

LOCAL TASK FORCE Fact Sheet



What is Local Task Force (LTF)?

LTF is a committee of parents, consumers, and representatives that works to ensure children with disabilities receive the services and support they need. LTF's are active across Pennsylvania, and they follow procedures outlined by the State Task Force.

How did the LTF begin?

The LTF system was established in 1972. The PARC Consent Decree mandated the establishment of an LTF in each of the 29 Intermediate Units in Pennsylvania. The purpose of the LTF was to ensure that the spirit of the Consent Decree was carried out. The LTF's were formed to advocate for the needs of students with intellectual disabilities and their families.

What is the PARC Consent Decree?

The PARC Consent Decree was a court order in 1972 that established the right of children with intellectual disabilities to receive a free public education. The decree was the result of the lawsuit Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Citizens (PARC) v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

“The development of systematic change through a legacy of a positive collaborative effort”

Collaborative Partners: Local district LEA's (Special Ed Directors), County Administrative Entity MHMR AIBDHP, ARIN IU 28 (Special Ed Director), Arc of Indiana County (Educational Advocacy and Director, and Parents.)

What is the process when addressing concerns?

LTF refers systemic issues identified locally to the appropriate IU, LEA, local agency, Bureau of Special Education Advisor, or to the State Task Force chairperson for clarification, recommendation, or solution.

Parent Scholarships

Parent members of the LTF have the opportunity to apply for a scholarship to attend the PDE or Autism Conference

LTF works to:

- Provide information and support to parents of children with disabilities
- Propose recommendations to improve services for children with special needs
- Share information and network with the community
- Address individual issues brought to the committee by parents
- Monitor programs and services for people covered under Intellectual Disabilities Services
- Cooperate with public and private service provider agencies
- Refer problems to LEAs, approved private agencies, or the State Task Force
- Make recommendations to the State Task Force or other approved private groups



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Local Task Force

Speaker Series:

September 3, 2025 9:30 AM

Sharon Kunkle Transition Spec. Ed Teacher
RVSD: Secondary Transitions

October 1, 2025 6:30 PM

Community Guidance Center Collin Norby -
Student Mental Health

November 5, 2025 Parent Support Dinner at
the Arc

Mirella Roman-Molina: LTF Chair: Parent LTF
Journey & Carole Clancy: Director of Bureau of
Special Ed. Pa Dept of Ed

December: OFF

January 7, 2026 9:30 AM

Kim Rode OCDEL: Early Intervention

February 4, 2026 6:30 PM

Cindy Duch Peal Center: "A Transition is not
just a Plan"

March 4, 2026 9:30 AM

Office of Dispute Resolution:
Program/Organization Overview

April 1, 2026 6:30 PM

Courtney Kuncleman, School Psychologist
IASD: IEP Goals, & how they relate to the
student's strengths/needs, and Progress
Monitoring.

May 6, 2026 6:30 PM

Fran Harbaugh, Special Ed. Director, United
SD: Parent School Communication

Contact bboston@arcindiana.org,
mjordan@arcindiana.org, or ncornman@iu28.org to
be added to the email list to receive invite
information and resources

FREE PARENT ANNUAL DINNER November 5, 2025 6:30 PM Arc of Indiana Co. Child Care will be provided for FREE by the Arc of Indiana County.

Speakers:
Mirella Roman-Molina -
Parent on LTF
Dr. Carole Clancy
- Director
Bureau of Special
Education,
Pennsylvania
Department of
Education

