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:

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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.

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

To find out how we Help Children Learn, visit our website at www.cliu.org.

Helping Children Learn
“CLIU is a service agency committed to Helping Children Learn.”

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Congratulations to our 2018 Annie Sullivan Award recipient, Donna Seibert!

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 2018. All Meetings will be held at the CLIU #21 Central Office, 4210 Independence Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078. *Meetings and presentations begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

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For information regarding the CLIU #21 Local Right to Education Task Force call 610-769-4111 x1218 or email localtaskforce21@gmail.com.

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.

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

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES:
Susan Kluge/Advocate
(610) 849-8076, ext. 22
skluge@arcoflehighnorthampton.org

Suzanne Mulhern/Advocate
(610) 849-8076, ext. 24
smulhern@arcoflehighnorthampton.org

Down’s Syndrome Parent’s Network
Mary Ann Gostony
(484) 357-3544

Mikayla’s Voice
Kimberly Resh
(610) 746-2323
kim@mikaylasvoice.org

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation:
Corey Cook
(610) 821-6441
ccook@pa.gov
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.


A central place for families and professionals to come together to create an inclusive community in Lehigh and Northampton counties. Parents can easily navigate the complicated journey of parenting a child or adult with autism, saving you precious time, helping you make informed decisions for your child(ren) and advocating for more high quality services. The Lehigh Valley Autism Guide is also a great resource for professionals to expand their services to meet the needs of the Lehigh Valley and find helpful resources that will help your clients.

The Lehigh Valley Autism Guide has a new look on the landing page and is easier to navigate. There are three categories, which include: news stories, new programs and new in the community. There are many changes that are happening in the Lehigh Valley and it’s important to raise awareness of emerging information that affect parents and professionals.

Save the Date - Connecting the Dots - Resource Fair - Oct. 24, 2018

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!

**Vendors, this is a great opportunity to meet families in the Lehigh Valley.** Last year more than 2 dozen vendors participated! Refreshments provided courtesy of IU 21 work-based learning students. Please advise if you would like to attend as a vendor or family member. Contact Valerie at localtaskforce21@gmail.com. Parents put this date in your calendar to find resources for your kids.

**Hosted by**
CLIU #21 and the Right to Education Local Task Force 21
4210 Independence Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Open to IU20 Families as well!**

ARCH (Autism Resource Community Hub) of Lehigh Valley

ARCH of Lehigh Valley (1347 Hausman Road, Allentown, PA) is an inviting, user-friendly center that provides comprehensive services to individuals and families touched by autism. Our professional staff are trained in Autism Spectrum Disorder. We promote and support the success of each individual in a therapeutic learning environment. In addition to meeting ADA standards, our state of the art facility incorporates specially designed lighting and sensory features. Our resources are designed to help each person achieve their full potential.

Services include diagnostic evaluations, psychiatry & medication management, counseling, BHRS (Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services), STAP (Summer Therapeutic Activities Program, therapeutic after school programs, professional training, resource room, parent partners, support groups, and family activities.
For more info, please call 610-573-2500 or visit www.archofly.org.
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. (continued next page)

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. https://www.keystonehumanservices.org/autism-services/adult-vocational-autism-initiative-of-lehigh/avail-program-overview.php


Save the Date - Autism Safety Day - October 6, 2018

Autism Resource Community Hub
1347 Hausman Road, Allentown, PA 18104
Saturday, October 6 at 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

For more information: (610) 573-2500
www.archoflv.org

We invite our local autism community to share in this very special FREE safety event providing children diagnosed with autism and their families, as well as first responders, the opportunity to socialize in a non-emergency environment.

Refreshments - Safety Activities - “Please Touch” Emergency Vehicles - Meet Local Police, Ambulance Rescue, Firefighters, and Legislators - Cops-n-Kids Literacy Program - Safety Resource Fair

Best Buddies

Best Buddies provides opportunities for socialization and friendship between college students and individuals over 18 with developmental disabilities. Many buddy pairs are returning; however, there may still be openings at Lehigh, Lafayette, Muhlenberg or DeSales. The clubs are run by college volunteers who have a faculty advisor. Here at The Arc, Bob Madden and I serve as community-based advisors. You may contact 610-849-8076, ext. 325, if you are interested in Lehigh or Lafayette or contact ext. 317 if you prefer being matched at Muhlenberg or DeSales.

As you might imagine, it can get quite hectic here in the fall. We field many questions about the Best Buddies clubs. Please do try to register at www.bestbuddiesonline.org before calling us. We sincerely hope that Best Buddies will benefit everyone who participates. Even with strong campus recruitment efforts, it may not be possible to match everyone. Students who cannot commit to a one-to-one match will often sign up as an associate buddy-one who helps out at group events only. Be assured that we will try to make as many 1:1 matches as possible.
Save the Date - Red Flags to the IEP - November 7, 2018

The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem PA
November 7, 2018 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? 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. 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. Email registration is preferred.

Save the Date - FREE IEP Clinic - December 1, 2018

Hosted by The Arc of Lehigh & Northampton Counties
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem PA
Saturday, December 1 from 9-1
Book a free 30-minute session with
Special Education Attorney Tanya Alvarado

Don’t miss this opportunity. Space is limited. Our IEP Clinic will allow time for 8 individuals to have a brief, private consultation with an attorney. You may discuss your child’s IEP, recent evaluation, or any other special education concern. Tanya Alvarado is a bilingual attorney in private practice. She is a former Senior Shareholder of McAndrews Law Offices. Tanya’s firm is exclusively devoted to serving children with special needs. For over 25 years, Tanya has used her legal expertise to prevail in areas such as appropriate placement, classroom inclusion, independent educational evaluations, & compensatory education. Please RSVP to Ramona Neidig at rneidig@arcoflehighnorthampton.org or 610-849-8076, ext. 325. Please include your child’s age, school, type of placement, diagnosis, & a little about your prevailing issue. Since time is limited, focus on the area that is the most pressing. This opportunity is open to anyone who has not previously attended a clinic. Time slots are listed below. Please arrive 5-10 minute early.

9:00-9:30  9:30-10:00  10:00-10:30  10:30-11:00  11:00-11:30  11:30-12:00  12:00-12:30  12:30-1:00
Save the Date - Your Will: Don’t Leave Planet Earth Without it! - October 1, 2018

Hosted by The Arc of Lehigh & Northampton Counties
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem PA
October 1, 2018 from 6:00-7:30 pm
Guest Presenters: Gregory Reed, Esquire

Creating a will is no joke. It's serious business. Gregory Reed, Esquire, has been a familiar presenter at The Arc on topics such as estate planning, trusts, and guardianship versus power of attorney. In this presentation, Attorney Reed will focus on wills and why you need one. The following questions will be addressed:

➢ What goes into the last will and testament? What information & provision should it contain?
➢ What are the advantages to having a will? What happens if you die without one?
➢ What are the laws of intestacy?
➢ What is the difference between a will & a living will? What is an Advanced Directive? Is it the same thing as a Living Will?
➢ What is probate and how does having a will help the estate navigate through the probate process?
➢ What is an executor and what are his/her duties?

A will is but one component of future planning. Our presenter will touch briefly on other aspects of estate planning, such as creating a trust & selecting a trustee. This presentation is free, but you must RSVP. Please contact Ramona Neidig at 610-849-8076, ext. 325 or rneidig@arcoflehighnorthampton.org. An email RSVP is preferred. Please indicate your county of residence when you register.

CLTCC Meeting Dates & Minutes

The Carbon Lehigh Transition Coordinating Council meets four times per year to discuss and collaborate on issues pertaining to transition for students with disabilities ages 14 to 21

2018-2019
Carbon Lehigh Transition Coordinating Council Dates, Times (9:00 – 11:00 am) and Locations

Wednesday, October 17, 2018:
(Transportation Office, Walnutport)

Thursday, December 13, 2018:
(Transportation Office, Walnutport)

Thursday, February 7, 2019:
(Transportation Office, Walnutport)

Snow date: Thursday, February 14, 2019:
(IU Administration Bldg. Room F/G)

Thursday, April 18, 2019:
(IU Administration Bldg. Room D/E)

Upon confirmation of presenters, topics will be announced with descriptors and then published.

Look for Updates and ALL minutes on the CLIU 21 website / Transition Resources / Carbon Lehigh Transition Coordinating Council or at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B4_VyvhkIqzhc0R3ZnN3dTByMIU?usp=sharing
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Task Force

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.

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

Save the Date - 7th Annual School Year Kick-Off for Deaf and Hard of Hearing - September 22, 2018

Saturday, September 22, 2018
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)
(In the event of inclement weather, call or text 610-762-6919)

Come join us for a day of socializing, playing, and making new friends. We will be teaming up with the LVCIL again this year for this event. They will be offering accessible fishing to kids who attend. There will also be a Vendor Fair going on. An ASL interpreter will be provided by the LVCIL to access the vendor fair.

Activities include:
- Fishing (Max limit 2 fish per person)
- Casting instruction for beginners
- Arts and crafts for everyone
- Demonstrations from local outdoor recreation groups
- Family friendly food truck

Please RSVP to geigerm@cliu.org by Sept 18th so the LVCIL has enough fishing rods.
No license or pole needed.
Light snacks and drinks will be provided.
Register at: www.lvcil.org/fishing
Save the Date - A Tall Cause - February 23, 2019

You're Invited!

Applebee's® Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast to support Deaf and Hard of Hearing Task Force

$7.00 per person; Kids 2-12, $4.50

WHEN:
Saturday, February 23, 2019
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

WHERE:
Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill & Bar
1510 Cedar Crest Boulevard
Allentown, PA 18104

For more information,
email Maia Geiger at geigerm@cliu.org

Valid only at participating restaurant listed above. Ticket valid for pancake event only. Applebee's menu items are not included as part of purchase.

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.

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

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.
The Fall 2018 season of TOPSoccer will run from Saturday, September 8, 2018, to Saturday, November 10, 2018. 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 fields in South Whitehall Township 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).

**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.
Sibshops

Elwyn is pleased to announce ARCH of IN’s Fall/Winter 2018-2019 Sibshops Programs, created especially for brothers and sisters of individuals with autism spectrum disorder. At Sibshops, brothers and sisters will:

Meet other siblings of individuals with autism spectrum disorder. HAVE FUN!!! Hang-out, interact with others who "get it" about the good (sometimes not so good!) parts of having a sibling with autism spectrum disorder. Learn more about disabilities and the services that individuals with autism spectrum disorder receive. Have some more FUN!!!

**What are Sibshops?** Lively, action-packed, surprise filled 1.5 hour workshops that celebrate the many contributions made by brothers and sisters of children with autism spectrum disorder. Sibshops acknowledges that being the brother or sister of a person with special needs is for some a good thing, for others a not-so-good thing, and for many, something in between. They reflect a belief that brothers and sisters have much to offer one another - if they are given a chance. The Sibshops model mixes information and discussion with activities and games, designed to be unique, off beat and appealing to a wide ability range.

**Who are Sibshops at ARCH of LV for?** Sibshops are recommended for siblings ages 8-15 of individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

**What is the cost of Sibshops?** Sibshops is 560 for the six-month session. This includes snacks, crafts, activities, games and prizes. Limited scholarships are available.

**Who run Sibshops?** Our Sibshops are run by a team of people who have a professional and, in some cases, a personal understanding of the impact a child’s special needs can have on brothers and sisters. Equally important, they have GREAT kid skills!!!

**Where and when are Sibshops held?** Sibshops are held at ARCH of LV, 1347 Hausman Road, Allentown. Sibshops meets once a month, from 6:30-8:00 pm. The following are the dates for Sibshops 2018-2019:

- September 7, 2018
- October 5, 2018
- November 2, 2018
- December 7, 2018
- January 4, 2019
- February 1, 2019

**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 (May to June or September to October)?

Don’t want to play baseball but still want to attend activities? Spring training allows you to attend events from Halloween 2018 through Egg Hunt 2019! Visit miracleleagueltv.org and fill out our Baseball, Cheerleading, or Event Registration Forms.

(610) 769-2096

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- Sign-ups to start on September 7th for the Holiday Party. You need to enter three gift ideas no more than $20 each.
- October 24th - Halloween Bash
- December 15th - Holiday Party 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

http://www.miracleleagueltv.org/events/
Special Soles 5K Run/Walk & Kids 1/4 Mile Fun Run

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

WHO: Runners of all ages. Gather your family, friends, teammates, and co-workers. School teams welcome (discount for participants 18 and under!). Walkers are also invited to participate using the same course.

WHAT: The Special Soles 5K is a fundraiser for the Carbon Lehigh Special Needs Children’s Foundation which benefits the students served by the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21.

WHERE: The CLIU #21 Transportation Center which is located at 4850 W Mountain View Drive, Walnutport, PA 18088. The course will begin near the property entrance; do 2 laps around the property, zigzag around the bus maze as you pass posters students made to encourage you on, and finish near the CLIU #21 sign on Mountain View Drive.

WHEN:
Saturday, November 3rd, 2018
8:00 a.m. – Registration begins
9:30 a.m. – 5K Run/Walk begins
10:15 a.m. – Kids Fun Run (1/4 Mile)
10:30 a.m. – Award presentation at finish line

RESULTS: Finish line and timing service by Pretzel City Sports. Race results posted on www.pretzelcitysports.com

AWARDS: Unique wooden award plaques and $25 will be presented to Overall Male and Female Champion. Wooden plaques also presented to top three (3) Male and three (3) Female finishers in each of the following age brackets: 14 and under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70+ years. Small town race – great opportunity to place! All participants also receive a t-shirt and are entered to win raffle prizes!

REFRESHMENTS: Free water and bananas provided to all runners and walkers. Other food and beverages available for purchase.

HOW: Optional Online Registration Available at: www.pretzelcitysports.com (nominal service fee applies, closes at midnight, the Wednesday before race day), OR

complete the form on next page and submit a $20 ($15 for 5k participants 18 and under) check/money order to the Carbon Lehigh Special Needs Children’s Foundation, Attn. Jeanine D’Souza, 4210 Independence Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078. Register by October 15th to receive a Special Soles 5K T-shirt. The fee for entries received after October 15th including Race Day is $25 ($20 for participants 18 and under), T-shirts while supplies last. Size requests will be honored to the best of our ability but size may be substituted. Registration will also include a raffle ticket for various prizes.

Race questions: 610-769-4111 ext. 1676, zumasbl@cliu.org
REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION: Special Soles 5K Optional Online Registration Available at www.pretzelcitysports.com (nominal service fee applies, closes at midnight, the Wednesday before race day) Or Complete this portion. Detach and mail. Include $20 early registration fee before October 15th ($15 if 5k participant is 18 or under). Late registration fee $25 ($20 if 5k participant is 18 or under). Kid’s fun run is FREE with mail-in registration; online registration carries a nominal service charge at pretzelcitysports.com.

Select: 5K Run/Walk ________ Kids ¼ Mile Fun Run ________

Name __________________________________________ Address __________________________

Phone ______________________________ City __________________________ State _____ Zip ___

E-mail address __________________________ Age (on Race Day) _______ Male ___ Female ___

WAIVER/RELEASE: I hereby waive all claims against the race director, race officials and volunteers, any and all sponsors including, but not limited to CLSNCF, CLIU #21, the Boroughs of Walnutport, Lehigh Township, and those in their employ, the Counties of Carbon, Lehigh, and, Northampton, and all their representatives and successors from any injury or liability I might suffer in this event. I attest that I am physically fit and prepared for this event. I assume all risks associated with running in this event including, but not limited to: falls; contact with other participants; the effects of the weather, including high heat and/or humidity; and the condition of the road; all such risks being known and appreciated by me. I grant full permission for organizers to use my name and/or pictures in legitimate accounts and promotions of this event.

Signature X_____________________________ Date __________________

Parent or guardian’s signature if less than 18 years of age.


Put a Team Together!
Kid FUN RACE
Come Join the Family Fun!
Save the Date - OPEN HOUSE - Vocational and Independence Program (VIP) and Project SEARCH - February 7, 2019

High School Transition Programs for students who are interested in gaining independence and integrated competitive employment in a local business.

Information for families and potential interns about the programs and application process.

WHEN:
Thursday, February 7, 2019
(Snow Date - Thursday, February 21, 2019 at St. Luke’s)

WHERE:
Education Center on St Luke’s Campus
Lecture Room 2
801 Ostrum Street
Bethlehem, PA 18015

(Drive towards the Hospital Lobby A entrance, go around past the valet circle, and park in the garage underneath the Education Center.)

TIME:
6:00-7:30 p.m.
Program Presentation & Light Refreshments

RSVP not required but is appreciated by:
Thursday, February 7, 2019
Barbara Montanari
montanarib@cliu.org
610-769-4111, ext. 1058

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

Pennsylvania Yellow Dot Program

Walk for Apraxia - 9/23/2018

SAVE THE DATE

September, 23 2018 at 9:00 AM
30 Lone Ln, Allentown, PA 18104, USA

Register online at community.apraxia-kids.org/greaterallentownwalk before August 26 to receive a free t-shirt!

Walk-up registration at the event is always welcome!

For more information, please contact Heather Hamilton at hbrown8@yahoo.com.
Save the Date - Buddy Walk - October 6, 2018

2018 Lehigh Valley Buddy Walk®
Advocacy Group Application
Saturday, October 6, 2018
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Lehigh Valley Cycling Center
1151 Mosser Road
Breinigsville, PA.

Event Details
Registration opens at 2pm
Walk begins at 3pm (1 mile fun walk)
Block Party and Raffle until 6pm

Register: https://lehighvalleybw.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=504
Contact: Michelle Levene at 610-402-0188.
There is a limited amount of space. Space will be reserved on a first come first serve basis.

Save the Date - Stepping Stones - A Free Grief Care Program - Sept./Oct.

Lehigh Valley Hospice Bereavement Services
2024 Lehigh St. Allentown PA 18103
September 26 and October 3, 10, & 17, 2018
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Stepping Stones for Children offers a combination of education, arts, activities and support to help children ages 6-10 and adolescents ages 11-15 facilitate healthy grieving. Led by specially educated counseling staff and volunteers, children benefit by learning age-appropriate concepts about death and dealing with grief.

Stepping Stones for Children offers the opportunity to express feelings in a safe and constructive environment where children are surrounded by other children who understand what they are going through.

Parents also benefit from this program. They can learn grief management tools to help support their child and have the opportunity to interact with other par­ents of bereaved children. Please register at 610-402-7481.

Save the Date - Month by Month IEP Tips - September 29, 2018

Hosted by
The Arc of Lehigh & Northampton Counties
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem PA
Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 10:00-12:30

Guest Presenter:
Jacqueline Lembeck, Esquire
McAndrews Law Office

Do you long for a more organized, successful, and peaceful school year? Turn your dream into reality. The key is baby steps. Taking tiny, but critical steps each month can achieve significant results.

In her 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 so overwhelmed. This technique is highly effective. 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 during this school year and in the years to come.

This event is free but you must RSVP to Ramona Neidig at 610-849-8076, ext. 325 or rneidig@arcoflehignorthampton.org. Email preferred. In order for this event ot be offered, we must have at least 10 attendees. Brunch provided.
The mission of the Pennsylvania Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) is to support Pennsylvanians with developmental disabilities to achieve greater independence, choice and opportunity in their lives. In 2016, ODP joined the national **Community of Practice: Supporting Families throughout the Lifespan**. The Community of Practice initiative involves working to transform state policies, practices and systems to better assist and support families that include a member with intellectual disabilities and/or autism. The goal of the collaboration is to support families in ways that maximize their capacity to facilitate the achievement of self-determination, integration and inclusion in all facets of community life for their family members.

To support ODP and the major elements of the Community of Practice goals, the **PA Family Network** was created under the leadership of Vision for Equality. The PA Family Network serves two critical roles:

1. Supporting families’ needs using the “Charting the LifeCourse Tools” to:
   - Develop a vision for an Everyday Life
   - Think about what they need to know and do
   - Identify how to find or develop supports
   - Discover what it takes to have the full and meaningful lives they envision

2. Provide networking opportunities and the ability to connect with other families, which such networking is vital through all of life’s transitions and stages.

The **PA Family Network** services are achieved by providing family workshops, networking opportunities and individual mentoring sessions throughout the Commonwealth, led by trained Family Advisors, all of whom have family members with disabilities. Services are available everywhere in Pennsylvania. In addition, workshops and mentoring sessions are offered in Spanish. **For information contact the PA Family Network at:** PAFamilyNetwork@visionforequality.org, or call 1-844-PAFamily (1-844-723-2645).

The National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) is the professional organization for the chief administrator in each state responsible for the operation of Intellectual Disabilities and Developmental Disabilities. Community of Practice: Supporting Families Throughout the Lifespan – NASDDDS

For more information about the national Community of Practice: www.supportstofamilies.org.
For more information on Pennsylvania’s Community of Practice, contact Amy Millar, Supporting Families Statewide Initiative Coordinator, c-amillar@pa.gov.
Save the Date - Unity Day - Wednesday, October 24, 2018

What are your true colors when it comes to bullying?

Make it ORANGE and make it end! If you care about safe and supportive schools and communities, make your color ORANGE on Unity Day. That’s the day everyone can come together – in schools, in communities, and online to send one giant ORANGE message of support, hope, and unity to show that we are together against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion. Individuals across the nation, and even world-wide, can participate in Unity Day.

Wear Orange: Make a Statement!

“ORANGE provides a powerful, visually compelling expression of solidarity,” said Paula Goldberg, Executive Director of PACER Center. “When hundreds of individuals in a school or organization wear orange, the vibrant statement becomes a conversation starter, sending the unified message to kids to know that they are not alone.”

More than one of every five school-aged children report being bullied,” said Julie Hertzog, director of PACER’s National Bullying Prevention Center, which sponsors Unity Day and founded National Bullying Prevention Month in 2006. “It's important these students know they are not alone and that they have the right to feel safe. By joining together and wearing ORANGE on Unity Day, we can send the unified message that we care about each student’s physical and emotional health and that bullying will no longer be accepted in this society.”

For more info, please visit PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center www.PACER.org

Editor's Note: The titles listed below are available in The Arc's Family Resource Library.

To borrow a book for a four-week period, please contact Ramona at rneidig@arcoflehighnorthampton.org or call 610-849-8076, Ext. 325.

=> Sticks and Stones: How to Help Your Child Address Bullying
=> Bullying: Not in This School: 40 Weeks of Bullying Prevention Activities
=> No Kidding about Bullying: 125 Ready-to-Use Activities
=> Words Wound: Delete Cyberbullying and Make Kindness Go Viral
CARBON COUNTY CHILDREN’S TEAM
RESOURCE DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY SERVICES and HOTLINES:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Revised 8/14/2017
CHILD CARE/PRE-SCHOOL:
Carbon County Child Care Information Srvs................................................................. 1-570-325-2226 or 1-888-212-0483
Carbon County Pathstone/Head Start/PA Pre-K Counts.................................................. 1-610-377-3214
Carbon County Right From the Start.................................................................................. 1-570-325-2771
Keystone STARS/ Northeast Regional Key ........................................................................ 1-610-437-6000 or 1-800-528-7222
PA Pre-K Counts (Jim Thorpe Area)................................................................................ 1-570-325-3691

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

FAMILY RESOURCES:
AI-Anon/Alakeen.............................................................................................................. www.pa-al-anon.org 1-800-344-2666
Alcoholics Anonymous..................................................................................................... www.district49aa.org 1-800-640-7545
American Red Cross......................................................................................................... www.redcrosslv.org 1-610-377-2100
Area Agency on Aging...................................................................................................... www.carboncounty.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............................................................................................... 1-570-325-2788 or 1-800-683-5100
Carbon-Monroe-Pike County Drug and Alcohol............................................................ 1-610-377-5177
Care Net of Carbon County............................................................................................ 1-610-379-0411 or 1-800-395-4357
Career Link....................................................................................................................... www.carboncareerlink.org 1-570-325-2701
Catholic Social Charities................................................................................................. 1-570-628-0466
CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder)..................................... 1-800-233-4050
Consumer Protection Bureau......................................................................................... 1-800-441-2555
Domestic Violence Service Center.................................................................................. 1-800-242-5600
Eastern PA Down Syndrome Center............................................................................. www.epdscent.org 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.welpinpa.state.pa.us 1-800-986-BABY
Jewish Family Services...................................................................................................... 1-610-821-8722
LEARN-Local Education & Resource Network............................................................. www.carboncountyceee.com 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.nhsline.org 1-570-424-9229
North Penn Legal Services.............................................................................................. www.northpennlegal.org 1-877-953-4250
PA Breastfeeding Coalition............................................................................................. www.pabreastfeeding.org 1-641-715-3900 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 Vacation Bureau.............................................................................. www.800poconos.com 1-570-325-3673
Products Safety Commission........................................................................................... www.epsc.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 1-800-233-4821
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 ................................................................. www.compass.state.pa.us 1-610-577-9020 or 1-800-692-7462  
Consumer Credit Counseling ............................................................................. www.consumercredit.com 1-800-769-3571  
Money Management International ......................................................... www.moneymangement.org 1-866-889-9347  
Shepherd House Food Pantries ................................................................. bookworm@pid.net 1-610-377-6048  
Social Security Administration .............................................................. www.socialsecurity.gov 1-800-772-1213  
WIC ........................................................................................................ 1-610-377-6097

HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESOURCES:
AIDS Factline .................................................................................................... 1-800-662-6080  
American Cancer Society .............................................................................. www.cancer.org 1-800-227-2345  
Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Information ........................................... 1-800-949-4232  
Arc of Northeast PA ......................................................................................... 1-570-346-4010  
Bayada Pediatric Home Care Services ..................................................... www.bayada.com 1-610-377-4717 or 1-888-995-0788  
Blue Mountain Health System - Lehighton Campus .................................... www.blmtn.org 1-610-377-1300  
Blue Mountain Health System - Palmerton Campus ...................................... www.blmtn.org 1-610-826-3141  
Blue Mountain Health System Physician Referral Line .............................. 1-888-707-4464  
Brain Injury Resource Line ............................................................................. www.biapa.org 1-800-444-6443  
Carbon County Assistance Office ................................................................. www.dpw.state.pa.us 1-610-577-9020 or 1-800-314-0963  
Carbon County Medical Society ................................................................... 1-610-826-6255  
Carbon County Children’s MH/DS ................................................................. 1-610-377-0773 or 1-800-338-6467  
Center for Vision Loss ..................................................................................... www.centerforvisionloss.org 1-610-433-6018  
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) .............................................. www.chop.edu 1-800-879-2467  
CHIP (Child Health Insurance Program) ....................................................... www.chipcoverspaksids.com 1-800-986-5437  
Easter Seals Eastern PA .................................................................................. www.esep.easterseals.com 1-610-289-0114  
Elks Home Service Nurse Program .......................................................... www.paelkshomeservice.org 1-570-622-7920  
Family Planning Clinic .................................................................................. www.mfhs.org 1-800-367-6347  
Geisinger Medical Center ............................................................................. www.geisinger.org 1-800-275-6401  
Geisinger Wyoming Valley ............................................................................. www.geisinger.org/locations/gwv/index.html 1-570-808-7300  
Good Shepherd Developmental Pediatrics ............................................... www.goodshepherdrehab.org 1-610-776-3578  
Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital ....................................................... www.goodshepherdrehab.org 1-888-44-REHAB  
Good Shepherd Therapy Services - Palmerton ........................................... www.goodshepherdrehab.org 1-610-824-7440  
Healthy Smiles, Happy Kids Mobile Dental Van ......................................... 1-610-377-7354  
Healthy Baby Helpline (Love ‘em With a Check Up) ..................................... 1-800-986-2229  
Hershey Medical Center ................................................................................ 1-800-243-1455  
Institute on Disabilities .................................................................................. www.disabilities.temple.edu 1-215-204-1356  
KidsPeace Hospital - Toll Free ..................................................................... www.kidspeace.org 1-800-257-3223  
Epic Health Services ....................................................................................... www.epichealthservices.com 1-570-223-6543 or 1-866-979-7337  
Nemours Dupont Hospital for Children ....................................................... 1-800-416-4441  
Nurse Family Partnership .............................................................................. www.nursefamilypartnership.org 1-844-526-2786  
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation............................................................. www.cwds.pa.gov 1-800-922-9536  
PA Department of Health - Carbon County ............................................... www.health.state.pa.us 1-570-325-6106 or 1-877-PA-HEALTH  
PA Health Access Network ........................................................................... www.phahealthaccess.org 1-877-570-3642  
PA Health Law Project .................................................................................. www.phlp.org 1-800-274-3258  
PA Medical Society ....................................................................................... www.pamedsoc.org 1-800-228-7823  
Shriners’ Hospital ......................................................................................... www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org 1-800-281-4050  
Special Care Health Plan Blue Cross of NE PA .......................................... 1-800-829-8599  
St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children ....................................................... www.stchristophershospital.com 1-215-427-5000  
St. Luke’s Miners Memorial Hospital ............................................................. www.mystlukesonline.org 1-570-645-2131 or 1-866-STLUKES

Developmental Pediatrics
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia ......................................................... www.chop.edu 1-800-879-2467  
Geisinger Medical Center ............................................................................. www.geisinger.org 1-800-275-6401  
Good Shepherd Pediatrics .............................................................................. www.goodshepherdrehab.org 1-610-776-3578  
Hershey Medical Center ................................................................................ 1-800-243-1455  
St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children ....................................................... www.stchristophershospital.com 1-215-427-5000

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:
Access Services........................................... www.accessservices.org ............... 1-570-366-1154 or 1-800-200-7701
ARCH ................................................... www.elwyn.org ............................................. 1-610-573-2500
Behavioral Health Associates ...................... www.bhaservices.com ......................... 1-610-379-0067
Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 .......... www.cliu.org ............................................. 1-800-223-4821
ReDCo KI-DSS ........................................ www.redcogr.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.cliu.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
Lehigh Area School District ......................... www.lehighton.org ................................... 1-610-377-4490
Lehigh Carbon Community College (Carbon Center) ...... www.lccc.edu ........................................... 1-570-669-7010
Palmer 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

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

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@pasecn.gov ........................................... 1-570-773-0891
(Mahanoy City) ........................................ 1-570-621-3400
(Pottsville)

Senator John Yudichak .......................... yudichak@pasecnate.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 .................. 610-252-9060
- Social Security ........................ 1-800-772-1213

**Advocacy and Support**
- Allentown City Health Bureau ........ 610-437-7760
- The Arc ........................................ 610-849-8076
- ARCH ........................................... 610-573-2500
- Bethlehem City Health Bureau .......... 610-865-7087
- Center for Independent Living ........ 610-770-9781
- Consult Line ................................. 800-879-2301
- Education Law Center .................. 215-238-6970
- 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 ............. 800-522-5827
- Project Child ................................. 610-954-9561

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

**Child 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
- HIPP (Health Insurance Premium Payment) 888-819-9206
- Department of Public Welfare  
  Lehigh County .............................. 610-821-6509  
  Northampton County ...................... 610-250-1700
- Easton Hospital ............................ 610-250-4000
- Gateway Health Plan ..................... 1-800-392-1147
- Good Shepherd Pediatrics ............... 610-776-3578
- Good Shepherd Rehabilitation .......... 610-776-3100
- Lehigh Valley Hospital ................. 610-402-2273
- Loving Care Agency ...................... 610-432-7403
- Magellan ..................................... 1-866-238-2311
- March of Dimes .............................. 610-814-7000
- Birth Defects Foundation ..............

**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) ..................................................... 800-879-2467
DuPont Hospital (Philadelphia) ........................................... 800-416-4411
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. Boosaara Ratanawongsa (“Dr. Boo”) ......................... 610-398-9898

Education Information Services

Community Services for Children, Inc.
Head Start & Early Head Start ........................................... 610-437-6000
Connect Information Services ......................................... 800-692-7288
Mercy Special Learning Center ........................................ 610-797-8242
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
Lehigh County Housing Authority ..................................... 610-439-8653
Salvation Army Shelter ................................................... 610-432-0128
Sixth Street Shelter .......................................................... 610-435-1490
Third Street Alliance ....................................................... 610-258-6271
for Women & Children
Turning Point of Lehigh Valley ......................................... 610-437-3369

Legal Services

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

Nutrition/Food Services

Allentown Area ............................................................... 610-821-1332
Ecumenical Food Bank
Assistance Office (Food Stamps SNAP)
Lehigh County ................................................................. 610-821-6503
Northampton County ....................................................... 610-250-1700
Casa Jeanette .................................................................. 484-860-0303
Central Moravian Food Bank ............................................ 610-866-5661
Coplay Food Bank ........................................................... 610-262-6088
Nazareth Area Food Bank ................................................ 610-365-8869
New Bethany Ministries ..................................................... 610-691-5602
Northampton Food Bank .................................................. 610-262-8030
Northern Lehigh Food Bank ............................................. 610-767-9525
Northeast Ministry ........................................................... 610-691-3355
Pennsylvania Hunger Action Center .................................. 717-233-6705
Penn State Cooperative Extension (Education Services)
Lehigh County ................................................................. 610-391-9840
ProJeCt (Eeastn) ............................................................... 610-258-4361
Safe Harbor (Eeastn) ......................................................... 610-258-5540
Salvation Army
Allentown ...................................................................... 610-432-0129
Bethlehem ................................................................. 610-867-4681
Easton ........................................................................ 610-258-9531
Trinity Episcopal Church ............................................... 610-867-4741
Soup Kitchen
WIC (Women, Infant & Children) ....................................... 800-367-8347
Allentown ................................................................. 610-432-3455
Bethlehem ................................................................. 610-691-6491

Recreation/Therapeutic Activities

Easter Seals of Eastern PA ............................................... 610-866-8092
Equi-Librum ................................................................. 610-365-2266
Live, Learn, & Play ........................................................ 610-653-3799
Music Therapy Associates ............................................. 610-740-9890
Recreation & Leisure Line .............................................. 1-800-986-4550
Soccer Tots Lehigh Valley ................................................. 610-737-5098
The Miracle League ........................................................ 610-769-2096
Theraplay ................................................................. 215-804-1002
Top Soccer ............................................................... www.topsoccer.us
VIA ................................................................. 610-317-8000
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
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.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.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.mmlv.org
Mothers of Twins Lehigh Valley .... www.lvmotch.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.pclvl.org 610-297-7292
Foundation of LV
Poison Control Center ............ 1-800-222-1222
SEAS (Aspergers) .................. 610-749-0332
Special Kids Network ............ 800-986-4550
Sugar Free Kids .................. 610-402-2273
(for children with diabetes & their families)

Transportation

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

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

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

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

Children 3 to 5 years old:

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Notice of Special Education Services
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice

The Following Carbon & Lehigh School Districts & Charter Schools and Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 Provide Special Education Services to Special Needs Children

- Allentown School District
- Catasaqua Area School District
- East Penn School District
- Jim Thorpe Area School District
- Lehighton Area School District
- Northern Lehigh School District
- Northwestern Lehigh School District
- Palmerton 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
- Arts Academy Charter Middle School
- Arts Academy Elementary Charter School
- Circle of Seasons Charter School
- Executive Education Academy
- Innovative Arts Academy
- Lincoln Leadership Academy
- Roberto Clemente Charter School
- Seven Generations Charter School
- Early Intervention

The public school districts of Carbon and Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, and the Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 ("the Carbon/Lehigh County school entities"), provide special education and related services to resident children with disabilities who are ages three through twenty-one. The purpose of this notice is to briefly describe (1) the types of disabilities that might qualify the child for such programs and services, (2) the special education programs and related services that are available, (3) the process by which each of the Carbon/Lehigh County School entities screens and evaluates such students to determine eligibility, and (4) the special rights that pertain to such children and their parents or legal guardians. For a full detailed version of this notice, please visit www.cliu.org.

Types of Disabilities Served
Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, commonly referred to as the “IDEA,” children qualify for special education and related services if they have one or more of the following disabilities and, as a result, demonstrate a need for special education and related services:

1. Intellectual disabilities
2. Hearing impairments including deafness
3. Speech or language impairments
4. Visual impairments, including blindness
5. Serious emotional disturbance
6. Orthopedic impairments
7. Autism, including pervasive developmental disorders
8. Traumatic brain injury
9. Other health impairment
10. Specific learning disabilities
11. Multiple disabilities
12. For preschool age children, developmental delays

Programs and Services Available
(1) Regular class placement with supplementary aids and services provided as needed in that environment
(2) Regular class placement for most of the school day with itinerant service by a special education teacher either in or out of the regular classroom for 20 percent or less of the school day
(3) Regular class placement for some of the school day with supplemental instruction provided by a special education teacher for more than 20 percent, but less than 80 percent of the school day
(4) Instruction provided by a special education teacher for more than 80 percent of the school day
(5) Special education services, with or without regular classroom placement, either in an alternative public school setting or in a private school, treatment facility, hospital, detention center or prison, on a day or residential basis.

Location of Services
(1) The public school the child would attend if not disabled
(2) An alternative regular public school either in or outside the school district of residence
(3) A special education center operated by a public school entity
(4) An approved private school or other private facility licensed to serve children with disabilities
(5) A residential school
(6) An approved out-of-state program
(7) The home

Types of Service Available
(1) Learning support, for students who primarily need assistance with the acquisition of academic skills
(2) Life skills support, for students who primarily need assistance with development of skills for daily living
(3) Emotional support, for students who primarily need assistance with social or emotional development
(4) Deaf or hearing impaired support, for students who primarily need assistance with compensatory skills to address deafness
(5) Blind or visually impaired support, for students who primarily need assistance with compensatory skills to address blindness
(6) Physical support, for students who primarily require physical assistance in the learning environment
(7) Autistic support, for students who primarily need assistance in the areas affected by autism spectrum disorders
(8) Multiple disabilities support, for student who primarily need assistance in multiple areas affected by their disabilities.

Screening
All Carbon/Lehigh County School entities undertake screening activities before referring students to a multidisciplinary team evaluation. Screening activities could involve Multi-Tiered System of Supports, commonly referred to as the “MTSS,” or an alternative screening process. Regardless of the particular screening method employed, the screening process must include (1) periodic vision and hearing assessments by the school nurse as mandated by the School Code and (2) screening at reasonable intervals to determine whether all students are performing based on grade-appropriate standards in core academic subjects. If screening activities produce little or no improvement after a reasonable period of intervention or remediation, the child will then be referred for a multidisciplinary team evaluation. 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.

Multidisciplinary Team Evaluations
Carbon/Lehigh County School entities must conduct a multidisciplinary team evaluation of every child who is thought to have a disability. The multidisciplinary team is a group of professionals who are trained in and experienced with the testing, assessment, and observation of children to determine whether they have disabilities and, if so, to identify their primary educational strengths and needs. Parents are also members of the multidisciplinary team. Carbon/Lehigh County School entities must reevaluate school-age students receiving special education services every three years and must reevaluate children with mental retardation and pre-school-age children receiving special education services every two years. Parents may request a multidisciplinary team evaluation of their children at any time. They must do so in writing. Every public school has a procedure in place by which parents can request an evaluation. For information about each Carbon/Lehigh County School entity’s procedures applicable to your child, contact the elementary, middle, or high school which your child attends.

Special Rights and Protections of Children with Disabilities and their Parents/Legal Guardians
State and federal law affords many rights and protections to children with disabilities and their parents. A summary of those rights and protections can be found in the full detailed version of this notice, located at www.cliu.org. Interested persons may obtain a complete written summary of the rights and protections afforded by the law, together with information about free or low cost legal services and advice, by contacting their school district’s special education or student services department at the address and telephone number listed at the end of this notice.

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Preschool Children with Special Needs
Children preschool age three through five, are served by the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit in a variety of home and school-based settings that take into account the chronological and developmental age and primary needs of the child. As with school age programs, preschool programs must ensure that to the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities are educated with non-disabled peers at no cost to the parent. Parents/guardians of these children may obtain information about screening, evaluation, programs, therapy, parent involvement, and referral to community agencies by calling or writing the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit, Early Intervention Services, 4210 Independence Drive, Schnecksville, Pennsylvania 18078-2580. The telephone number for the Early Intervention Program is (610) 769-4111 ext. 1256.

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. (300.455(2)) Parents/guardians of these children may obtain information by contacting the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit, Non-Public/Private Schools Supervisor, 4210 Independence Drive, Schnecksville, Pennsylvania 18078-2580. The telephone number for the Non-Public/Private Schools Supervisor is (610) 769-4111 ext. 1625.

Destruction of Information Concerning Students with Disabilities Who are Receiving or Who have Received Special Education Services or Who Were Evaluated for Such Services
The public school districts of Carbon and Lehigh County, and the Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 are required to notify parents and guardians when personally-identifiable information concerning students with disabilities or students who were evaluated to determine the need for special education services, is no longer needed to provide educational services to the student (“no longer educationally relevant”). The District considers certain records to be no longer educationally relevant based on the following schedule:

1. All test protocols and other raw data used as part of an evaluation or revaluation will be considered no longer educationally relevant at the conclusion of the school year during which the evaluation or reevaluation has occurred.
2. All IEP progress monitoring data will be considered no longer educationally relevant as of the date on which such data are reported to parents or guardians in a progress report or at the conclusion of the school year during which such data are collected, whichever is sooner.
3. All notes of IEP team members and draft IEPs, if any, will be considered no longer educationally relevant as of the date that the IEP to which such notes of drafts pertain is issued to the parents or guardian.
4. All Permissions to Evaluate or Reevaluate, Invitations to IEP or Other Meetings and related documents, Evaluation or Reevaluation Reports, IEPs, Notices of Recommended Educational Placement and related documents, Complaint Investigation Reports, Mediation Agreements, and Hearing Officer Decisions will be considered no longer educationally relevant at the conclusion of the sixth year from the date on which the student graduates from High School, ceases residency in the District for reasons other than placement in a hospital or treatment facility, or attains age twenty-one, whichever is sooner. The CLIU considers the records maintained by their agency to be considered no longer educationally relevant at the conclusion of the sixth year from the date on which the student turns age 21.
5. Parents and guardians have the right to request, in writing, that the District/IU destroy any or all records deemed no longer educationally relevant. The District/IU, at its discretion, may also destroy such records without further notice to parents, guardians, or students.

Questions regarding services for special needs children can be addressed to:
- Allentown
  Mr. Brian Siket (484) 765-4070
- Catasauqua
  Ms. Shelley Keffer (610) 264-5571
- East Penn
  Dr. Linda Pekarik (610) 966-8354
- Jim Thorpe
  Mrs. Sandra Michalik (570) 325-3691
- Lehighton
  Mr. Mark McIntyre (610) 377-4490
- Northern Lehigh
  Ms. Michele Dotta (610) 767-9849
- Northwestern Lehigh
  Ms. Andrea Edmonds (610) 298-8661
- Palmetto
  Ms. Suzanne Rentzschel (610) 826-7101
- Panther Valley
  Dr. Catherine Nelson (570) 645-0386
- Parkland
  Ms. Brenda DiezNA (610) 351-5559
- Salisbury Township
  Ms. Tracey Jacobi (610) 797-2062
- Southern Lehigh
  Ms. Andria Buchman (610) 282-3121
- Weatherly
  Mr. Michael Papay (570) 427-8681
- Whitehall-Coplay
  Ms. Brooke Clary (610) 430-1431
- Carbon Career & Technical Institute
  Ms. Elizabeth Porter (570) 325-3682
- Lehigh Career & Technical Institute
  Ms. Kristin Jachwicz (610) 799-1326
- Early Intervention
  Mrs. Allison Haberman/Mr. Matthew Martucci (610) 769-4111
- Nonpublic/Private Schools
  Mrs. Maryalice Grogan (610) 769-4111
- Youth Forestry Camp
  Mr. Dan Fisher (570) 443-0231
- Arts Academy Charter Middle School
  (Salisbury Township SD)
  Kathleen Adelto-Silva (610) 351-3023
- Arts Academy Elementary Charter School
  (Allentown SD)
  TBD (610)841-4560
- Circle of Seasons
  (Northwestern Lehigh SD)
  Elena Steiding (610) 285-6267
- Executive Education Academy
  (Allentown SD)
  Sarah Evans (610) 841-7044
- Innovative Arts Academy Charter School
  (Catasauqua SD)
  Doug Taylor (610) 403-2787
- Lincoln Leadership Academy
  (Allentown SD)
  Sandra Figueroa-Torres (484) 860-3300
- Roberto Clemente
  (Allentown SD)
  Damian Romero (610) 439-5181
- Seven Generations
  (East Penn SD)
  Paul Hunter (610) 421-8844

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

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

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to LEA officials with legitimate educational interests. An LEA official is a person employed by the LEA as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a school board member sitting in executive session in consideration of matters concerning a student upon which the school board may act.

An LEA official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service of function for which the LEA would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the LEA with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist. An LEA official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the LEA discloses education records without consent to officials of another LEA in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled, or receives services, if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer. [NOTE: FERPA requires an LEA to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward requests 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 playground, showing your student’s role in a drama production
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members
- The annual yearbook
- Graduation programs
- Honor roll or other recognition lists

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.

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
- 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 educational records without a PIN, password, etc.


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