Snow Days, Delays and Early Dismissals

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

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

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

   LEHIGH COUNTY
   WFMZ - TV Ch. 69
   WAEB - AM 790
   WZZO - FM 95.1
   WCTO - FM 96.1
   WAVE - FM 104.1

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

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

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

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

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

The Pipeline is for informational purposes only.
Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21’s New 2019-2020 Theme:

CLIU Annie Sullivan Award—Nominate a Professional Today!

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 This award is open to any CLIU employee, and is intended to recognize those individuals who have superseded the general expectations of their employment.

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

Qualities of an Annie Sullivan Award Nominee:
- Values Diverse Student Learners
- Champion to the Causes of Students
- Positive Attitude/Sense of Humor
- Selflessness & Caring
- Team Player
- Flexibility
- Innovative
- Nurturing
- Perseverance
- Patient

Congratulations to our 2019 Annie Sullivan Award recipient, Danielle Argot!

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 2019. 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. and go till 11:30 a.m.*

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For information regarding the CLIU #21 Local Right to Education Task Force, call Ramona Neidig, 610-849-8076 ext. 325, or email localtaskforce21@gmail.com.
Save the Date - Connecting the Dots - Resource Fair - Oct. 2, 2019

Looking for resources, services, or activities for individuals with disabilities? Need assistance in understanding the transition out of high school? Want to learn how to become more involved in your child’s education? Join us for snacks, prizes, crafts, games, Halloween activities, and great information! Representatives from Lehigh Valley agencies and organizations will be here 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! Please advise us 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.

GIVEAWAYS

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!

 Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley

Are you interested in the Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley's baseball league (April 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 2019 through Egg Hunt 2020! Visit miracleleaguelv.org and fill out our Baseball, Cheerleading, or Event Registration Forms.

(610) 769-2096

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 23rd - Trick or Treat 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- December 14th - Holiday Party 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

http://www.miracleleaguelv.org/events/

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.archoflv.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


Bureau of Autism Services Resource Center

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


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.

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.
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 - September 18, 2019

The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem PA
September 18, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 PM
Guest Speaker: Angela Uliana-Murphy, Esquire

Does the IEP state when, where, how frequently, & for how long services will occur?
Is assistive technology listed under “special considerations”? This potentially valuable service is often neglected or underutilized.
Are certain behaviors of your child affecting his/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.

This is a FREE event! Please register online at: https://www.arcoflehighnorthampton.org/events.
Questions? Please contact Ramona Neidig atrneidig@arcoflehighnorthampton.org, or 610-849-8076 ext. 325.

*Feel free to bring a recent IEP with you or follow along on a template that will be provided!
Save the Date - Your Will & Why You Need One - October 9, 2019

Hosted by The Arc of Lehigh & Northampton Counties
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem PA
October 9, 2019 from 6:00-7:30 pm
Guest Presenters: Gregory Reed, Esquire

If you do not have a will, this presentation will cover the basics, and basically Everyone Needs One! A will brings peace of mind. Through a will, you can:

➢ Ensure that your wishes are honored after your death.
➢ Explain how your assets should be distributed.
➢ Select the person who will serve as executor.
➢ Designate the guardian(s) for any minor children (under age 18).
➢ Provide for a family member with a disability.
➢ Reduce death taxes & estate administration costs.

Have you ever wondered what happens if you die without a will? Don’t let it happen! Attorney Reed is a frequent Arc presenter on topics related to estate planning. This is an informal presentation with time for Q&A. Come with questions and leave with answers! This presentation is FREE! Please register online at www.arcoflehighnorthampton.org/events

Questions? 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

2019-2020
Carbon Lehigh Transition Coordinating Council Dates, Times (9:00 – 11:00 am), and Locations

Thursday, October 3, 2019:
(IU Administration Bldg. Room D/E)

Thursday, December 5, 2019:
(Transportation Office, Walnutport)

Thursday, February 13, 2020:
(IU Administration Bldg. Room D/E)

Snow date: Thursday, February 27, 2020:
(IU Administration Bldg. Room D/E)

Thursday, April 16, 2020:
(Transportation Office, Walnutport)

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_Vyvhk1qhzc0R3ZnN3dTBjMIU?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 - 8th Annual School Year Kick-Off for Deaf and Hard of Hearing - September 21, 2019

Saturday, September 21, 2019
11:00-2:00
Little Lehigh Parkway (where Lights in the Parkway is held)
1600 Park Drive, Allentown, PA
(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. New this year, we will be offering an ASL story time!

Activities include:
- Fishing (Max limit 2 fish per person)
- Casting instruction for beginners
- Arts and crafts
- Vendor fair with special demonstrations
- Family friendly food truck
- MedEvac landing

Please RSVP to geigerm@cliu.org by Sept 17th 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
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.

VIP/Project Search Open House

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

Join us as we share information with families and potential interns about the programs and application process. VIP and Project SEARCH are offered through a partnership with the following: CLIU #21, Office of Intellectual Disabilities, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Goodwill Keystone Area, and LVCIL. Participating host businesses include: Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network, Lehigh Valley Health Network Muhlenberg, and Cedarbrook Nursing Home.

WHEN: Thursday, February 6, 2020 (Snow Date - Thursday, February 20, 2020)
WHERE: Lehigh Valley Health Network Muhlenberg
2545 Schoenersville Road Bethlehem, PA 18017
TIME: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Program presentation and light refreshments provided.

RSVP not required, but is appreciated by Thursday, February 6, 2020
Barbara Montanari montanarib@cliu.org
610-769-4111, ext. 1058
The Fall 2019 season of TOPSoccer will run from Saturday, September 7, 2019, to Saturday, November 9, 2019. 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’s 2019-2020 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 8-18 of individuals with autism spectrum disorder. NEW this year we will be having two Sibshop groups: Sibshop Kids ages 8-12 and Sibshop teens ages 13-18.

What is the cost of Sibshops? Sibshops cost $60 for the six-month session. This includes snacks, crafts, activities, games and prizes. Limited scholarships are available.

Who runs 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. Sibshop Kids meet 1:00-2:30 p.m. and Sibshop Teens meet 2:45-4:15 p.m. Sibshops are held once a month over a period of several months, meeting on Sundays. The following are the dates for Sibshops 2019-2020:

- October 20, 2019
- February 9, 2020
- November 10, 2019
- March 15, 2020
- January 5, 2020
- April 26, 2020

Inclusion: Making it Happen - December 4, 2019

Let’s talk about: Preconceptions, Concerns, and SUCCESS stories!

Presented by: The Arc of PA’s Include Me Project
December 4, 2019
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem, PA 18017 from 6:00-8:00 PM
Please register: www.arcoflehighnorthampton.org/events

For further info, please contact Ramona Neidig at 610-849-8076, ext. 325 or rneidig@arcoflehighnorthampton.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

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Kimberly Resh  
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kim@mikaylasvoice.org

Corey Cook  
(610) 821-6441  
ccook@pa.gov

Complete the crossword puzzle by filling in a word to match each clue:

Across
1. The leaves change __________.
2. A night that people wear costumes.
3. ________ are ready to pick off of trees.
4. Use this to clean up leaves.
5. Another name for autumn.

Down
1. On Thanksgiving day, many people eat ________.
2. A large, orange vegetable.
3. The ________ fall from the trees.
4. People will watch ________. A sport played with a brown ball.
5. ________ will fly south for the winter.
Easton-Area Parent Support Meeting - October 19, 2019

Faith Lutheran Church
2012 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA
October 19, 2019 from 2:00-4:00 PM
Light refreshments provided
(No guest speaker, support only)

Do you have a child adolescent who is on the autism spectrum or has an intellectual disability? Our October meeting provides a valuable opportunity for families to interact in a relaxed, nonjudgmental atmosphere. If you want to meet others with a child or adolescent with an intellectual or developmental disability, this group is for you.

Please don’t stay home when you have a chance to connect with other families. We need each other. For more info or to RSVP, please contact Leslie at leslie.mckelvey@yahoo.com or call 610-554-1988.

Easton-Area Parent Support Group - September 21, 2019

2012 Sullivan Trail, Easton PA
September 21, 2019
2:00-4:00 PM
Guest Presenter: McAndrews Law Office
Topic: FBA: Functional Behavioral Assessment

An FBA (Functional Behavioral Assessment) is a process for collecting information about problematic behavior. The data gathered is used to determine when, where, why, and how the behaviors occur. The data is then used to develop positive interventions. If you are interested in learning more about the FBA, please RSVP for the Sept. 21 presentation. A special education attorney from McAndrews Law Office will cover areas such as:

- Methods used to determine causes of behavior
- Steps in a functional assessment
- Variables to consider
- Behavior as a form of communication
- Positive behavior approaches

For more info, or to RSVP, please contact Leslie McKelvey at 610-554-1988 or leslie.mckelvey@yahoo.com

Social Security: An Overview of Benefits - September 30, 2019

Hosted by: The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem, PA 18017 from 10:00-12:00 PM
Co Presenters: Edward Lafferty, Public Affairs Specialist & Katrina Krause, Work Incentive Coordinator

This free presentation is open to families and professionals who seek a better understanding of SSI (supplemental security income) and SSDI (social security disability). Come hear from two experts! Discussion will include the following, plus thee following:

- How disability is defined
- How decisions are made
- Resource limits and when they apply
- Considerations for those under and over age 18
- Working while receiving benefits
- Work incentives

RSVP early! Seating is limited to 30.
RSVP online at www.arcoflehighnorthampton.org/events.
For further info, please call Ramona Neidig at 610-849-8076, Ext. 325
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
Save the Date - Buddy Walk - October 5, 2019

2019 Lehigh Valley Buddy Walk®
Advocacy Group Application
Saturday, October 5, 2019
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Cedar Crest College
100 Crest College
Allentown, PA.

Event Details
Registration opens at 1 pm
Walk begins at 2:15pm (1 mile fun walk)
Block Party and Raffle until 6pm

Register: https://www.classy.org/event/lehigh-valley-buddy-walk-r/e226102
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.

Choosing Assistive Technology for Students with Disabilities

Hosted by The Arc of Lehigh & Northampton Counties
2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem PA
November 13, 2019, 6:00-8:00 PM
Guest Speaker: Donna L. Hopstetter, D.Ed; CCC-SLP/L

Join us for an enlightening evening with Dr. Donna Hopstetter, Supervisor of Special Education for Colonial Intermediate Unit 20. The SETT Framework involves teamwork. By focusing on the STUDENT, the ENVIRONMENT, the TASKS, and the TOOLS, completion of the comprehensive SETT form helps ensure the selection of appropriate, effective technology.

Are you interested in assistive technology for your school-aged child? What kind of technology is needed depends on many factors, such as:
- The student’s special needs & current abilities
- The physical environment
- The supports & resources available
- The tasks & activities to be accomplished
- The technological options (no tech, low tech, or high tech) under consideration

If you are a family member or a professional interested in fostering the success of students with disabilities, we welcome you. If possible, please register online at www.arcoflehignorthampton.org/events, or you may call Ramona Neidig at 610-849-8076, ext. 325 for more info.
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](mailto: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](http://www.supportstofamilies.org).
For more information on Pennsylvania’s Community of Practice, contact Amy Millar, Supporting Families Statewide Initiative Coordinator, [c-amillar@pa.gov](mailto:c-amillar@pa.gov).
Save the Date - Unity Day - Wednesday, October 23, 2019

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
ASPEN’s 45th Fall Conference - October 27, 2019

Sunday, October 27, 2019 from 8:00-5:00 p.m.
NEW LOCATION: The Imperia Banquet Center
1714 Easton Avenue
Somerset, New Jersey

Hear from a variety of presenters, including our morning keynote Speaker, internationally renowned expert, Dr. Jed Baker, and our afternoon keynote speaker, Alex Plank, followed by eight dynamic afternoon workshop presenters.

Jed Baker, Ph.D.
Director
Social Skills Training Project
Award-Winning Author
International Consultant and Lecturer
How Do We Get From Here to There?
Managing Frustration, Anxiety, and Teaching Relevant Skills

Alex Plank
Actor (ABC’s The Good Doctor, FX’s The Bridge)
Consultant (FX’s The Bridge)
Writer
Filmmaker
Public Speaker
Autistic founder of Wrong Planet
Autism in the Media

Register Now!
Save money with our limited time offer!

We have an information packed day, including great opportunities for networking with other parents and professionals. It’s also a wonderful way for individuals on the spectrum to connect with one another.

Register now! Online and mail registrations forms are located at the following website: https://aspennj.org/register-aspen-2019-fall-conference/

Check out our afternoon workshops below:

- Dating and Relationships
- Effective Transition Planning for a Successful Future
- The Unspoken Secrets of Parenting
- Why Will No One Play With Me?
- IEP’s and 504 Plans: What Are the Differences?
- Autism Goes to College
- Effectively Interacting with Law Enforcement
- How to Establish and Run an Adult ASD Social Activities Group

Save the Date - Everyday Lives

January 7, 8, and 9, 2020 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center
325 University Drive, Hershey, PA
(Jan. 7 pre-conference day)

All are encouraged and invited to attend: Individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities/autism, families, supports coordination organizations, providers, administrative entities, and other interested parties. More details to come! Orchestrated by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services and Office of Developmental Programs.
Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you’re eligible for health coverage from your employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your children aren’t eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won’t be eligible for these premium assistance programs but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit www.healthcare.gov.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial 1-877-KIDS NOW or www.insurekidsnow.gov to find out how to apply. If you qualify, ask your state if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must allow you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren’t already enrolled. This is called a “special enrollment” opportunity, and you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at www.askebsa.dol.gov or call 1-866-444-EBSA (3272).

If you live in Pennsylvania, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following is current as of July 31, 2019. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –

**Pennsylvania – Medicaid**

Website: [http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/medicalassistance/healthinsurancepremiumpaymenthippprogram/index.htm](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/medicalassistance/healthinsurancepremiumpaymenthippprogram/index.htm)

Phone: 1-800-692-7462

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2019, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration  
[www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa)  
1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
[www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov)  
1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

**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](http://www.phlp.org).
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 .......................................................................................................................... 1-800-281-0189
Drug and Alcohol Hotline ............................................................................................................... 1-866-824-3578
Lead Poisoning ............................................................................................................................... 1-800-440-5323
MH/DS Crisis Intervention Hotline ............................................................................................... 1-800-338-6467
Poison Control ............................................................................................................................... www.aapcc.org 1-800-222-1222
Victims Resource Center ............................................................................................................... www.vrcnepa.org 610-379-0151

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

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

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

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

Carbon County Children’s Team

is offering FREE developmental screenings for young children.

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

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

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

FAMILY RESOURCES:
Al-Anon/Alateen...................................................................................................... www.pa-al-alan.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
care 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...................................................................... 1-800-224-5600
Eastern PA Down Syndrome Center.................................................................... www.epdsce.net 1-610-402-0184
Family Promise of Carbon County....................................................................... 1-610-379-4757
Game Commission NE Field Division Headquarters.......................................... 1-570-675-1143
Healthy Baby........................................................................................................ www.helpinpa.state.pa.us 1-800-986-BABY
Jewish Family Services.......................................................................................... 1-610-821-8722
LEARN-Local Education & Resource Network..................................................... www.carboncountyee.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.adoptpaks.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 1-800-223-4821
Second Blessings Victim Resource Center............................................................ 1-610-377-2834
Smoking Quit Line................................................................................................. 1-877-724-1090
Special Kids Network.......................................................................................... 1-800-986-4550
Special Olympics................................................................................................. www.specialolympicscarboncounty.com 1-570-325-3611
Suicide Prevention Lifeline.................................................................................... www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org 1-800-273-8255
Super Cupboard................................................................................................... 1-570-427-4366
SWAN (Statewide Adoption Network)................................................................... www.adoptpaks.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.moneymanagement.org .......................................................... 1-866-889-9347
Shepherd House Food Pantries .......................................................... bookworm@plt.net .......................................................... 1-610-377-6048
Social Security Administration .......................................................... www.socialsecurity.gov .......................................................... 1-800-772-1213
WIC .......................................................... www.mflhs.org .......................................................... 1-610-377-6097

HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESOURCES:
AIDS Factline .......................................................... www.cancer.org .......................................................... 1-800-662-6080
American Cancer Society .......................................................... 1-800-227-2345
Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Information .......................................................... 1-800-949-4232
Arc of Northeast PA .......................................................... www.thearcnepa.org .......................................................... 1-570-346-4010
Bayada Pediatric Home Care Services .......................................................... www.bayada.com .......................................................... 1-610-377-4117 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.chipcoverspakids.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.mflhs.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) .......................................................... 1-800-986-2225
Hershey Medical Center .......................................................... www.pennstatehershey.org .......................................................... 1-800-243-1455
Institute on Disabilities .......................................................... www.disabilities.temple.edu .......................................................... 1-215-204-1356
KidsPeace Hospital - Toll Free .......................................................... www.kidspeace.org .......................................................... 1-800-257-3223
Epic Health Services .......................................................... www.epichealthservices.com .......................................................... 1-570-223-6543 or 1-866-979-7337
Nemours DuPont Hospital for Children .......................................................... 1-800-416-4441
Nurse Family Partnership .......................................................... www.nursefamilypartnership.org .......................................................... 1-848-526-2786
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.pahhealthaccess.org .......................................................... 1-877-570-3642
PA Health Law Project .......................................................... www.phlp.org .......................................................... 1-800-274-3258
PA Medical Society .......................................................... www.pamedsoc.org .......................................................... 1-800-228-7823
Shriners’ Hospital .......................................................... www.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.mylukeline.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 .......................................................... www.pennstatehershey.org .......................................................... 1-800-243-1455
St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children .......................................................... www.stchristophershospital.com .......................................................... 1-215-427-5000
**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:**
Access Services........................................www.accessservices.org........................1-570-366-1154 or 1-800-200-7701
ARCH ................................................www.elwyn.org.................................................1-610-573-2500
Behavioral Health Associates ..................www.bhaservices.com........................................1-610-379-0067
Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 ......www.cliu.org.............................................................1-800-223-4821
ReDCo KI-DSS........................................www.redcogrp.com........................................1-570-420-8070
Youth Advocate Program (YAP) .............www.yapinc.org..........................................................1-610-681-2488

**SCHOOLS/EDUCATION:**
Carbon Career and Technical Institute (CCTI)........www.carboncti.org.................................1-570-325-3682
CCTI - Adult Education Center .............www.carboncti.org/main/adult-education-center.htm........1-570-325-4140
Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 ......www.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
Palmerton Area School District...............www.palmerton.org..............................................1-610-826-7101
Panther Valley Area School District..........www.panthervalley.org....................................1-570-645-4248
Weatherly Area School District................www.weatherlysd.org...........................................1-570-427-8681

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Go Online! Find Child Care and Other Early Learning Programs Near You:
https://www.compass.state.pa.us/Compass.web/ProviderSearch/Home/#/BasicSearch

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

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

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

For Families & Children in the Lehigh Valley - Family and Early Intervention Partnership of Lehigh & Northampton Counties (Revised July 2018)

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
.................................................. 610-559-3270
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 .......................... 610-865-7083
Center for Independent Living .......................... 610-770-9781
Consult Line ..................................... 800-879-2301
Disability Rights Pennsylvania ......................... 800-692-7443
Education Law Center ................................ 215-238-6970
Elks Nurse ........................................ 610-365-1426
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation ...................... 610-821-6441
PA Office for Dispute Resolution ......................... 800-879-2301
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 ........................................ 800-257-3223
New Story (aka Salisbury) ............................. 610-973-0970
Northwestern Human Services ......................... 610-866-8331
PA Mentor ........................................ 610-867-3173
Penn Foundation .................................. 215-257-6551
Progressions ...................................... 610-266-2656
Team Counseling Concepts .......................... 610-395-6322
Valley Youth House ................................ 610-954-9561

Child Health
Allentown City Health Bureau .......................... 610-437-7760
AmeriHealth Caritas ................................ 1-888-991-7200
Bayada Home Health Care .......................... 610-776-7000
Bethlehem City Health Bureau ......................... 610-865-7083
CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) ...... 800-986-KIDS
HIPP (Health Insurance Premium Payment) ........ 215-861-4155
Department of Public Welfare
Lehigh County ...................................... 610-821-6509
Northampton County .............................. 610-250-1700
Easton Hospital .................................. 610-250-4000
Epic Agency ....................................... 610-432-7403
Gateway Health Plan ................................ 1-800-392-1147
Good Shepherd Pediatrics .......................... 610-776-3578
Good Shepherd Rehabilitation ......................... 1-888-447-3422
Lehigh Valley Hospital ............................ 610-402-8000
Magellan ......................................... 1-866-238-2312
March of Dimes .................................. 610-814-7000
Birth Defects Foundation
PA Department of Heath
Lehigh County ...................................... 610-821-6770
Northampton County .............................. 610-250-1825
Sacred Heart Hospital ............................. 610-776-4500
Shriners Hospital (Philadelphia) ....................... 215-430-4000
(toll-free) 800-281-4050
Shriners’ Burn Center (Boston) ......................... 800-255-1916
St. Luke’s University Health Network
Allentown ......................................... 610-628-8300
Bethlehem ........................................ 484-526-4000
Community Health ................................ 484-526-2100
Visiting Nurse Assn. ................................ 484-526-1100
Anderson ......................................... 484-503-3000

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 x2328
Mental Health Consultations
Hispanic American Organization ...................... 610-435-5334
Lehigh Valley Community Mental Health ........... 610-691-4357
Olivewood Counseling ............................. 610-417-0463
Pinebrook Family Answers ......................... 610-432-3919
Community Resources, continued

Developmental Pediatricians
Children’s Specialized Hospital, (NJ) . 888-244-5373
CHOP (Philadelphia) ................. 800-879-2467
DuPont Hospital (Philadelphia) . 800-416-4441
Geisinger Medical Center ........... 800-275-6401
Good Shepherd, Pediatrics ........... 610-776-3578
Einstein Hospital ....................... 215-456-7890
Develop, Medicine
Hunterdon Medical ...................... 908-788-6396
Center-Child Devel. Ctr.
Johns Hopkins Children’s Center .... 410-955-2000
Penn State Children’s Hospital ...... 800-243-1455
Dr. Boosara Ratanawongsa (“Dr. Boo”) 610-398-9898
St. Luke’s Developmental Pediatrics . 484-426-2542

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
Child Care Program ................. 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 .. 610-861-0121
New Bethany Ministries ............... 610-691-5602
Northampton County ............... 610-759-8488
Housing Authority
Pathways (Conference of Churches) .. 610-439-8653
Salvation Army Shelter ............. 610-432-0128
Sixth Street Shelter .................. 610-435-1490
Third Street Alliance ................. 610-258-6271
for Women & Children
Turning Point of Lehigh Valley .. 610-437-3369

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

Nutrition/Food Services
Allentown Area ......................... 610-821-1332
Ecumenical Food Bank
Assistance Office (Food Stamps SNAP)
Lehigh County ......................... 610-821-6503
Northampton County ............... 610-250-1700
Casa Jeanette ......................... 610-432-2222
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 717-525-9805
Penn State Cooperative Extension (Education Services)
Lehigh County ......................... 610-391-9840
ProJeCT (Easton) ................... 610-258-4361
Safe Harbor (Easton) ............... 610-258-5540
Salvation Army
Allentown .............................. 610-432-0129
Bethlehem ............................ 610-867-4681
Easton .............................. 610-258-9531
Trinity Episcopal Church ........... 610-867-4741
Soup Kitchen
WIC (Women, Infant & Children) .. 800-367-6347
Allentown ............................. 610-432-3455
Bethlehem ............................ 610-691-6491

Recreation/Therapeutic Activities
Twinkle Babies ...................... 610-838-7306
Easter Seals of Eastern PA ......... 610-289-0114
Equi-Librium: Healing Through Horses 610-365-2266
Imagi Nation ......................... 610-841-5919
Live, Learn, & Play .................. 610-797-5483
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 of the Lehigh Valley ....... 610-317-8000
Community Resources, continued

Support Groups/Hotlines

Aids Hotline .................. 1-800-662-6080
Angel 34 (Childhood Cancer) .......... 610-533-1923
ARCH ................................... 610-573-2500
Lehigh Valley Autism Society .......... 610-751-6532
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
Center for Vision Loss .................. 610-433-6018
Cleft Palate Foundation ............... 1-800-242-5338
Compassionate Friends of LV ......... 610-837-7924
(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
(For parents 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
Lilly's Hope Foundation ................ 267-776-4673
(Premature Birth)

Support Group/Hotlines Cont.

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.lvmtc.org
Muscular Dystrophy Assoc. ............. 610-391-1977
NAMI .......................... 610-882-2102
PA Department of Health Line ......... 1-877-PAHEALTH
Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania .......... 888-727-2706
Pediatric Cancer .................. www.pcfvl.org 610-297-7292
Foundation of LV
Poison Control Center .......... 1-800-222-1222
Special Kids Network ............. 800-986-4550
Sugar Free Kids .................. 610-969-3230
(For children with diabetes & their families)

Transportation

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

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

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

Children birth to 3 years old:  
Northampton County - 610-829-4800
Lehigh County - 610-782-3200

Children 3 to 5 years old:  
Colonial Intermediate Unit - 610-849-0260
Carbon/Lehigh Intermediate Unit - 610-769-4111

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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  
Parksland School District  
Parkland School District  
Arts Academy Charter Middle School  
Arts Academy Elementary Charter School  

Catasauqua Area School District  
Salisbury Township School District  
Southern Lehigh School District  
Circle of Seasons Charter School  
Executive Education Academy  
Innovative Arts Academy  

East Penn School District  
Weatherly Area School District  
Whitehall-Coplay School District  
Lincoln Leadership Academy  

Jim Thorpe Area School District  
Carbon Career and Technical Institute  
Northern Lehigh School District  
Roberto Clemente Charter School  

Lehighton Area School District  
Lehigh Career and Technical Institute  
Northwestern Lehigh School District  
Seven Generations Charter School  

Palmetto School District  
Nonpublic/Private Schools  
Panther Valley School District  

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 service 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 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.clu.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 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 Services 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 independent 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. Autism 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 for a multidisciplinary team evaluation. Screening activities include 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.clu.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.
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 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 reevaluation 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 parent 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 CUIU 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

Palmeton
Ms. Suzanne Rentschler (610) 826-7101

Panther Valley
Mr. Dennis R. Kerick, Sr. (570) 645-4248

Parkland
Ms. Brenda DeRenzo (610) 351-5559

Salisbury Township
Ms. Tracey Jacob (610) 797-2062

Southern Lehigh
Mrs. Andrea Buchman (610) 282-3121

Weatherly
Dr. Catherine Nelson (570) 427-8681

Whitehall-Coplay
Ms. Brooke Clary (610) 439-1431

Carbon Career & Technical Institute
Ms. Elizabeth Porter (570) 325-3682

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute
Ms. Kristin Jacquie (610) 799-1326

Early Intervention
Mrs. Allison Haberman/Mr. Matthew Martucci (610) 769-4111

Nonpublic/Private Schools
Ms. Maryalice Grogan (610) 769-4111

Youth Forestry Camp
Mr. Dan Fisher (570) 443-0231

Arts Academy Charter Middle School
(Salisbury Township SD)
Ms. Kathleen Adorl-Silva (610) 351-0234

Arts Academy Elementary Charter School
(Allentown SD)
Ms. Michele Banks (610) 841-4560

Circle of Seasons
(Northern Lehigh SD)
Ms. Elena Steindler (610) 351-4967

Executive Education Academy
(Allentown SD)
Ms. Sarah Evans (610) 841-7044

Innovative Arts Academy Charter School
(Catasauqua SD)
Mr. Doug Taylor (610) 403-2787

Lincoln Leadership Academy
(Allentown SD)
Ms. Sandra Figueroa-Torres (484) 860-3300

Roberto Clemente
(Allentown SD)
Mr. Damian Romero (610) 439-5181

Seven Generations
(East Penn SD)
Mr. Paul Hunter (610) 421-8844
Annual Notification of Rights under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A playbill, showing your student’s role in a drama production
- 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.¹

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

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

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