB
Good Shepherd Therapy Services - Palmerton ....................................... www.goodepsherdrehab.org ..................................................... 1-610-824-7440
Healthy Smiles, Happy Kids Mobile Dental Van .................................... 1-610-377-7354
Healthy Baby Helpline (Love ‘em With a Check Up) ................................... 1-800-986-2229
Hershey Medical Center ........................................................................ www.pennsatehershey.org ...................................................... 1-800-243-1455
Institute on Disabilities ......................................................................... www.disabilities.temple.edu ..................................................... 1-215-204-1356
KidsPeace Hospital - Toll Free ............................................................... www.kidspeace.org .............................................................. 1-800-257-3223
Epic Health Services .............................................................................. www.epichealthservices.com .............................................. 1-570-223-6543 or 1-866-979-7337
Nemours Du Pont Hospital for Children .............................................. 1-800-416-4441
Nurse Family Partnership ........................................................................ www.nursemfamilypartnership.org ........................................... 1-888-556-2786
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation ...................................................... www.cwds.pa.gov ................................................................. 1-800-922-9536
PA Department of Health - Carbon County ........................................ www.health.state.pa.us ......................................................... 1-570-325-6106 or 1-877-PA-HEALTH
PA Health Access Network ..................................................................... www.pahhealthaccess.org ..................................................... 1-877-570-3642
PA Health Law Project ........................................................................... www.phlp.org ................................................................. 1-800-274-3258
PA Medical Society ................................................................................ www.pamedsoc.org .............................................................. 1-800-228-7823
Shriners’ Hospital ................................................................................... www.shrinerschildrenshospitals.org ....................................... 1-800-821-0405
Special Care Health Plan Blue Cross of NE PA........................................ www.schp.org ................................................................. 1-800-825-8599
St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children ................................................ www.stchristophershospital.com .......................................... 1-215-427-5000
St. Luke’s Miners Memorial Hospital ................................................... www.mystlukeonline.org .......................................................... 1-570-645-2131 or 1-866-STLUKES

**Developmental Pediatricians**
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia ....................................................... www.chop.edu ................................................................. 1-800-879-2467
Geisinger Medical Center ....................................................................... www.geisinger.org ........................................................... 1-800-275-6401
Good Shepherd Pediatrics ....................................................................... www.goodepsherdrehab.org ..................................................... 1-610-776-3578
Hershey Medical Center ......................................................................... www.pennstatehershey.org ..................................................... 1-800-243-1455
St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children ................................................ www.stchristophershospital.com .......................................... 1-215-427-5000
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**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:**
Access Services................................................. www.accessservices.org..........................1-570-366-1154 or 1-800-200-7701
ARCH ................................................................. www.elwyn.org........................................1-610-573-2500
Behavioral Health Associates .....................www.bhaservices.com.................................1-610-379-0067
Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 ..........www.clu.org..................................................1-800-223-4821
ReDCo KI-DSS ..................................................www.redcogrp.com................................1-570-420-8070
Youth Advocate Program (YAP) .................www.yapinc.org...........................................1-610-681-2488

**SCHOOLS/EDUCATION:**
Carbon Career and Technical Institute (CCTI)........www.carboncti.org..............................1-570-325-3682
CCTI - Adult Education Center.....................www.carboncti.org/main/adult-education-center.htm........1-570-325-4140
Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 ..........www.clu.org..................................................1-800-223-4821
Jim Thorpe Area School District..................www.jimthorpesd.org.................................1-570-325-3691
Lehighton Area School District.....................www.lehighton.org......................................1-610-377-4490
Lehigh Carbon Community College (Carbon Center) www.lccc.edu........................................1-570-669-7010
Palmerston Area School District....................www.palmerton.org......................................1-610-826-7101
Panther Valley Area School District..............www.panthervalley.org.................................1-570-645-4248
Weatherly Area School District....................www.weatherlysdsd.org................................1-570-427-8681

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Senator Pat Toomey ........................................www.toomey.senate.gov..............................1-610-434-1444
Senator Robert Casey.......................................www.casey.senate.gov..............................1-717-231-7540
........................................................1-866-461-9159
(toll free)

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Senator David Argall ......................................dargall@pasen.gov................................1-570-773-0891
(Mahanoy City)
........................................................1-570-621-3400
(Pottsville)

Senator John Yudichak ....................................yudichak@pasenate.com.............................1-570-325-3274
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SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

The 14 Member School Districts of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21
Provide Special Education Programs for Special Needs Children

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The School Districts listed above, either directly or through various other education agencies including CLIU #21, provide special education services which may be required by children with special needs.

Types of programs and services are:

(1) Academic Support
(a) Gifted Support for students identified as mentally gifted. 
The focus is to provide instruction beyond the regular curriculum.
(b) Learning Support for students whose primary identified need is academic learning.

(2) Life Skill Support
For students where the focus is primarily on the needs of students for independent living as well as general daily living skills.

(3) Emotional Support
For students whose primary identified need is for emotional support. The focus is primarily on behavior management.

(4) Sensory Support
(a) Deaf or Hard of Hearing for students who are deaf or hard of hearing.
(b) Blind or Visually Impaired for students who are blind or visually impaired.

(5) Speech and Language Support
For students who are speech and language impaired.

(6) Physical Support
For students where the program is modified primarily to meet the needs of the physically disabled student.

(7) Autistic Support
For students who are autistic. The focus is primarily to develop daily living skills.

(8) Multidisabilities Support
For students who are multihandicapped. The focus is on daily living, self-help, and independent living.

Screening
Kindergarten screening activities include a review of informal social and health history, developmental areas, functional vision and hearing, and speech and language. Kindergarten screenings are held during the spring at the school district. Further screenings are conducted through the Instructional Support Teams in each school throughout the year for any student that may be in need of special education services.

Parents who wish to request screening and evaluation for their child may do so by contacting the principal or counselor in their child’s school building.

Evaluations
If you believe your child needs special education services, an evaluation will be conducted by a team. The team shall be composed of the parents, persons familiar with the child’s development, persons knowledgeable in such areas of suspected disability, persons trained in the appropriate evaluation techniques and, if possible, persons familiar with the child’s cultural background. All information gathered through the screening and/or re-evaluation process is considered confidential under Section 438 of the General Education Provisions Act.

Questions regarding services for special needs children can be addressed to:

- Allentown, Mr. Brian Sittek (484) 765-4160
- Arts Academy Charter Middle School (Salisbury Township SD), Ms. Kathleen Adolph-Silva (610) 351-0234
- Arts Academy Elementary Charter School (Allentown SD), Ms. Rita Richert (610) 841-4560
- Carbon Career and Technical Institute, Ms. Elizabeth Horner (570) 325-3682
- Catasauqua, Ms. Robert Spengler (610) 264-5571
- Circle of Seasons (Northwestern Lehigh SD), Ms. Dawn Craig (610) 285-6267
- East Penn, Dr. Linda Pekarik (610) 966-8354
- Executive Education Academy (Allentown SD), Ms. Tiffany O’Brien (610) 841-7044
- Innovative Arts Academy Charter School (Catasauqua SD), Mr. Doug Taylor (610) 403-2787
- Lehighton, Ms. Sandra Michalik (570) 325-3691
- Lehigh Career and Technical Institute, Ms. Kristin Jachowicz (610) 799-1326
- Lehighton, Ms. Sean A. LeDonne (610) 377-4490
- Lincoln Leadership Academy (Allentown SD), Ms. Sandra Figueroa-Torres (484) 860-3300 x104
- Nonpublic/Private Schools, Ms. Maryalice Grogan (610) 769-4111
- Northern Lehigh, Ms. Michele Dotta (610) 767-9849
- Northwestern Lehigh, Ms. Andrea Edmonds (610) 298-8661
- Palmerton, Ms. Suzanne Rentschler (610) 826-7101
- Panther Valley, Catherine E. Hertzog (570) 645-0386
- Parkland, Ms. Brenda DeRenzo (610) 351-5559
- Early Intervention, Ms. Allison Haberman or Mr. Matthew Martucci (610) 769-4111
- Roberto Clemente (Allentown SD), Mr. Damian Romero (610) 439-5181
- Salisbury Township, Ms. Tracey Jacob (610) 797-2962
- Seven Generations (East Penn SD), Mr. Paul Hunter (610) 421-8844
- Southern Lehigh, Ms. Andria Buchman (610) 282-3121
- Weatherly, Ms. Sandra Slavick (570) 427-8681
- Whitehall-Coplay, Ms. Brooke Clay (610) 439-1431
- Youth Forestry Camp, Mr. Dan Fisher (610) 769-4111

Preschool Children with Special Needs
Parents who have questions regarding their child’s seeing, hearing, learning, talking, moving about, manipulating objects, understanding, showing emotions, getting along with others, playing with toys, taking care of himself/herself should phone CLIU #21, which offers the Early Intervention Program, a preschool program for children with special needs. The Early Intervention Program can provide information, screening, evaluation, programs, therapy, parent involvement, and referral to community agencies at no cost to the parent. For further information phone the CLIU #21 at 1-800-223-4821 or 610-760-4111.

Nonpublic Schools/Private Schools
Duties owed to students with disabilities enrolled in private schools by their parents are limited to child find activities and a genuine offer of a Free Appropriate Program of Education (FAPE) from the school district of residence. Students unilaterally enrolled in private schools by their parents have a right to participate in services; however, no private school child with a disability is entitled to any particular service or any amount of service. (300.455(2))
Annual Notification of Rights under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the date the LEA (Local Education Agency) receives a written request for access, or before any due process hearing or IEP team meeting, whichever is sooner.

   Parents or eligible students should submit to the appropriate LEA official a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The LEA official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If, upon inspection, a parent or eligible student requests copies of such records, a fee may be charged.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy rights under FERPA.

   Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the LEA to amend a record should write the appropriate LEA official, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the LEA decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the LEA will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before the LEA discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

   One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to LEA officials with legitimate educational interests. An LEA official is a person employed by the LEA as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a school board member sitting in executive session in consideration of matters concerning a student upon which the school board may act. An LEA official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service of function for which the LEA would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the LEA with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist. An LEA official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

   Upon request, the LEA discloses education records without consent to officials of another LEA in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled, or receives services, if the disclosure is for purposes of the student’s enrollment or transfer. [NOTE: FERPA requires an LEA to make a
reasonable attempt to notify the parent or student of the records request unless it states in its annual
notification that it intends to forward records on request."

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the
School to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that
administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

**Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice for Directory Information**

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that LEAs, with certain
exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your
child’s education records. However, LEAs may disclose appropriately designated “directory information”
without written consent, unless you have advised the LEA to the contrary in accordance with LEA procedures.
The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the LEA to include this type of information from your
child’s education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing your student’s role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if
released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent’s prior written consent. Outside
organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In
addition, federal law requires LEAs receiving assistance under the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) to
provide armed forces recruiters or institutions of higher education, upon request, with the following information
– names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their
student’s information disclosed without their prior written consent.¹

If you do not want the LEA to disclose directory information from your child’s education records without your
prior written consent, you must notify the LEA in writing by the start of the current school term. The CLIU#21
has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student’s name
- Address
- Telephone listing
- Electronic mail address
- Photograph/video image
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended
- Dates of attendance
- Grade level
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- Student ID number, user ID, or other unique personal identifier used to communicate in electronic
  systems that cannot be used to access education records without a PIN, password, etc. (A student’s
  SSN, in whole or in part, cannot be used for this purpose.)

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GRASS  JUNE  LAMB  MARCH  NEST

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