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:

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.

To find out how we Help Children Learn, visit our website at www.cliu.org.
Congratulations to our 2017 Annie Sullivan Award recipient, Amber Pitten.

We thank you for all you 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 2017. 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 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
CLIU #21 Central Office, Conference Room C

October 25, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
“Connecting the Dots” - Resource Fair
CLIU #21 Central Office, Conference Rooms DEFG

January 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
CLIU #21 Central Office, Conference Room C

Save the Date:
April 18, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
LTF Annual Spring Conference
CLIU #21 Central Office, Conference Rooms D & E

May 23, 2018, Time: TBD
CLIU #21 Central Office, Conference Room TBD

For information regarding the CLIU #21 Local Right to Education Task Force, call 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.

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Facilities Plan Committee Report - Recommendations for 2017-18 School Year

Approved by Vote of District Contacts on March 3, 2017
Approved by Vote of CLIU 21 Board of Directors on March 20, 2017

Update as of 3/29/2017

Carbon County

- Open one IU Enhanced Emotional Support Classroom grades K-4 in Franklin Elementary, Lehighton Area SD
- Open one IU Multi-Disabilities Support – Behavioral class grades 9-12 in Location TBD (contingent on location being secured) – update 3.29.17 – location will be in Lehigh County - Northwestern Lehigh MS for 2017-2018 and Northwestern Lehigh HS for 2018-2019 forward

Lehigh County

- Open one IU Multi-Disabilities Support – Functional class grades 2-3 in Steckel Elementary, Whitehall-Coplay SD

Note: all classrooms above have been formally approved by BSE as of 3.29.17

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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/
PennDot Sales Store: (717) 787-6746

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PA Family Network

An Everyday Life for All:

PA Family Network is a statewide peer-to-peer initiative supported by ODP. Family Network Advisors can assist with making connections, identifying resources, mentoring, & navigating the disability system. Workshops & assistance are also available in Spanish. Learn what it takes to turn your vision into reality!

LifeCourse Framework and Tools were created by families to help individuals and families of all abilities and ages to:

- Develop a vision for a Good Life
- Think about what they need to know and do
- Identify how to find or develop supports
- Discover how to have an “Everyday Life” in their community

Join us to learn about PA’s Community of Practice for Supporting Families and how to use the LifeCourse Tools in YOUR life!

Date: November 14, 2017
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Hosted by:
The Arc of Lehigh & Northampton Counties
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem PA
Facilitated by: Lisa Butler & Nicki Habecker
Family Network Advisors from Vision for Equality
RSVP: Ramona Neidig
rneidig@arcoflehighnorthampton.org or 610-849-8076, ext. 325.

Note: The entire Arc Advocacy Department attended this outstanding training in April. We enthusiastically recommend it to families, consumers, & the professionals who serve them. Join us. You’ll be glad you did!
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 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.

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.paautism.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.

Parent Support Group Meetings

Thanks to all who attended the parent support group meeting! We had such a wonderful turn out and had some new families join us. I would like to thank Cathy Johns who presented on her recently launched ~ Lehigh Valley Autism Guide. I am giving her another SHOUT OUT as this is the best tool I have ever seen to obtain information all in one place! Thank you so much Cathy for designing this wonderful website! Also, a HUGE thanks as well to Suzanne Mulhern, Advocate with the ARC of Lehigh & Northampton Counties. Her presentation on “The Desire to Belong: Creating a Vision Statement for Me” was so inspirational & interactive and I think we all walked away with some tools and a better understanding on how to create a vision statement for our child.

I can’t say enough about the upcoming training workshops at the ARC of Northampton & Lehigh Counties workshops! Parents, please try to register for some of these wonderful workshops the ARC holds. They are so informational and resourceful I promise you ~ you will go home with an abundance of information and get to network with other families as well.

Thank you!

Leslie McKelvey
Vice Chair & Easton Area
Consumer Representative
Right to Special Education Local Task Force 20

SAVE THE DATE!
Parent Support Group Meeting
October 21, 2017
The Arc
2289 Ave A, Bethlehem, PA
8:30 - 3:00
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. He will be glad to answer any questions you have.

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

Red Flags to the IEP

The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem PA
October 4, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 PM
Guest Speaker: Angela Uliana-Murphy, Esquire

All students who receive special education services must have an IEP (Individualized Education Program. How does your child’s IEP measure up? Does it contain appropriate goals? Are these goals measurable? Does the IEP address your child’s unique needs in a specific way? Sadly, many IEPs need an overhaul! Parent attorney Angela Uliana Murphy will discuss what to look for, as well as what to Look OUT for, in your child’s IEP. Here are some questions to think about before you RSVP for this workshop:

- Does the IEP state when, where, how frequently, & for how long services will occur?
- Has the IEP been written by a TEAM of people that includes the parent/guardian?
- Is assistive technology listed under “special considerations”? This potentially valuable service is often neglected or underutilized.
- Are certain behaviors of your child affecting is/her ability to learn? Are these behaviors having a negative impact on others? If so, the IEP should include positive behavior strategies.
- What happens if your child has not made the expected progress? The IEP should change as your child changes. Perhaps it’s time to revise the IEP.

These and many other IEP-related questions will be covered in the presentation. Plenty of time allowed for Q&A. This event is free, but you must RSVP to Ramona Neidig. Please call her at 610-849-8076, Ext. 325 or email rneidig@arcoflehighnorthampton.org.

Can’t attend? The following helpful titles are available in The Arc’s Family Resource Library:

- All about IEPs by Pete Wright
- From Gobbledygook to Clearly Written Annual IEP Goals by Barbara Bateman
- IEP and Inclusion Tips by Anne Eason
- Writing Measurable Goals & Objectives by Barbara Bateman

Connecting the Dots - Resource Fair - Oct. 25, 2017 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Looking for resources, services, or activities for individuals with disabilities? Join us for snacks, giveaways, and great information! Representatives from Lehigh Valley agencies and organizations will be available to discuss: Advocacy, Autism, Behavioral Health, Disability Services, Employment, Specialized Therapies, Transition Services and MUCH MORE!

Last year more than 2 dozen vendors participated! Refreshments provided courtesy of IU 21 work-based learning students. RSVP to localtaskforce21@gmail.com. Please advise if you would like to attend as a vendor or family member.

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 (valeriemortonlsw@gmail.com)

Open to IU20 Families as well!
FREE IEP CLINIC

Please mark your calendars for this great opportunity!

- Now booking free, private 30-minute IEP sessions between 10:00 & 1:00.
- Only 18 appointments will be taken! Early Registration Recommended.
- Parents who have never attended an IEP clinic will receive preference.

Hosted by The Arc
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem PA
Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 10:00-1:00

The Arc’s Nov. 4th IEP Clinic will allow you time to briefly consult privately with an experienced special education attorney to discuss your child’s IEP, a recent evaluation, or other issues. Attorneys from McAndrews Law Office will facilitate. This event is free, but you must register & select a time slot. Please RSVP to Ramona Neidig at rneidig@arcoflehighnorthampton.org or call her at 610-849-8076, ext. 325. Email registration preferred.

Improving Your Child’s IEP Month by Month
Hosted by The Arc of Lehigh & Northampton Counties
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem PA
Saturday, December 2 from 10- Noon
Guest Presenter: Jacqueline Lembeck, Esquire
McAndrews Law Office

Is your 2018 New Year’s resolution to have a more organized, successful, and peaceful school year? Fear not. It can be done! Learn how to make some tiny, but significant steps each month. Before you know it, you’ll be well on your way to making your resolution a reality!

In a fun and informal presentation, Attorney Jacqueline Lembeck will share some very “do-able” tasks for each month of the year, including summer. By breaking up tasks into smaller components, you won’t feel overwhelmed. This technique is highly effective. In the course of her presentation, Attorney Lembeck will also cover basic special education terms and deadlines. Come with questions and leave with answers, tips, & strategies that will help you to advocate effectively for your child.

This event is free but you must RSVP to Ramona Neidig at 610-849-8076, ext. 325 or rneidig@arcoflehighnorthampton.org. Email preferred. In order for this event to be offered, we must have at least 10 attendees.
Opportunity for Young Adults Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Their Families

Keystone Autism Services (KAS) is pleased to announce the Adult Vocational Autism Initiative of Lehigh (AVAIL). This program will be available to residents in Lehigh County, made possible through a grant from the PA Department of Human Services (DHS). The AVAIL program is an innovative approach to support young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families. Participants in AVAIL will plan, prepare, and achieve employment and/or post-secondary education while developing increased independence as part of an inclusive, productive and meaningful everyday life.

Educators, young adults, and family members living with or who know someone living with an ASD are encouraged to contact AVAIL for enquiries into the program. To learn more about the program or to make a referral, call 610-841-1949 or email Avail@keystonehumanservices.org. The AVAIL Program Overview Questions and Answers resource has also been included with this announcement. We would be pleased to present to any individuals or groups interested in learning about AVAIL in an effort to spread awareness of this valuable new program.

AVAIL offers comprehensive services to address the needs of young adults as they transition into successful employment and gain independence in their home and communities, including: Career Planning, Job Finding, and In-Home and Community Support.

Additional information can also be found in the program overview.


There are three ways to make a referral:
- Call 610-841-1949
- Email Avail at keystonehumanservices.org

Professional Certified Guardianship, Healthcare Advocacy, and Life Management Services for Individuals with Disabilities

Hosted by:
The Arc of Lehigh & Northampton Counties
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem PA
September 20, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. - Noon

What happens when a caregiver passes away or is no longer able to provide care? Do you have anyone who can take over and oversee the care and needs of a loved one with a disability? Not everyone has someone who can assume the mantle of responsibility. IKOR is an agency that can help, especially if your loved one has a Special Needs Trust. Please join us to learn more about the various services offered by IKOR of Bucks and Lehigh. Managing Directors Larry Enright and Theresa Kuhar, RN, BSN will discuss IKOR’s menu of services. These include:

- Long-term care, Medical/Healthcare Advocacy, or Medicine Management
- Education & Vocational Planning, including IEP meetings
- Representative Payee, Minor or Small Trustee Work
- Public & Private Benefits Research & Procurement
- Crisis Management/Abuse, Neglect, Undue Influence
- Power of Attorney & Certified Professional Guardianship

This presentation is free, but you must register. Please contact Ramona at either 610-849-8076, ext. 325 or rmeidig@arcoflehighnorthampton.org. Email is preferred. When registering, it would be helpful to know the age and needs of your family, as well as the county in which he or she resides.

If you cannot attend but would like to know more, please call IKOR’s Center Valley office at 855-367-4567 visit ikorglobal.com
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.

Estate Planning for People with Disabilities

Hosted by The Arc of Lehigh & Northampton Counties
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem PA
October 17, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 pm
Guest Presenters: Alissa Gorman & Elaine Yandrisevitz, Attorneys with McAndrews Law Office

Do you have peace of mind about the future of your loved one with a disability? Will he or she need lifelong care and support? What will that look like? Who will look after your child when you are old, disabled, or die? Who and how will your financial resources be handled? Do you have a will? Do you have a special needs trust or an ABLE account? If not, would you like to know more about financial tools to provide for your family member? Folks, there’s no time like right now to plan for the future! Alissa Gorman and Elaine Yandrisevitz, experienced attorneys with McAndrews Law Office, will discuss essentials of estate planning for children and adults with disabilities. Talking points will include:

• The Function of a Will (names guardian for minor children, names an executor, explains how property is to be distributed after death)
• Special Needs Trusts (there’s more than one kind!), how they work, & how they can be funded
• Duties of a Trustee -Will a family member be equal to the task?
• What on Earth is Meant by a Pooled Trust? Is it right for me?
• ABLE Accounts: How do they differ from trusts?

This presentation is free, but you must RSVP to Ramona Neidig at 610-849-8076, ext. 325 or rneidig@arcoflehighnorthampton.org.

Seating limited to 20.

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FRIENDS
HELPING FRIENDS

Tuesday, October 17, 2017
9AM to 11PM
Join us in supporting our Community Agencies and Organizations!
The Fall 2017 season of TOPSoccer will run from Saturday, September 9, 2017, to November 4, 2017. Registration is now open and forms can be accessed and downloaded from the Enrollment page (https://sites.google.com/site/lehighvalleytopsoccer/home/enrollment). See you at the Lehigh County Soccer field in South Whitehall Township (Youth Field #2) 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 field #2).

**How Do I Register My Child?** - Access the registration forms at https://sites.google.com/site/lehighvalleytopsoccer/home/enrollment.
- 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.
Free Workshop on Truancy, Tardiness, and Mandatory Attendance

YOUR Attendance is Requested
Hosted by The Arc of Lehigh & Northampton Counties
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem PA
December 6, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 pm
Presenters: Erin Gilsbach, Esq. and Angela Uliana- Murphy, Esq.

Truancy is a multi-faceted problem. This workshop will briefly discuss contributing factors & possible solutions. However, the heaviest focus will be on the legal end. That's because we have two excellent attorneys as co-presenters. Learn from “both sides” as we hear them address the thorny issues of truancy, tardiness, and mandatory attendance.

Mrs. Gilsbach is an associate with KingSpry and their Director of Professional Education and Policy Development. She advises schools on both regular education & special education issues. Prior to joining KingSpry, Mrs. Gilsbach served as a legal intern at the Pennsylvania Department of Education’s Office of Chief Counsel. Ms. Gilsbach began her career in the classroom as a full-time public high school teacher.

Angela Uliana-Murphy is a parent attorney with expertise in education law. She represents parents and children in special education & discipline cases. She also has worked extensively with cases involving children on the autism spectrum. Ms. Murphy has personally experienced the special education process with two of her children.

Talking Points will Include:
- PA’s Attendance Law/Unexcused Absences/Medical Excusals
- Emancipated Minors & Students age 17 & Older
- Section 504, IEPs & Truancy
- Use of Homebound Instruction
- Plus Q & A from audience!

This event is free, but you must RSVP to Ramona Neidig at rneidig@arcoflehighnorthampton.org or 610-849-8076, ext. 325. Email preferred. First consideration will be given to families for whom these issues have been a problem. Professionals welcome if space permits.

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, divers 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.

Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley

Are you interested in the Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley’s baseball league (May to October) or cheerleading (September to October)? Would you like to just participate in our various activities?

Visit miracleleaguelv.org and fill out our Baseball, Cheerleading, or Event Registration Forms.

For more information:
610-769-2096

- Annual Halloween bash will be held on October 25th at the Miracle League field.
- Holiday party at DeSales University will be on December 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
http://www.miracleleaguelv.org/events/
The D/HH Task Force is a partnership between CLIU #21, ODHH, Lehigh County Early Intervention, and Guide By Your Side.

What is the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Task Force?
We are a group of people from all walks of life...deaf, hearing, professionals, parents, students, community members...anyone who wants to get involved.

Our mission is to provide more social opportunities to D/HH individuals from birth to early adulthood in the Lehigh Valley and surrounding areas.

What are the Goals of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Task Force?
- To provide social opportunities to D/HH young people in the Lehigh Valley and surrounding areas.
- To provide information to the families of children who are D/HH.
- To expose D/HH young people to mentors with a hearing loss.
- To provide networking opportunities for families who have a child with hearing loss.

Who Can Attend Our Events?
- Youth with any level of hearing loss and any type of communication modality
- Families of youth with hearing loss
- Professionals who work with D/HH young people

Who Can Be On Our Planning Committee?
Anyone who wants to get involved in having a positive impact on the lives of youth with hearing loss . . . YOU!

Special Events sponsored by the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Task Force . . .
Iron Pigs Night, Bowling, Cooking with a Deaf Chef, Laser Tag, Picnic, Bounce U, Painting Party, Snow Tubing, and many more events are being planned!

If you want to get involved with the D/HH Task Force Planning Committee or want to be placed on our email list to hear about upcoming events, call or email . . .

Maia Geiger
Cell: 484-735-0101
Phone: 610-769-4111
Email: geigerm@cliu.org
www.cliu.org

Community Resource Fair for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (Tentative Event)

Thursday, November 30th, 2017 (Tentative Date)
at Lehigh County Office of OVR/ODHH
45 N. 4th Street, Allentown, PA 18102

Visit the vendors any time between 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 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

PLEASE CONTACT MAIA GEIGER PRIOR TO THIS TENTATIVE EVENT
Deaf and Heard of Hearing

6th Annual School Year Kick-Off for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Saturday, September 23, 2017
11:00-2:00
Lehigh Parkway
1600 Park Drive
(when you reach this address continue straight on this road. You will see the event on your right along the stream. See attached map for our specific location)

Come join us for a day of socializing, playing, and making new friends. We will be teaming up with the LVCIL this year. They will be offering accessible fishing to kids who attend. There will also be a Vendor Fair going on (see attached). This is sure to be a great day!

Please RSVP to geigerm@cliu.org by Sept 18th so the LVCIL has enough fishing rods

Light snacks and drinks will be provided. In the event of inclement weather, please call or text 610-762-6919)
The 5th Annual Inclusive Youth Triathlon event on September 17, 2017, has been rescheduled for June 2018.

With consultation and support from our Board of Directors, Mikayla’s Voice Fifth Tri for Inclusion, originally scheduled for Sunday, September 17, 2017, has been rescheduled for June 2018. Please check the website listed below for further information regarding our June 2018 event.

Mikayla’s Voice knows that ALL kids deserve our very best, and we hope each and every athlete and team will join us next year when we “tri” again.

Kimberly Resh
Mikayla's Voice
www.mikaylasvoice.org
(610) 746-2323
http://triforinclusion.mikaylasvoice.org/for-athletes/
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.vrcenepa.org 610-379-0151

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

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

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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 Pathstone/Head Start/PA Pre-K Counts .................................. 1-610-377-3214
Carbon County Right From the Start ............................................................... 1-570-325-2771
Keystone STAR/ 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
CLIU #21 Early Intervention ............................................................................ www.cliu.org 1-800-223-4821 x1256

FAMILY RESOURCES:
Al-Anon/Alateen .................................................................................................. www.pa-al-anon.org 1-800-344-2666
Alcoholics Anonymous ...................................................................................... www.district49aa.org 1-800-640-7545
American Red Cross ......................................................................................... www.redcross.org 1-610-377-2100
Area Agency on Aging ...................................................................................... www.carbonecounty.com/aging.htm 1-610-824-7830 or 1-800-441-1315
Autism Resource Community Hub of Lehigh Valley .................................. 1-866-670-2724
Autism Society of America .............................................................................. www.asalehighvalley.org 1-610-778-9212
Autism Speaks ................................................................................................. www.autismspeaks.org 1-888-288-4762
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 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 ........................................... 1-800-990-4287
Carbon County Environmental Center .......................................................... 1-570-645-8597
Carbon County Right From the Start ............................................................. 1-570-325-2771
Carbon County Safe Kids .............................................................................. www.pasafekids.org 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 .......................................................................... www.carenetcarbon.org 1-610-379-0411 or 1-800-395-4357
Career Link ..................................................................................................... www.carbonecareerlink.org 1-570-325-2701
Catholic Social Charities ................................................................................ 1-570-628-0466
CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder) .................. www.chadd.org 1-800-233-4050
Consumer Protection Bureau ....................................................................... 1-800-441-2555
Domestic Violence Service Center ............................................................... 1-800-424-5600
Eastern PA Down Syndrome Center ............................................................ www.epdsc.net 1-610-402-0184
Family Promise of Carbon County ................................................................. 1-610-379-4757
Game Commission NE Field Division Headquarters .................................... 1-570-675-1143
Healthy Baby .................................................................................................. www.helpinpstatepa.us 1-800-986-BABY
Jewish Family Services ................................................................................... 1-610-821-8722
LEARN-Local Education & Resource Network ......................................... www.carboncountyec.org 1-570-325-2771
Mothers of Preschoolers .............................................................................. www.bluemountaincommunitychurch.org 1-610-826-8402
Narcotics Anonymous .................................................................................... 1-888-251-2426
National Adoption Center ............................................................................ www.adopt.org 1-800-862-3678
NHS Human Services ..................................................................................... www.nhsonline.org 1-570-424-9229
North Penn Legal Services ............................................................................ www.northpenlegal.org 1-877-953-4250
PA Breastfeeding Coalition .......................................................................... www.pabreastfeeding.org 1-641-713-8900 x663535
PA Recreation & Leisure Line ...................................................................... 1-800-986-4550
Parent Education Network ........................................................................... www.parentednet.org 1-800-522-5827
Parent to Parent .............................................................................................. www.parenttoparent.org 1-570-251-3208 or 1-888-727-2706
PBA Lawyer Referral Service ....................................................................... www.pabar.org 1-800-692-7375
Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange ............................................................... www.adoptpakids.org 1-800-585-SWAN
Pocono Mountains Adoption Bureau ........................................................... www.800poconos.com 1-570-325-3673
Products Safety Commission ........................................................................ www.cpsc.gov 1-800-638-2772
PSU Cooperative Extension-PROSPER ....................................................... www.prevention.psu.edu 1-570-325-2788
Right to Education Task Force ..................................................................... 1-610-769-4111 or 1-800-223-4821
Second Blessings Victim Resource Center .................................................. 1-610-377-2834
Smoking Quit Line .......................................................................................... 1-877-724-1090
Special Kids Network ................................................................................... 1-800-986-4550
Special Olympics .......................................................................................... www.specialolympicscarboncounty.com 1-570-325-3611
Suicide Prevention Lifeline ........................................................................... www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org 1-800-273-8255
Super Cupboard ............................................................................................ 1-570-427-4366
SWAN (Statewide Adoption Network) ........................................................... www.adoptpakids.org 1-800-585-SWAN
Valley Wide Help ............................................................................................ 1-610-435-7111
FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE:
Carbon County Action Committee for Human Services ........................................ 1-610-377-6400
Carbon County Assistance Office ............................................................... 1-610-577-9020 or 1-800-692-7462
Consumer Credit Counseling ............................................................................ 1-800-769-3571
Money Management International ............................................................... 1-866-889-9347
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 ............................................................................... 1-800-277-2345
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 .................................... 1-610-377-1300
Blue Mountain Health System - Palmerton Campus .................................... 1-610-826-3141
Blue Mountain Health System Physician Referral Line ............................... 1-888-707-4464
Brain Injury Resource Line ............................................................................ 1-800-444-6443
Carbon County Assistance Office ............................................................... 1-610-577-9020 or 1-800-314-9063
Carbon County Medical Society ................................................................. 1-610-826-6255
Carbon County Children’s MH/DS .............................................................. 1-610-377-6773 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
Easter Seals Eastern PA ................................................................................ 1-610-289-0114
Elks Home Service Nurse Program ............................................................. 1-610-622-7920
Family Planning Clinic ................................................................................ 1-800-367-6347
Geisinger Medical Center ............................................................................ 1-800-275-6401
Geisinger Wyoming Valley .......................................................................... 1-800-708-7300
Good Shepherd Developmental Pediatrics ............................................... 1-610-776-3578
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 .............................................................................. 1-800-243-1455
Institute on Disabilities ................................................................................ 1-215-204-1356
KidsPeace Hospital - Toll Free ..................................................................... 1-800-257-3223
Epic Health Services ..................................................................................... 1-570-223-6543 or 1-866-979-7337
Nemours Dupont Hospital for Children ....................................................... 1-800-416-4441
Nurse Family Partnership ............................................................................. 1-844-526-2786
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation ............................................................. 1-800-922-9536
PA Department of Health - Carbon County ................................................ 1-570-325-6106 or 1-877-PA-HEALTH
PA Health Access Network ......................................................................... 1-877-570-3642
PA Health Law Project ................................................................................ 1-888-274-3258
PA Medical Society ...................................................................................... 1-800-228-7823
Shriners’ Hospital ........................................................................................ 1-800-281-4050
Special Care Health Plan Blue Cross of NE PA ........................................... 1-800-829-8599
St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children ....................................................... 1-215-427-5000
St. Luke’s Miners Memorial Hospital ......................................................... 1-844-526-2786

Developmental Pediatricians
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia ............................................................ 1-800-879-2467
Geisinger Medical Center ........................................................................... 1-800-275-6401
Good Shepherd Pediatrics .......................................................................... 1-610-776-3578
Hershey Medical Center ............................................................................. 1-800-243-1455
St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children ..................................................... 1-215-427-5000
**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
Palmer Area School District ............................................ www.palmerton.org ............................................. 1-610-826-7100
Panther Valley Area School District ................................. www.panthervalley.org ......................................... 1-570-645-4248
Weatherly Area School District ...................................... www.weatherlysd.org ........................................... 1-570-427-8681

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https://www.compass.state.pa.us/Compass.web/ProviderSearch/Home/#/BasicSearch

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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

(toll free)

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

Senator John Yudichak ................................................ yudichak@pasenate.com ........................................... 1-570-325-3274
Representative Doyle Heffley ....................................... dheffley@pahousegop.com ...................................... 1-610-377-6363
## Community Resources

### General Information
- **Childline**
  - Lehigh County: 800-932-0313
  - Northampton County: 610-829-4800
  - Crisis Intervention: 610-782-3127
- **Social Security**
  - 1-800-772-1213

### Advocacy and Support
- **Allentown City Health Bureau**
  - 610-437-7780
- **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
- **Elks Nurse**
  - 610-365-1426
- **Office of Vocational Rehabilitation**
  - 610-821-6441
- **PA Disability Rights Network**
  - 800-692-7443
- **PA Office for Dispute Resolution**
  - 800-222-3353
- **Parent Education Network**
  - 800-522-8527
- **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**
  - 610-379-0007
- **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)**
  - 888-819-9200

### 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
- **Magenian**
  - 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**
  - 610-776-4500
- **Shriners Hospital (Philadelphia)**
  - 800-261-4050
- **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 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
    - 610-437-6610
  - 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
Developmental Pediatricians
Children's Specialized Hospital, (NJ) 888-244-5373
CHOP (Philadelphia) 800-679-2467
DuPont Hospital (Philadelphia) 800-416-4441
Geisinger Medical Center 800-275-6401
Good Shepherd, Pediatrics 610-776-3578
Einstein Hospital Develop. Medicine 215-456-6786
Hershey Medical Center 800-243-1455
Hunstler Medical 908-788-6396
Center-Child Devel. Ctr.
Johns Hopkins Children's Center 410-955-5000
Dr. Boosara Ratanawongs ("Dr. Boo") 610-398-9998

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 610-433-2312
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 County 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) 800-367-8347
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 610-768-2496
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 ............... 610-969-0330
Brain Tumor Foundation of LV ........... 267-272-2553
Camelot for Children ..................... 610-791-5683
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.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 Apraxia Support Group .... 215-850-7485
Lehigh Valley Family ................... www.lehighvalleymatrix.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.mmlv.org
Mothers of Twins Lehigh Valley .. www.lvmtoc.org
Muscular Dystrophy Assoc. .......... 610-391-1977
NAMI ........................................... 610-882-2102
PA Department of Health Line ........ 1-877-PAHEALTH
Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania .... 800-986-4550
Pediatric Cancer ................. www.pcfvl.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 #12 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**
   - Gifted Support for students identified as mentally gifted.
   - The focus is to provide instruction beyond the regular curriculum.
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 need of the physically disabled student.
7. **Autistic Support**
   - For students who are autistic. The focus is primarily to develop daily living skills.
8. **Multisensory Support**
   - For students who are multihandicapped. The focus is on daily living, self-help, and independent living.

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

- **Allenown**, Mr. Brian Siket (484) 765-4160
- Arts Academy Charter Middle School (Salisbury Township SD), Ms. Kathleen Addo-Addo (610) 351-0234
- Arts Academy Elementary Charter School (Allentown SD), Ms. Rita Richert (610) 841-4560
- Carbon Career and Technical Institute, Ms. Elizabeth Price (702) 225-8682
- Catasaqua, Mr. Robert Soper (610) 264-5571
- Circle of Seasons (Northern Lehigh SD), Ms. Dawn Craig (610) 285-6267
- East Penn, Dr. Linda Peralta (610) 968-8354
- Executive Education Academy (Allentown SD), Ms. Lynne O'Brien (610) 841-7044
- Innovative Arts Academy Charter School (Catasaqua SD), Ms. Doug Taylor (610) 403-2787
- Jim Thorpe, Mr. Brian Bailie (6570) 351-3061
- Lehigh Career and Technical Institute, Ms. Kristin Jagodzinski (610) 799-1326
- Lehighton, Ms. Mary Ann LeDow (610) 377-4900
- Lincoln Leadership Academy (Allentown SD), Ms. Sandra Fajardo-Torres (610) 660-3100
- Nonpublic/Private Schools, Mrs. Maryalice Grego (610) 769-4111
- Northern Lehigh, Ms. Michele Dettlo (610) 769-9849
- Northwestern Lehigh, Ms. Andrea Emmons (610) 298-8661
- Palmerton, Ms. Samantha Rentz (610) 826-7101
- Panther Valley, Ms. Sandra Michalek (610) 635-0386
- Parkland, Ms. Brenda DeRosa (610) 351-5559
- Early Intervention, Mrs. Jennifer Curtis or Mr. Matthew Martucci (610) 769-4111
- Roberto Clemente (Allentown SD), Ms. Damien Romero (610) 439-5181
- Salisbury Township, Ms. Tracey Jozzi (610) 797-2082
- Seven Generations (East Penn SD), Mr. Paul Hunter (610) 431-8844
- Southern Lehigh, Ms. Andrea Bachman (610) 283-3121
- Weatherly, Mr. Greg Messinger (570) 423-8661
- 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, playing, 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 please phone the CLIU #21 at 1-800-223-4821 or 610-769-4111.

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 to any amount of service. (300.452)(2)

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 who 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.

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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

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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 playbook, 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.)

¹ Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), P.L. 114-95 at Section 8025 (a)(2)(A) (Dec. 10, 2015)