Snow Days, Delays and Early Dismissals

Snowstorms and icy roads can change your child’s school schedule this winter. Listed below are some helpful guidelines to follow when the weather is threatening and you are concerned about sending your child to school.

1. Listen to your radio or TV stations. The Intermediate Unit will contact the following stations with information regarding school closings and/or late starts:

   **CARBON COUNTY**
   - WNEP - TV Ch. 16
   - WYOU - TV Ch. 22
   - WLSH - AM 1410

   **LEHIGH COUNTY**
   - WFMZ - TV Ch. 69
   - WAEB - AM 790
   - WZZO - FM 95.1
   - WCTO - FM 96.1
   - HAWK - FM 99.9
   - WEST - AM 1400
   - WFMZ - FM 100.7
   - WLEV - FM 100.7
   - WAEB - FM 104.1

2. If your child takes Transportation, listen closely for delays or cancellations of CLIU #21 Transportation.

3. Listen for announcements about the school district where your child’s class is located. If that district is closed due to inclement weather, the CLIU #21 class will also be closed. You can also visit district and news station websites to find out about closings.

4. If your child’s home district OR district where your child’s school is located is closed or delayed, the CLIU #21 Transportation will be canceled or delayed accordingly.

5. **Do not call the Intermediate Unit office or radio stations.** This only adds to the confusion by tying up phone lines. In case of an early dismissal, you will be contacted by CLIU #21 personnel. This information will also be broadcast on the above radio stations.

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**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

Parents/Guardians, please be sure that your child’s teacher and Intermediate Unit bus driver have up-to-date emergency phone numbers!

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**Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21**
4210 Independence Drive
Schnnecksville, PA 18078-2580

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To find out how we Help Children Learn, visit our website at [www.cliu.org](http://www.cliu.org).
Student Record Policy

Parents of students attending programs run by the CLIU #21 are guaranteed the following rights by law in regard to their child’s education records.

- All records will be maintained in a confidential manner.
- All parents may arrange to review these records upon request and receive copies of materials.
- The content of the records may be challenged.
- Material felt to be irrelevant may be removed from the file and destroyed upon parental request.
- A copy of the CLIU #21 Records Policy is available on request.
- School Age Records are copies. The Resident District holds the original student record.

All Intermediate Unit special education staff who handle records receive confidentiality training annually. Questions about confidentiality and parental rights to see education records should be directed to the Supervisor of Special Programs and Services assigned to your child’s class.

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.

Qualities of an Annie Sullivan Award Nominee

- Values Diverse Student Learners
- Champion to the Causes of Students
- Positive Attitude/Sense of Humor
- Selflessness & Caring
- Team Player
- Flexibility
- Innovative
- Nurturing
- Perseverance
- Patient

Congratulations to our 2016 Annie Sullivan Award recipients, Linda Humanick and Michele Kulp.

We thank Linda and Michele for all they do for our students!
Local Right to Education 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 CLIU #21 Local Right to Education Task Force will meet the fourth Wednesday of each month listed below beginning September 2016.

All Meetings will be held at the CLIU #21 Central Office, 4210 Independence Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078.

Local Right to Education Task Force
Carbon and Lehigh Counties Meeting Dates

September 28, 2016 at 10:00 am
CLIU #21 Central Office, Schnecksville, Conference Rooms D&E

*November 30, 2016 at 6:30 pm
CLIU #21 Central Office, Schnecksville, Conference Room DEFG

January 25, 2017 at 10:00 am
CLIU #21 Central Office, Schnecksville, Conference Rooms D&E

May 24, 2017 at 6:30 pm
CLIU #21 Central Office, Schnecksville, Conference Room G
*Fifth Wednesday of the month due to holiday

Save the Date:
LTF Annual Spring Conference
CLIU #21 Central Office
April 26, 2017
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

For more information regarding the CLIU #21 Local Right to Education Task Force please contact 610-769-4111, x1218.

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 Sue Lettera at susanlettera@lehighcounty.org.
Facilities Plan Committee Report - Recommendations for the 2016-2017 School Year

Approved by Vote of District Contacts on February 26, 2016
Revised 9/1/2016

Carbon County
- No changes planned for the 2016-17 school year.

Lehigh County
- Open one (1) Intermediate Unit operated, Enhanced Autism Classroom, at the Lehigh County Enhanced Autism Center. Need for a 2nd additional classroom will be determined in June 2016. Proceeding with one additional classroom for Fall 2016.
- Proceeding with one additional classroom for Fall 2016.
  - Move the Intermediate Unit operated programs, housed within the Parkland School District, to new building locations due to redistricting (pending approval by BSE). Completed
    - Move one (1) MDS-Functional classroom from Kratzer Elementary to Kernsville Elementary School.
    - Move one (1) MDS-Functional classroom from Parkway Manor Elementary to Kernsville Elementary School.
    - Move one (1) MDS-Functional classroom from Springhouse Middle to Orefield Middle School.
    - Move one (1) MDS-Behavioral classroom from Parkway Manor Elementary to Ironton Elementary School.
    - Move one (1) Deaf/HH classroom from Parkway Manor Elementary to Schnecksville Elementary School.
    - Move one (1) Deaf/HH classroom from Springhouse Middle to Orefield Middle School.
- Open one (1) Intermediate Unit operated, Multiple Disabilities Behavioral classroom, at the Jaindl Elementary building in Parkland School District.
- Close one (1) Intermediate Unit operated, Life Skills Support classroom, currently at the Macungie Elementary building in East Penn School District.

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.

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

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.
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](http://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 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.

Community Resource Fair for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

**Thursday, October 27th, 2016**

at Lehigh County Office of OVR/ODHH

45 N. 4th Street, Allentown, PA 18102

Visit the vendors any time between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

- Audiological Services
- Kids Activities
- Parent Support
- ASL Class Information
- Resources, Referral, and Mental Health Services

**Sponsored by the Lehigh Valley DHH Task Force.**

If you have questions, please email geigerm@cliu.org

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](http://www.PAautism.org) and outreach specialists available for community participation. [www.paaautism.org](http://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.
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 Steve Hawkes or Amy Snyder. They will be glad to answer any questions you have.

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

Amy Snyder 610-769-4111, ext. 1915
snydera@cliu.org
Carbon County Surrogate Parent Coordinator

The ABC’s of IEP’s: Writing Effective Goals

The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem PA
October 18, 2016 from 6:00-8:00 PM

Guest Speaker: Pam Klipa, Director of Government Relations and Advocacy for The Arc of PA

As many of our families can attest, there isn't much about an IEP that's SIMPLE.. One area that is especially difficult, but extremely critical is GOALS. If your child’s IEP does not include measurable academic and functional goals, then it needs to be revisited. This workshop will shed light whether you are new to special education or have been involved in it for some time. Arc advocates will assist with Q&A and group discussion.

Talking Point Will Include:

- Progress Monitoring? What is it, Why is it important, and What are its key components?
- Goal Writing Check Sheet (with samples of clear goals and vague goals for discussion)
- Data Collection, Data Tools, and Data Evaluation
- Instructional Adjustments (What to do when a student is/is not making progress), and Much More...

Early registration highly recommended for this topic. Please RSVP to Ramona at 610-849-8076, ext. 25 or rmeidig@arcoflehighbethlehempa.org. Email signups preferred. When registering, please indicate your county of residence. Thank you.

Connecting the Dots - Resource Fair - Nov. 30, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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 and Autism *Transition Resources *Mental Health *Employment *Specialized Therapies *Sporting Opportunities *Behavioral Health *Advocacy Services and much more!

Hosted by
CLIU #21 and the Right to Education Local Task Force 21
4210 Independence Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078

Registration to follow - Contact Valerie for more information (vmorton@arcofleighbethlehempa.org)
**Representatives Payee Services**

The Arc of Lehigh & Northampton Counties  
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem PA  
October 24, 2016 from 10:00 -11:30 AM  
Guest Speaker: Bob Cooney, Director, CIL Pays

CIL Pays is a division of NEPACIL (Northeast PA Center for Independent Living). As a nonprofit, CIL Pays provides reasonably priced representative payee services for individuals who require assistance to manage SSI or SSDI benefits. Unfortunately, many individuals with developmental disabilities lack a capable, trusted family member or friend who can record deposits, pay bills on behalf of the recipient, or provide annual reports to the Social Security Administration. In such cases, professional help is warranted.

Bob Cooney, a licensed social worker and the director of CIL Pays, will explain his agency’s representative payee services and take your questions. Perhaps you are now a rep payee, but want/need to relinquish this role. Perhaps you are a professional with clients who need help managing their social security funds. This overview will benefit both groups.

The presentation is free, but you must register. Please call Ramona Neidig at 849-8076, ext. 25 or email her at rneidig@arcoflehighnorthampton.org.

For more info on CILPays, contact Bob Cooney at 570-344-7211, ext. 164 or email him at bcooney@cilpays.org.

For general rep payee information, visit http://www.socialsecurity.gov/payee/

**Editor’s Note:**  
If you are a rep payee, or about to become one, keep in mind that the terms representative payee and power of attorney are NOT the same! Representative payee ONLY pertains to social security, and ONLY the Social Security Administration can grant someone the right to be a representative payee. Sadly, there are often well-intentioned family members who misunderstand or underestimate their duties as payee. There are very strict rules for managing another person’s benefits. For example, funds cannot be co-mingled. A separate account is required. Your bank can assist in setting up the proper wording for this account. Be sure to keep good records of the benefits received and how they were spent!

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**Guardianship Versus Power-of-Attorney**

The Arc of Lehigh & Northampton Counties  
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem, PA  
October 5, 2016 from 6:00—7:30 PM  
Gregory Reed, Esquire

Many families believe because they are the biological parents, they will always be guardians. Not so! At age 18, the law assumes individuals are competent to handle their affairs, make appropriate choices, and give informed consent. Guardianship of an adult is a legal procedure. The court weighs factors such as the nature and severity of someone’s disability, their decision-making capabilities, and their need for protection versus personal autonomy and self-determination.

Do all individuals with intellectual disabilities need full guardianship? No. Are there less restrictive alternatives? Yes, a Power-of-Attorney might suffice. Which route is best for your loved one? It depends!

Families with a loved one who is 18 or older are cordially invited to join us for an informal presentation and Q&A. Talking Points are Expected to Include:

- How and when does someone pursue guardianship? How long does it take? What does it cost? 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?

We will start promptly at 6:00. Please RSVP early. This particular workshop tends to fill up fast. You may contact Ramona Neidig by phone at 610-849-8076, ext. 25 or email her at rneidig@arcoflehighnorthampton.org. Email registration is preferred. Thank you.

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**THE PIPELINE FALL/WINTER 2016**
Understanding the FBA (Functional Behavioral Assessment)

Hosted by The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem PA
November 9, 2016 from 6:00-8:00 PM
Guest Presenters:
Amy Gable, M.Ed. and owner of ABA Support Services
Angela Uliana-Murphy, Esquire

Is problem behavior occurring in school? When, where, why, and how often? Perhaps it's time for an FBA! Learning more about inappropriate behavior can lead to effective strategies to teach positive behaviors instead. This workshop will look at Functional Behavioral Assessments from two important perspectives.

Amy Gable, M.Ed and owner of ABA Support Systems, LLC, will discuss the purpose and methodology of an FBA. Amy is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. She has also worked as a Special Education Teacher in the Northampton Area School District and as an Inclusion Teacher in the Easton Area School District. Amy will answer questions such as:

⇒ Why do an FBA? How do you determine the cause of a behavior?
⇒ Who should be involved in the FBA? How long should the assessment take?
⇒ What qualifications should the person who conducts the FBA possess? Why?
⇒ How can positive behaviors be taught or reinforced?

Angela Uliana-Murphy is an attorney with expertise in Special Education Law and Family Law. Angela personally experienced special education with two of her three children. She is passionate about the rights of children to receive the services they need to achieve success in school and in life. Angela will focus on legal implications such as:

⇒ When does the IDEA specifically require an FBA? Can a parent request an FBA at any time? Can the IEP Team determine if the school's discipline policies need to be amended for a child?
⇒ What is Zero Tolerance and how effective is it?
⇒ What is meant by Manifestation Determination?
⇒ What are some components of a Behavior Intervention Plan?

This workshop is free, but you must RSVP. Please contact Ramona Neidig at 610-849-8076, ext. 325 or rneidig@arcoflehighnorthamptoncounty.org. When registering, please indicate which county you live in. Email replies are preferred. Thank you.
ABLE Act Overview

ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) Act Overview
November 16, 2016 from 6:00-8:00 PM
Hosted by The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem, PA
Presenter: Elaine Yandrisevits, J.D., LL.M., (Taxation)

Ms. Yandrisevits as an associate attorney at McAndrews Law offices in the Estate & Trusts department. This presentation is open to previous attendees as well as to anyone new who would like to know more about this special needs planning tool. Modeled after 529 college savings accounts, ABLE will allow eligible persons to open tax-free savings accounts that will not risk their eligibility for government programs.

Although signed into federal law in 2014, ABLE accounts are not yet available in Pennsylvania. However, they’re coming soon. Once the PA ABLE bill passed into law in April, the PA Department of the Treasury began planning for implementation, hopefully within 6 months.

Please join us for an ABLE overview. Talking points will include:

⇒ Who is eligible/How do you qualify/What are the requirements?
⇒ What are the differences in ABLE accounts and a Special Needs Trusts?
⇒ Which is preferable, when, and why?
⇒ Is it possible to have both?
⇒ Will opening an ABLE account hurt social security or Medicaid services?
⇒ How much money can be put into an ABLE account? Can there be more than one account? What else do I need to know before making a decision to open an account?

This event is free, but you must register. Please RSVP to Ramona Neidig at 610-849-8076, ext. 25 or rneidig@arcoflehighnorthampton.org. Email registration is preferred. Please indicate your county of residence and whether you are a family member or a professional. First considerations given to families. Thank you.

Monitoring the Transfers of Children from CHIP to Medicaid

Effective January 1, 2014, the Affordable Care Act changes eligibility rules, making children between ages 6 and 19 in households with incomes between 100 – 133% of poverty eligible for Medicaid, children who are currently eligible for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). An estimated 50,000 children who are currently enrolled in CHIP are expected to transfer to Medicaid beginning January 2014. The issue of transferring these children has raised concerns regarding continuity of care.

In an effort to smooth transition, the Pennsylvania Health Law Project has joined several other organizations to develop a detailed plan to ensure that children move smoothly from one program to the other.

The PA Health Law Project has an excellent newsletter. To subscribe electronically, please visit www.phlp.org.
The Fall 2016 season of TOPSoccer will run from Saturday September 10, 2016 to November 12, 2016. Registration is now open and forms can be accessed and downloaded from the Enrollment page. See you at the Lehigh County Soccer fields in South Whitehall Township (Youth Fields# 3 and 4) in September.

What Is TOPSoccer?
The Outreach Program for Soccer - TOPSoccer - is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down Syndrome, or Cerebral Palsy. The program provides meaningful learning, development, and physical participation opportunities to young athletes through the game of soccer.

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.

What Are the Key Elements of the Program?
- Fun! Fun! Fun!
- Parent involvement
- Community support (monetary and non-monetary)
- Volunteers willing to work with children
- Oodles of patience
- “Buddy” system: some players paired with a buddy
- Placement of players primarily by ability, not age
- Emphasize ability, not disability
- Involve players and provide meaningful experience
- Dependability of coaches

Who Can Enroll? - TOPSoccer is open to all children in the Lehigh Valley (Lehigh, Northampton, and Carbon Counties) with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down Syndrome, or Cerebral Palsy.

When Is It? - TOPSoccer will run in the spring from April to mid-June and in the fall from September to mid-November following regular soccer season schedules.

When and Where Is TOPSoccer Played? - We play on Saturday afternoon from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Lehigh County Soccer fields in South Whitehall Township (youth fields 1, 2, and 3).

- Spring registration starts from January 1
- Fall registration starts from June 1
- Cost is $20 per child

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.
No sitter? It’s OK to bring your child. Just let us know ahead of time.

Do you have a child or adolescent who is on the autism spectrum or who has an intellectual disability? Would you like to share your experiences with other parents who know your world? If so, please join us for a time of sharing and discovery!

In addition to light refreshments, the fall line-up features nuggets of wisdom and good food for thought!

Guest Speaker for October 2016

On Sunday, October 16 from 12:30-2:30 PM the speaker will be Dr. Boosara Ratanawongsa (A.K.A. Dr. Boo!) of Pediatric Neurology of the Lehigh Valley. Dr. Boo will cover “both sides of the fence” by sharing professional insights as a physician and parental insights as the parent of a child with a disability.

To learn more, or to RSVP, please contact Leslie at Leslie.McKelvey@yahoo.com or call her at 610-554-1988. Gatherings are free, but it helps to know how many will attend.

Lehigh County Student Assistant Program (SAP)

Register today to secure your spot!
Fee: $17.00 (non-refundable, due prior to the event)
Continental breakfast and lunch provided

2016 Fall Consortium
Thursday, October 6, 2016
8:00 am - 2:30 pm
Muhlenberg College
Seeger’s Union Event Space
Allentown, PA

Sponsored by: Lehigh County Drug & Alcohol Abuse Services
Presented by: Center for Humanistic Change, Inc.

Center for Humanistic Change, Inc. is excited to announce the 2016 Lehigh County SAP Consortium. This year's event will feature important topics, such as: Human Trafficking, LGBTQ Sensitivity, and Youth Suicide Prevention. This is an excellent networking event. Guests will have the opportunity to speak with local prevention and treatment providers. Useful informational literature will be available.

Register and Download the flyer at:
https://thechcorg.presencehost.net/news_events/event_calendar.html/event/2016/10/06/2016-fall-sap-consortium

Use of Audio and Video Surveillance on CLIU 21 Vehicles

The goal of the CLIU Transportation Department is to provide safe and timely bus service for all the students we transport. To do this, drivers must be able to concentrate on operating vehicles in a variety of traffic conditions, always being alert and vigilant. For this reason the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit utilizes video cameras (with audio) to ensure safety and help create a positive transportation environment. The safety and security of our students is always our priority and will continue to be of the utmost importance to us.
Deaf and Hard of Hearing

and many more events are being planned:

Snow Tubing
Parenting Party
Bounce House
Laser Tag
Cooking with a Chef
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If you want to get involved with the
Project SEARCH High School Transition Program

1. Project SEARCH still has openings for the 2016-2017 school year!
The High School Transition Program is a one-year internship program for students with disabilities, in their last year of high school. It is targeted for students whose goal is competitive employment. The Program takes place in a healthcare, government or business setting where total immersion in the workplace facilitates the teaching and learning process as well as the acquisition of employability and marketable work skills. Students participate in three internships to explore a variety of career paths. The students work with a team that includes their family, a special education and rehabilitation Services Administration to create an employment goal and support the student during this important transition from school to work.

Benefits to the Students:
- Participate in a variety of internships within the host hospital/business
- Acquire competitive, transferable and marketable job skills
- Gain increased independence, confidence, and self-esteem
- Obtain work based individualized coaching, instruction and feedback
- Develop linkages to Vocational Rehabilitation and other adult service agencies

2. Project SEARCH/VIP Open House for 2017-2018 school year will be February 2nd from 5:30-7:00...location TBD

3. Vocational and Independence Program (VIP) is a high school transition program with a focus on soft skills, independence, employment readiness, and integrated competitive employment. This holistic program provides hands-on work experiences at Cedarbrook Nursing Home and training in work essential skills, such as appearance, communication, job performance, and community-appropriate behaviors. In addition, the program provides lessons in Independent Community Travel (ICT) and Community Based Instruction (CBI) once a week, where interns go into the community to learn how to travel safely and efficiently, as well as practice taking public transportation and help develop age-appropriate skills for functioning outside the school environment.

4. Work Based Learning (WBL)
The CLIU #21 Work Based Learning Program serves approximately 180 students a year, providing community based worksite exploration and competitive opportunities. The program also offers independent living experiences and specific job skill training to assist students in transitioning to adult life. The CLIU #21 Work Based Learning Program partners with approximately 165 local businesses and agencies to help carry out our Mission of Helping Children Learn!

Contact Melissa Johnson, Supervisor of Special Education if you have questions.
**Project SEARCH**

**High School Transition Program**

An internship program designed to transition young adults into competitive employment through a partnership with the following:

- Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21
- Participating Districts
- Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network (GSRN)
- St. Luke’s University Hospital
- Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)
- Goodwill Keystone Area
- Office of Intellectual Disabilities
  - Sam Inc.
  - Quality Progressions

**Program Overview**

The Project SEARCH High School Transition Program is a unique one-year school-to-work program that takes place entirely at the business. Interns participate in employment-related instruction and are assigned internships within St. Luke’s and Good Shepherd.

The program provides real-life work experience combined with training in employability and independent living skills. Project SEARCH helps young adults with disabilities make successful transitions from school to productive adult life. The goal for each intern is competitive employment.

The Transition Program is for interns who are:

- In their last year of school eligibility.
- Interested in working within a business setting.
- Working to achieve competitive employment.
- Willing to utilize public transportation.

All interns are involved with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) and/or Office of Intellectual Disabilities (OID). Agencies meet with Project SEARCH staff, family, and interns throughout the year to provide vocational rehabilitation counseling and guidance along with various support services as required. All interns are linked with LArta for transportation.

**Program Eligibility**

The following guidelines for eligibility are required for candidates:

- Ability to work independently with minimal prompting and/or supervision.
- Employer/community acceptable social skills.
- Basic communication skills (verbal or supported by technology).
- Ability to take direction and basic problem solving.
- Meets personal appearance and hygiene standards.
- Minimum of 18 years of age.
- Ability to use restroom and cafeteria facilities independently.
- Ability to pass a drug screen and various background checks.
- Documentation of current immunizations, including an annual flu shot.
- Ability to access and willingness to use independent transportation options.
- Desire to work in a business setting.
- Currently eligible for Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) services.
- Currently registered with the Office of Intellectual Disabilities, if eligible.
- Desire to become competitively employed and develop a strong work ethic.

**Application Process**

Students are referred to the program through their school district. The students and families complete and submit the application by a predetermined deadline in February. Space is limited for students applying and the selection is carried out by members of the Project SEARCH team. The committee reviews the application packets and schedules interviews.

An Open House is held annually to potential students, family members, the community, and interested businesses. It provides an opportunity to learn about potential work sites, meet the Project SEARCH staff and interns, and discuss program goals. All in attendance have an opportunity to ask questions.

All interested students are encouraged to request an Application Packet from their District Special Education Director or by contacting Melissa Johnson at johnsonmelissa@cliu.org or 610-769-4111 ext. 1058.

**Project SEARCH Curriculum**

Throughout the school year, interns participate in a functional academic curriculum that stresses employability and independent living skills. Project SEARCH office time instruction is designed around seven major focus areas:

1. Working responsibly.
2. Communicating effectively with or without accommodations.
3. Solving problems and developing critical thinking skills.
5. Applying technology.
6. Developing self-advocacy skills.
7. Demonstrating independent community travel skills.

The curriculum is flexible and allows the instructor to design lessons around the core topics and adjust the curriculum based on specific intern and employer needs.

**Work Rotations**

Interns build communication and problem-solving skills, as well as job specific skills, through work rotations. These are unpaid internships. Work rotations are approximately 10 weeks long, usually totaling three to four rotations per intern by the end of the program. Work sites are assigned based on the intern’s previous work experience, interests, preferences, and assessments. Intern Coaches, Mentors, and other department staff collaborate to provide support for the intern. The goal is to have supports fade out as an intern gains independence.

If you have any questions, contact Melissa Johnson at johnsonmelissa@cliu.org or 610-769-4111 ext. 1058.
CARBON COUNTY CHILDREN'S TEAM
RESOURCE DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY SERVICES and HOTLINES:

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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 Pathways/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
Project Connect (CLIU #21) ............................................................................ 1-800-223-4821 x1256

FAMILY RESOURCES:
Al-Anon/Alateen ............................................................................................... www.pa-al-anon.org
Alcoholics Anonymous .................................................................................. www.district99a.org
American Red Cross ..................................................................................... www.redcross.org
Area Agency on Aging .................................................................................. www.carboncounty.org/aging.htm
Autism Resource Community Hub of Lehigh Valley ...................................... 1-866-670-2724
Autism Society of America ............................................................................ www.asa-lehighvalley.org
Autism Speaks ............................................................................................... www.autismspeaks.org
Better Business Bureau of Northeast Pennsylvania ....................................... 1-570-342-9129
Big Brothers - Big Sisters .............................................................................. 1-570-455-6742
Breastfeeding Support Group ....................................................................... www.facebook.com/mamamilkcafe
Camelot for Children ..................................................................................... www.camelotforchildren.org
Career Link ..................................................................................................... 1-570-791-5683
Carbon County Children and Youth ............................................................... 1-570-325-3614
Carbon County Commissioner’s Office ......................................................... 1-570-325-3611
Carbon County Community Transit/The LYNX ........................................... 1-800-990-4287
Carbon County Environmental Center ......................................................... www.carbonecc.org
Carbon County Right from the Start .............................................................. 1-570-645-8597
Carbon County Safe Kids ............................................................................... 1-570-325-2771
Carbon-Monroe Pike County Drug and Alcohol ........................................... 1-570-377-5177
Care Net of Carbon County ........................................................................... www.carenetcarbon.org
Career Link..................................................................................................... 1-570-325-2771
Catholic Social Services ................................................................................ 1-570-628-0466
CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder) ................. www.chadd.org
Consumer Protection Bureau ...................................................................... 1-800-441-2555
Domestic Violence Service Center ................................................................ 1-800-424-5600
Eastern PA Down Syndrome Center ............................................................. www.epdsc.net
Family Promise of Carbon County ................................................................. 1-570-379-4757
Gene Commission NE Field Division Headquarters ................................... 1-570-675-1143
Healthy Baby .................................................................................................. www.healthynapstate.pa.us
Jewish Family Services ................................................................................... 1-800-886-8ADY
LEARN-Lock Haven Education & Resource Network ................................... www.carboncounty.org
Mothers of Preschoolers .............................................................................. www.bluemountaincommunitychuch.org
Narcotics Anonymous ................................................................................... 1-888-233-6743
National Adoption Center ............................................................................ www.adopt.org
NHS Human Services ................................................................................... www.dhsonline.org
North Penn Legal Services .......................................................................... www.northpennlegal.org
PA Breastfeeding Coalition ........................................................................ www.pabreastfeeding.org
PA Recreation & Leisure Line ...................................................................... 1-800-986-4550
Parent Education Network ............................................................................ www.parentednet.org
Parent to Parent ............................................................................................. 1-800-522-5827
PAH Lawyer Referral Service ........................................................................ www.pabar.org
Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange ................................................................ 1-800-583-SWAN
Pocono Mountains Network .......................................................................... www.800poconos.com
Products Safety Commission ........................................................................ www.cpsc.gov
PSU Cooperative Extension-PROSPER ......................................................... www.prevention.psu.edu
Right to Education Task Force ..................................................................... 1-800-223-4821
Second Time Around ....................................................................................... 1-800-377-2834
Smoking Quit Line ........................................................................................ 1-877-274-1090
Special Kids Network ..................................................................................... 1-800-886-4259
Special Olympics .......................................................................................... www.specialolympics.org
Suicide Prevention Lifeline ............................................................................ www.suicidewarmline.org
Super Cupboard ............................................................................................. 1-570-427-4316
SWAN (Statewide Adoption Network) ............................................................. www.adopptpkids.org
Valley Wide Help ............................................................................................ 1-610-445-1111
FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE:
Carbon County Action Committee for Human Services ................................................................. 1-610-377-6400
Carbon County Assistance Office .................................................................................................. 1-610-577-5020 or 1-800-692-7462
Consumer Credit Counseling ........................................................................................................ 1-800-769-3571
Money Management International ............................................................................................... 1-866-88-9347
Shepherd House Food Pantries ................................................................................................... 1-610-377-6048
Social Security Administration ...................................................................................................... 1-800-772-1213
WIC ............................................................................................................................................. 1-610-377-6097

HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESOURCES:
AIDS Factline ............................................................................................................................... 1-800-662-6080
American Cancer Society ............................................................................................................. 1-800-227-2345
Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Information ...................................................................... 1-800-949-4232
Arc of Northeast PA ..................................................................................................................... 1-570-346-4010
Bayada Pediatric Home Care Services ...................................................................................... 1-610-377-4717 or 1-888-995-0788
Blue Mountain Health System - Lehighton Campus ................................................................. www.bmlhc.org
Blue Mountain Health System - Palmerton Campus ................................................................. www.bmlhc.org
Blue Mountain Health System Physician Referral Line ........................................................... 1-888-701-4464
Brain Information Resources Line .............................................................................................. 1-866-412-4755
Carbon County Assistance Office .............................................................................................. 1-610-577-9020 or 1-800-314-0963
Carbon County Medical Society ................................................................................................ 1-610-826-1322
Carbon County Children’s MIB/DS ......................................................................................... 1-610-377-0773 or 1-800-338-6467
Center for Vision Loss ................................................................................................................. 1-610-433-6018
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) .............................................................................. 1-800-879-2467
CHIP (Child Health Insurance Program) .................................................................................... 1-800-986-5437
Pastor Seals Eastern PA .............................................................................................................. 1-610-289-9114
Einks Home Service Nurse Program ....................................................................................... www.einkshomeservicen.org
Family Planning Clinic ................................................................................................................. 1-570-622-7920
Geisinger Medical Center ........................................................................................................... 1-800-275-6401
Geisinger Wyoming Valley ......................................................................................................... 1-570-808-7300
Good Shepherd Developmental Pediatrics ................................................................................ 1-610-776-2557
Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital ....................................................................................... 1-888-44-REHAB
Good Shepherd Therapy Services - Palmerton ......................................................................... 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 ............................................................................................................. 1-800-248-1455
Institute on Disabilities ............................................................................................................... 1-215-204-1356
Kiddie Peace Hospital - Toll Free ................................................................................................. 1-800-237-3723
Loving Care Pediatric Homecare ............................................................................................... 1-570-223-6534 or 1-866-979-7337
New Patient Dupont Hospital for Children ............................................................................... 1-800-416-4441
Nurse Family Partnership .......................................................................................................... 1-888-526-2778
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation .............................................................................................. 1-800-922-9356
PA Department of Health - Carbon County .............................................................................. www.health.state.pa.us
PA Health Law Project ................................................................................................................ 1-888-325-6106 or 1-877-PA-HEALTH
PA Fair Care ................................................................................................................................ 1-888-676-7015
PA Medical Society .................................................................................................................... 1-800-228-7823
Shriners’ Hospital ...................................................................................................................... www.shrinershospital.org
Special Care Health Plan Blue Cross of NE PA ........................................................................... 1-800-826-8599
St. Christopher's Hospital for Children .................................................................................... www.stchristophershospital.com
St. Luke’s Miners Memorial Hospital ......................................................................................... www.stlukesonine.com

Developmental Pediatricians
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia ............................................................................................. 1-800-879-2467
Geisinger Medical Center .......................................................................................................... 1-800-275-6401
Good Shepherd Pediatrics .......................................................................................................... 1-800-776-3578
Hershey Medical Center ............................................................................................................. 1-800-243-1455
St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children ..................................................................................... 1-215-427-5000

THE PIPELINE  F A L L / W I N T E R  2 0 1 6
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:
Access Services ............................................ www.accessservices.org ............................................. 1-570-366-1154 or 1-800-206-7701
ARCH .............................................................. www.elwyn.org ................................................... 1-610-573-2500
Behavioral Health Associates ......................... www.bhservices.com ........................................... 1-610-379-0067
Carbon Lehgh Intermediate Unit #21 .................. www.citu.org .................................................... 1-800-223-4821
RedCo KIDSS .................................................. www.redcogr.com ............................................ 1-570-420-8070
Youth Advocate Program (YAP) ....................... www.yapinc.org ............................................... 1-610-681-2488

SCHOOLS/EDUCATION:
Carbon County Alternative High School Education Program ........................................... 1-570-325-9364
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 Lehgh Intermediate Unit #21 .................. www.citu.org .................................................... 1-800-223-4821
Jim Thorpe Area School District ........................ www.jimthorpesd.org ........................................... 1-570-325-3691
LCCC - SHINE 21st Century Afterschool Program .................................................. www.shineafterschool.com/about-shine ........................................... 1-570-325-2771
Lehighton Area School District .......................... www.lehighton.com .......................................... 1-610-377-4490
Lehigh Carbon Community College (Carbon) .... www.lccc.edu .................................................. 1-570-669-7010
Palmer 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.weatherlysd.org ......................................... 1-570-427-8681

ELECTED OFFICIALS:
US Congress
Congressman Lou Barletta ............................... info@loubarletta.com ........................................... 1-570-501-8683
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)

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

Senator John Yudichak ................................ yudichak@pasen.com ........................................... 1-570-325-3274
Representative Doyle Heffley ......................... dheffley@pahousegop.com ........................................... 1-610-377-6363
COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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 ........................ 610-252-9050
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 ....................... 215-238-5970
Elks Nurse ...................................... 610-365-1426
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation ....... 610-821-6441
PA Disability Rights Network ............... 800-692-4743
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 ................................ 610-896-6667
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 ................. 610-296-0610
Holcomb Behavioral Health .................. 610-435-4151
KidsPeace ....................................... 610-790-8222
New Story (aka Salisbury) ................... 610-973-0970
Northwestern Human Services .............. 610-866-6331
Penn Foundation .............................. 215-257-6551
Progressions ................................... 610-286-2656
Team Counseling Concepts .................. 610-935-6322
ReDco Group .................................... 570-429-1529
Valley Youth House ......................... 610-954-9561

Child Care Resource and Referral
Child Care Information Services (CCIS)
  Lehigh County ............................... 610-437-6000 or 800-528-7222
  Northampton County ....................... 610-419-4500 or 866-800-3880
Child Care Provider Search ................... www.dhs.state.pa.us

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
HIPPP (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 ....................
PA Department of Health
  Lehigh County ............................... 610-821-6770
  Northampton County ....................... 610-250-1825
Sacred Heart Hospital ....................... 610-776-4600
Shriner's Hospital (Philadelphia) ......... 800-281-4050
Shriner's Burn Center (Boston) ............. 800-255-1916
St. Luke's University Health Network
  Allentown ................................. 610-668-8300
  Bethlehem ................................. 484-526-4000
  Community Health ........................ 484-526-2100
  Visiting Nurse Assn. ......................... 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 ............................... 610-437-6810
  24 Hour Hotline .................. 610-437-6811
  Northampton County ....................... 610-250-6313
Early Childhood ............................. 1-800-526-7222 x2329
Mental Health Consultations
  Family Answers ............................ 810-435-9651
  Hispanic American Organization ......... 610-435-5334
  Lehigh Valley Community Mental Health 610-691-4357
  Pinebrook Family Services ................. 610-432-3919
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. Boc”) 610-398-9698

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
S.P.A.R.K. .................. 610-868-8501
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 . 610-439-2312
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 ........ 610-282-6086
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 Soup Kitchen . 610-867-4741
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 .... 1-800-966-4550
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
Support Groups/Hotlines

Aids Hotline .......................... 1-800-662-6080
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 .......... 610-998-0330
Brain Tumor Foundation of LV ........ 267-272-2553
Carnelot 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 ............................. 610-402-0184
Down Syndrome Center
Epilepsy Assoc. of SE PA ............... 610-737-0613
Guide by Your Side ................. www.brailleandvoices.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 Apraxia Support Group .. 215-850-7485
Lehigh Valley Family ................ www.lehighvalleyfamily.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.moms.org
Mothers of Twins ........................ 610-391-1977
Muscular Dystrophy Assoc. ........ 610-882-2102
NAMI ................................ 1-877-PAHEALTH
Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania .... 800-966-4550
Pediatric Cancer .................. www.pcfv.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

Children 3 to 5 years old:  
Colonial Intermediate Unit - 610-252-5550
Carbon/Lehigh Intermediate Unit - 610-769-4111

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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

Allentown School District
Catasaqua Area School District
East Penn School District
Jim Thorpe Area School District
Lehigh County School District
Northern Lehigh School District
Northwestern Lehigh School District
Palmetto Area School District
Panther Valley School District

Parkland School District
Salisbury Township School District
Southern Lehigh School District
Weatherly Area School District
Whitehall-Coplay School District
Carbon Career and Technical Institute
Lehigh Career and Technical Institute
Nonpublic/Private Schools
Preschool

Arts Academy Charter Middle School
Arts Academy Elementary Charter School
Circle of Seasons
Executive Education Academy
Innovative Arts Academy
Lincoln Leadership Academy
Roberto Clemente Charter School
Roberto Clemente Elementary Charter School
Seven Generations

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

Types of programs and services are:

1. **Academic Support**
   - Gifted Support for students identified as mentally gifted. The focus is to provide instruction beyond the regular curriculum.
   - 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**
   - Deaf or Hard of Hearing for students who are deaf or hard of hearing.
   - 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 need of the physically disabled student.

7. **Autistic Support**
   For students who are autistic. The focus is primarily on developing daily living skills.

8. **Multispecial Needs**
   For students who are multi-handicapped. 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 begin 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 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, Ms. Bethinda Miller (610) 799-5492
- Arts Academy Charter Middle School, Kathleen Adkins, (610) 351-8244
- Arts Academy Elementary Charter School, (Allentown SD), Rita Richetti (610) 351-8244
- Carbon Career and Technical Institute, Ms. Elizabeth Porter (570) 325-3682
- Catasaqua, Mr. Robert Spengler (610) 799-5492
- Circle of Seasons (Northwestern Lehigh SD), Carol Arnold (610) 325-3682
- East Penn, Dr. Linda Peloquin (610) 362-3682
- Executive Education Academy (Allentown SD), Tianna O’Brien (610) 362-3682
- Innovative Arts Academy Charter School (Catasaqua SD), Joanne Gabelby (610) 362-3682
- Jim Thorpe, Mr. Brian Badcock (570) 325-3691
- Lehigh Career and Technical Institute, Ms. Kristin Kubis (610) 325-3691
- Lehigh Valley School District, Ms. Michele Dotta (610) 799-5492
- Lincoln Leadership Academy (Allentown SD), Sandra Finegro-Torres (610) 362-3682
- Nonpublic/Private Schools, Mrs. Maryalice Grogan (610) 799-5492
- Northwestern Lehigh, Ms. Andrea Edwards (610) 351-8244
- Palmetto, Ms. Suzanne Rentschler (610) 351-8244
- Panther Valley, Ms. Sandra Michalik (610) 351-8244
- Parkland, Ms. Brenda DeRouso (610) 351-8244
- Preschool, Mrs. Jennifer Curtis (610) 362-3682
- Roberto Clemente Charter School (Allentown SD), Andrea Young (610) 351-8244
- Salisbury Township, Ms. Eileen Stiefel (610) 799-5492
- Seven Generations (East Penn SD), Paul Hunter (610) 351-8244
- Southern Lehigh, Ms. Andrea Bachman (610) 351-8244
- Weatherly, Ms. Sandra Slavick (570) 351-8244
- Whitehall-Coplay, Ms. Brooke Chaly (610) 351-8244
- Youth Forestry Camp, Mrs. Dan Fisher (610) 799-5492

**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 CIU #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 CIU #21 at 1-800-223-4821 or 610-799-5492.

**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, some private school child with a disability is entitled to any particular service or to any amount of service. (300.452)

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The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and Pennsylvania law affords parents/guardians and students eighteen (18) years of age and 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 forty-five (45) days of the LEA’s (Local Education Agency) receipt of a written request for access.

Parents or eligible students making such requests should submit to the appropriate LEA official a written request that identifies the record(s) s/he wishes 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 is 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 advise them 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 consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA and State law authorizes disclosure without consent.

Disclosure of personally identifiable information can be made without consent to the following:

a. School officials, including teachers, with a legitimate need to review an educational record in order to fulfill their professional responsibilities. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an educational record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. The LEA maintains a list of those school officials.

b. Officials of another school or school system in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student’s enrollment or transfer.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the LEA 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 20202-8520

5. The right to refuse to permit the designation of any or all of the categories of directory information.

The LEA is permitted by law to disclose directory information without written consent of the parent or eligible student. The parent or eligible student has the right to refuse to permit the designation of any or all of the categories of directory information if a written refusal is forwarded to the LEA by the start of the current school term.

Directory information which may be released may include the student’s name, address, phone contact, date and place of birth; major field of study; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; weight and height of members of athletic teams; dates of attendance; degrees and awards received; the most recent and previous education agency or institution attended by the student; and other similar information.