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## AGENDA: FEBRUARY 22ND, 2022

### 1. Welcome Visitors

### 2. Roll Call

The Local Task Force 21 wants to grow! We would like to encourage Parents to become more involved with the LTF21. If you are interested, after attending two LTF meetings, you can represent your child's school district! The LTF is a safe, judgment-free place that was created by parents, for parents who have children with disabilities. We are here to help with education issues and to make sure every child receives F.A.P.E. (A Free and Appropriate Public Education). By attending the Local Task Force meetings, you are opening the door to new possibilities for you, your family and your student(s). Together we can do great things!

### 3. Correction/Approval of Minutes from January 25th, 2022

### 4. Agency Reports:

- a. The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties: Updates and Legislation
- b. The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania (NEPA)
- c. The Arc of Pennsylvania
- d. Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21
- e. Lehigh County Developmental Programs
- f. Carbon County Developmental Programs (CMP)
- g. Office of Developmental Programs (ODP)
- h. Superintendent's Report: East Penn School District
- i. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)
- j. Other Agency/Provider Information

### 5. Committee Reports:

- a. Membership
- b. Compliance Monitoring
- c. In-Service
- d. Legislation (listed in minutes)

### 6. Chairperson's Report:

- a. State Task Force Update
- b. Upcoming Training and Event Info. (see newsletter: <https://www.smores.com/u/local.task.force.iu21>)

### 7. Presentation:

This presentation is intended to provide information on the **Basics of Advocacy: What Advocacy Means, Who it Helps, How It Works and Why Advocacy is Important.**

Presenters include: Diane Perry, Family Program Specialist, with The PEAL Center; Jessica Mckenty-Nuttall, Director of Advocacy with The ARC of Lehigh and Northampton Counties; Roseann Polishan, Mandy Colville, Katie Foley, Advocates with the ARC of Northeastern Pennsylvania and Lisbeth Little, Bilingual Family Advisor, with HUNE (her presentation will be presented in English and Spanish)

### 8. Discussion

### 9. Adjournment

**Dates of Interest:**

1. Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 Board Meetings for 2022-2023 School Year @ 6:30PM:  
February: No Meeting                      March 20th, 2023                      April 17th, 2023  
May 15th, 2023                      June 19th, 2023

For more information visit: <https://www.cliu.org>

2. State Task Force Meeting: STF 2022-2023 bi-monthly Meeting Schedule:  
Wednesday, January 11, 2023 – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm - TBD  
Wednesday, March 15, 2023 – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm - TBD  
Wednesday, May 10, 2023 – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm - TBD

For more information visit: <https://www.pattan.net/about-us/partners/state-task-force/>

**MINUTES: January 25th, 2022**

1. Amanda Robbins called the November 9th, 2022 meeting of the Right to Education Local Task Force 21 to order at 10:03 AM.

**Members Present:**

Amanda Robbins; LTF21: Chairperson and Parent Rep., East Penn SD  
Dr. Mark Scott; CLIU21: Director of Special Programs and Services  
Kendyle Mills; CLIU21: Education Consultant and Presenter  
Kodi Berry; Intake/Resource Coordinate, Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties  
Susan Kluge; Advocate: Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties  
Dr. Deborah Ohmacht; Advocate: Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties  
Jessica McKenty-Nuttall; Director of Advocacy: Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties  
Roseann Polishan; Advocate for Arc of NEPA; LTF19 Chairperson  
Mandy Colville; Advocate for the Arc of NEPA; LTF20 Chairperson  
Katie Foley; Advocate for the Arc of NEPA  
Emma Furiosi; Carbon Monroe Pike Mental Health Developmental Services  
Mark Botto; Office Manager, Therapeutic Arts Groups  
Deb Penn; PA Elks Home Care Nursing Services  
Mimi Ludwig; Autism Society Lehigh Valley Founder  
Alyssa Mierla; LTF21: East Penn SD Parent Representative  
Kristy Fogle; Parent; SC Supervisor: Quality Progressions  
Tracey Jacobi; Salisbury SD Special Education Director  
Katerri Beachum; The PEAL Center

**Visitors Present:**

Diane Perry; The PEAL Center: Family Resource Specialist and Presenter  
Seth Hoderewski; LVCIL: Director of Transition Services  
Gwen Hofmann; Kidspeace  
Gianna Doll; Kidspeace

Michelle Bedics; Kidspeace  
Tiana McNab Torres; LTF20: Easton Area SD Parent  
Juan Dipini; Plan 504, Parent Advocate Allentown SD  
Kim Wismer; LTF20: Pen Argyl SD Parent Representative  
Linda Stofnik  
Valerie Gulycz; Supervisor Parkland SD  
Ariel Parker; Social Worker Parkland SD  
Greg Kosciolk; Special Education Director Panther Valley SD  
Gretchen; HS Troxell

**Members Absent:**

MaryJo King; CLIU21 Assistant to Director of Special Programs and Services  
Tierra Brown; IM/ADEPT Program Specialist, Arc of Pennsylvania  
Eleni Burd; IM/ADEPT Program Specialist, Arc of Pennsylvania  
Kathy Purcell; Director, Therapeutic Arts Group  
Maureen Timlin; ODP: Northeast Region's Supporting Families Lead  
Heather Shirk; Lehigh County Developmental Programs  
Nicole Lindsay; Northeast Regional Coordinator Parent to Parent of PA  
Suzanne Rentschler; Palmerton SD Special Education Director  
Kelly Theophile; CLIU21 Representative  
Keith Focht; State Task Force Chairperson  
Christine Piripavel; Allentown SD Supervisor  
Karina Castillo; Corazones Unidos para el Autismo; Parent Rep., Allentown SD  
Erika Christofaro-Melton; Lehigh County Integrated Services  
Theresa LaFavor; Parent Rep.: Catasauqua SD  
Mara Wolfe; MS CRC Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)  
Kaitlyn Tretter, OVR Representative  
Andrea Edmonds; Northwestern Lehigh SD Special Education Director  
Dr. Linda Pekarik; East Penn SD Special Education Director  
Lisa Mendoza; Parent Rep.; Parkland SD  
Michelle Dotta; Northern Lehigh SD Special Education Director

**2. Welcome Visitors:**

Amanda Robbins, Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the Right To Education: Local Task Force 21 September Meeting and gave thanks to everyone for attending. I'm Amanda Robbins, Chairperson. If you are new to LTF21 meetings, please put your name, district your child attends or agency you represent, with your email address in the chat. We are glad you could join us today.

**3. Roll Call:**

The Local Task Force 21 wants to grow! We would like to encourage Parents to become more involved with the LTF. If you are interested, please email [localtaskforce21@gmail.com](mailto:localtaskforce21@gmail.com) and after attending two LTF meetings, you can represent your child's school district! The LTF is a safe, judgment-free, place that was created by parents, for parents who have children with disabilities. We are here to help with educational issues and to make sure every child receives F.A.P.E. (A Free and Appropriate Public Education). By attending the Local Task Force meetings, you are opening the door to new possibilities for you, your family and your student(s). All things are possible because together we can do great things!

#### **4. Correction/Approval Of Minutes:**

Amanda asked members if there are any corrections to the November minutes. If not, next is the approval of the minutes from the November 9th, 2022 meeting. Would someone please make a motion to approve the minutes? 1st motion; Dr. Deborah Ohmacht. 2nd; Susan Kluge. Motion passed.

#### **5. Agency Reports:**

##### **a. The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties:**

<http://arcoflehighnorthampton.org/>

Jessica McKenty-Nuttall reported via email:

In addition, I cannot recall if I announced this during the December LTF21 meeting, but we have had some personnel changes at The Arc. Both our Bilingual Advocate, Miozoty, and our Lehigh County FD/FSS & Training Coordinator, Bob Madden are no longer with the organization. Questions related to Advocacy can be directed to me at [jmckenty@arcoflehighnorthampton.org](mailto:jmckenty@arcoflehighnorthampton.org), and questions regarding FD/FSS can be directed to Mike Paulik: [MichaelPaulik@lehighcounty.org](mailto:MichaelPaulik@lehighcounty.org).

##### **1. Upcoming Webinars:**

a. February 15, 2023 | 6:330 – 8:00PM “Speech Therapy & AAC for Students with Disabilities” presented by Kristin M. Ellis MS, CCC-SLP/L, Speech Language Pathologist, Augmentative & Alternative Communication Specialist.  
Register At:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_npRnb9odQ4aVMELlg7xlmw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_npRnb9odQ4aVMELlg7xlmw)

b. March 14, 2023 | 6:30 – 8:00PM “A Transition Plan is Not Just a Form: Transition to Adulthood” presented by PEAL & co-hosted with The Autism Society Lehigh Valley.

Register At:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_n88TpQBPS7mfuhlYRUjm4g](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_n88TpQBPS7mfuhlYRUjm4g)

c. March 28, 2023 | 6:30 – 8:30PM “Transition Goals, Activities, and Services in the IEP” presented by PEAL & co-hosted with The Autism Society Lehigh Valley.

Register at:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_m\\_XzqFL8TZWD8a0yLq-09Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_m_XzqFL8TZWD8a0yLq-09Q)

d. Upcoming Presentations in April & beyond! More information to come!

i. Dyslexia in the IEP

ii. Transitioning from School to Adulthood for Students with Disabilities: A look from Both Sides of the Fence

iii. Guardianship vs. POA

for Dispute Resolution (ODR): Overview

Visit our website to see the complete list of our current & upcoming webinars. You can submit training requests to us here, and join our mailing list here to receive email updates on our trainings & events!

If you are interested in getting disability-related resources or looking for more

specific advocacy assistance, please contact the Department through our online intake form or by calling 610-849-8076 ext. 321

In addition to our Advocacy Department, The Arc has 2 additional programs: SPARC & AWC. Our SPARC program is operating in both community & facility-based services! Questions and referrals can be directed to the Department's Director, Dayna Allinson at 610-849-8076 ext. 315.

The Arc's Agency with Choice (AWC) program continues to operate at full capacity and is expanding personnel. Questions regarding the program can be directed to The Arc's Chief Program Officer (CPO) Patrick Kreshock at 610-849-8076 ext. 351 or [pkreshock@arcoflehighnorthampton.org](mailto:pkreshock@arcoflehighnorthampton.org).

**b. ARC of Northeastern Pennsylvania (NEPA):**

<http://www.thearcnepa.org/>

Roseann Polishan reported via email:

We have the following events coming in February presented by The Arc of NEPA Advocates.

Feb 9th at 11 am What I Wish Professionals Knew About my Child with Disabilities Registration:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/tZcrf-uprDliEtMjocDo7ifLc7NiM3ljiUTV>

Feb 28th at 11 am Sibling Support and the Importance of the Sibling Relationship Registration:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/tZlIduyrrzgrHNT-nmEgPy8oWBQYbp3-vT4C>

We also have:

LTF IU 19 February 14th at 10 am. (Roseann- Parent Chair)

Presentation from OVR and Direction LLC on Pre-Employment Transition Services.

LTF 20 Monday, March 13th 10 am (Mandy is Parent Chair)

Presentation from Mary Olsen BCBA " Managing Challenging Behavior"

Arc of NEPA Parent/Caregiver Group: Thursday February 16th 10 am

We will feature a panel of presenters on financial matters, including Social Security, Representative Payee, PA Able and more!

March is Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. See attached flyer with information on participating in The Arc of NEPA's project to celebrate the accomplishments of the amazing individuals with IDD living in our area (Lackawanna/Susquehanna/Carbon/Monroe/Pike/Wayne/Luzerne counties.)

**Carbon County:**

Individual Advocacy services available

Presentations available to Providers/Agencies/schools/Groups

The Arc of NEPA is available for advocacy for those in Carbon County. She can be reached with any questions at: [mcolville@thearcnepa.org](mailto:mcolville@thearcnepa.org) or [rpolishan@thearcnepa.org](mailto:rpolishan@thearcnepa.org) for further information.

The Arc of PA offers families the opportunities to sign up for Action Alerts: <https://thearcpa.org/action-alerts/> . Action Alerts is a good way of notifying families of critical legislation or upcoming government action. Your legislator can be identified to allow you to call or email them.

**c. ARC of Pennsylvania:**

Tierra Brown and Eleni Burd did not send updated information, but previously shared:

Book Study Winter Kick off is getting ready to launch. There are various age groups of reader: 5-8 or 8-12. Both 5-8 & 8-12 groups are currently reading Out of Our Minds. 12-16 and 17+ are launching soon!

After School Hang Out has 2 sessions remaining for the season.

New PDE Updates: All links have been sent to Amanda for sharing.

PD Guide and links:

Include Me: <https://thearcpa.org/includeme/>

Program Links: <https://thearcpa.org/includeme/bookstudy/> ,  
<https://thearcpa.org/includeme/after-school-hangout-series/>

Information will be attached.

**d. Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21:**

<https://www.cliu.org/>

Dr. Mark Scott, Director of Special Programs and Services at CLIU21 did not give report.

Kendyle Mills; CLIU21 Education Consultant presented today and previously shared CLTCC information:

The Mission of CLTCC is to promote effective transition services for students with disabilities, their families, educators, and community service providers from school to adult community life. The meetings consist of presentations geared towards transition age students, networking time and resource sharing regarding transition.

CLTCC is composed of parents, representatives from agencies, employers, educators from the Intermediate unit, school districts, vocational technical schools and Higher Education.

To join us please contact: Kendyle Mills; [Millsk1@cliu.org](mailto:Millsk1@cliu.org)

**CLTCC meets from 9AM-11AM on 2022-2023 dates below:**

Thursday, February 16, 2023 IU Admin building Room F/G or by zoom

Thursday, April 13, 2023 IU Admin building APR room/ or by Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/97384219166>

Google Drive for CLTCC:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bzqvXQIMnNKloNxeMxaFjL\\_692gf4y73](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bzqvXQIMnNKloNxeMxaFjL_692gf4y73)

Google Drive:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pQEN8Upzffw47PeN5eJ9XmE1BR-MDxNAQ3hB9jAtWfW/edit>

Transition Google Drive for Families:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zWfiG7Eo1Sq8HJI1-Fq3cKVkLjHSZcx6>

Google Drive for CLTCC:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bzqvXQIMnNKloNxeMxaFjL\\_692gf4y73](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bzqvXQIMnNKloNxeMxaFjL_692gf4y73)

**e. Lehigh County Developmental Programs:**

Heather Shirk reported via email:

Hi, I'm working on better communication with OVR and the SCO's. I'm also on a subcommittee with IU and OVR working on a padlet to discuss better transition ideas for our kids in school. That's my update.

**f. Carbon, Monroe, Pike County Developmental Programs (CMP):**

Emma Furiosi reported via email:

My update would be that currently CMP is looking at enrolling 2023 graduates into waivers, we will be holding a virtual Singalong around Valentine's day, March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness month and we are planning a small event/activity to promote that.

**g. Office of Developmental Programs (ODP):**

Maureen Timlin reported via email:

1. The PA Family Network will be hosting an Emergency Preparedness Summit for the Northeast on Thursday, 3/23/2023. It's going to be held at the Mohegan Casino in Wilkes Barre. They're going to be doing different summits quarterly & they hope each time will be in a different location in the northeast.
2. The Supporting Families Summit will be in August this summer-tentatively the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. It's going to be a hybrid event with both an in-person & virtual option. We're in the beginning stages of planning, so there's no more details as of right now.
3. The Supporting Families Survey is in the test-phase. Once it's ready for release, we'll let everyone know.

**h. Superintendent's Report:**

The LTF21 is looking for a new school district superintendent that would like to join the Local Task Force in sharing up-to-date information about the wonderful happenings their district offers to students within their community. Please notify me if you have an interest in this opportunity. You can attend our monthly meetings or send monthly reports via email to [localtaskforce21@gmail.com](mailto:localtaskforce21@gmail.com). Thank You!

**i. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR):**

Kaitlynn Tretter reported via email.



I don't think we have any new updates this month. We are still doing our social skills & employment group which was shared previously. Once we have our summer program information I will send that out. Thanks!

Below is information on what OVR does and how to contact them:

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) provides vocational rehabilitation services to help persons with disabilities prepare for, obtain, or maintain employment. OVR provides services to eligible individuals with disabilities, both directly and through a network of approved vendors. A wide variety of services are provided on an individualized basis.

<https://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/ovr/Pages/default.aspx>

It is important to have the time to navigate the needs of each applicant. If you are in need, please reach out to OVR. <https://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov/jponline/Common/Registration>

#### **j. Other Agency Reports:**

##### **Therapeutic Arts Group, LLC:**

<https://www.therapeuticartsgroup.com/>

Kathy Purcell, Director, Therapeutic Arts Group, LLC, was absent

Mark Botto, Officer Manager, Therapeutic Arts Group, LLC, reported:

Therapeutic Arts Group, Lehigh Valley based Music Therapy Associates, LLC was established in 1990 by Director, Kathy Purcell, MT-BC. After years of providing in-home and on-site services, MTA became the premier provider of music therapy services in the greater Lehigh Valley area, including Philadelphia, Kutztown, Reading, Pocono, and Western New Jersey.

Recognizing the varied needs of the area clientele, MTA expanded in 2018 and created its sister branch Art Therapy Associates. Shortly after, the two were formally joined under the Therapeutic Arts Group umbrella and a new facility in Whitehall, Pennsylvania was opened in 2022 to provide individuals the most conducive environment for music and art therapy sessions.

Now with over 30 board certified music therapists and art therapists, TAG is committed to finding the perfect client-therapist pairing in order ensure client comfort, time, and location flexibility, as well as the best therapeutic outcome possible.

For more information and resources, please visit us at:

[www.therapeuticartsgroup.com](http://www.therapeuticartsgroup.com)

Catch our the live-streaming music enrichment program called Music Made Mobile on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/TherapeuticArtsGroup](https://www.facebook.com/TherapeuticArtsGroup) Live streaming Mondays and Fridays at 9:30 am

##### **Quality Progressions:**

<http://www.qualityprogressions.org/>

Kristy Fogle, SC Supervisor for Quality Progressions reported via email:

Quality Progressions remain fully in the field. Presently, we are limited on office hours , as the office is getting remodeled. We are starting to work with families of graduating 21-year-olds to gather the needed documents for potential waivers. As a reminder, please invite your SC to any transition meeting/any meetings you would like them to attend. On a



happy note, we are almost fully staffed (again). We have 1 new staff member who started last week and 2 others who should be starting shortly.

Please reach out to your SC's if you would like them to attend any meetings or have any questions or concerns or myself at: [kfogle@qualityprogressions.org](mailto:kfogle@qualityprogressions.org) .

**SAM, Inc.:**

<https://www.sam-inc.org/>

Andrew Hoppes was absent and sent no report.

**Parent To Parent:**

[www.parenttoparent.org](http://www.parenttoparent.org)

Nicole Lindsay, Parent and Parent, Northeast Regional Coordinator reported via email: Parent to Parent is taking referrals from families in northeastern areas. Things are pretty steady with the program. We are also encouraging people to follow our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/parenttoparentpa>, for updates, as we are expanding our social media presence.

Parent To Parent connects families of children with special needs and disabilities for the purposes of support and information. Our "get matched" form can be filled out directly by a parent or referring agency on our website. They no longer have an active fax-line and encourage those in need to reach out by email or phone.

Her contact information is listed below:

Nicole Lindsay; Northeast Regional Coordinator, can be reached by email at [nlindsay@parenttoparent.org](mailto:nlindsay@parenttoparent.org) or phone at 570-780-0109.

**The PEAL Center:**

<https://www.pealcenter.org/>

Katerri Beachum reported:

Starting At The End: A 4-part series on building an inclusive life for students with disabilities Dan and Samuel Habib will present. This 4-part series focuses on how an inclusive education, starting in the earliest grades, prepares students with disabilities for transition to higher education and integrated employment as adults.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/PEALPAICEndInMind>

2/1/23: Including Samuel Virtual Film Screening and Self-Advocate Panel Discussion;

2/8/23: Disabling Segregation and My Disability Roadmap for an Inclusive Life;

2/15/23: Starting Early: Creating a Roadmap for Inclusive IEPs and Transition Plans

2/22/23: Action! Effective Practices in Transition to Adulthood

Winter Lunch Bite Series: 2/2/2023: IEP Essentials

2/15/2023: IEP: Knowing Your Rights

2/22/2023: Making Inclusion a Reality

3/10/2023: 504 Basics

Register for one or for all at:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpdumpqj8rH9LL-094HfYoLtSpkT\\_yzynG](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpdumpqj8rH9LL-094HfYoLtSpkT_yzynG)

**Autism Society of Lehigh Valley:**

<https://www.asalehighvalley.org/>

Mimi Ludwig reported via email:

We have middle school/teen social connections groups, adult fun and connection groups, as well as parent support groups for parents of preschoolers, school age children and adults with Autism. We are also hosting community activities such as Fun in Nature and Autism Climbs with community partners to give children and youth the opportunity to learn new skills. We are an all volunteer organization dedicated to creating an autism-friendly community. Any questions, please reach out to Mimi Ludwig at [autismsocietylv@gmail.com](mailto:autismsocietylv@gmail.com)

**5. Committee Reports:**

**a. Membership:**

We are looking for parent representatives for all of the 14 school districts in Lehigh and Carbon County that the LTF represents. Please send out our information to the families in your districts and to anyone you know who would benefit from being a part of this amazing organization. Please reach out for more information or if you have an interest in joining us! [localtaskforce21@gmail.com](mailto:localtaskforce21@gmail.com)

**b. Compliance Monitoring:**

Cyclical Monitoring for the 2022-23 School Year is completed.

**c. In-Service:**

Nothing to Report

**d. Legislation:**

The following are bills introduced on The Arc of Pennsylvania's monthly watchlist. **Unless otherwise noted, The Arc may not actively support the bills listed below.** This update is as of January 4, 2023.

**LEGISLATIVE BILLS:**

Legislative session restarted December 1, 2022. All previous bills that were not signed into law last session need to be reintroduced as co-sponsorship memos before being re-drafted. We will update when new bills have been introduced in both the House & Senate.

Visit <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/> to locate and contact your local legislators on issues important to you & your family!

**6. Chairperson's Report:**

**a. State Task Force:**

The STF has bi-monthly meetings starting:

- **Wednesday, March 15, 2023 – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm - TBD**

- **Wednesday, May 10, 2023 – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm - TBD**

All STF meetings begin at 10AM.

All State Task Force meetings are held virtually and in-person at this time.

The STF will be increasing their presence within the 29 Local Task Forces to help improve relationships between IUs and LTFs.

<https://www.pattan.net/about-us/partners/state-task-force/>

#### **b. Upcoming Trainings and Events:**

Please visit Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/localtaskforce21>

The Local Task Force 21 Newsletter Links for January:

The week of 1/2/23: <https://www.smores.com/xtk8q>

The week of 1/9/2023: <https://www.smores.com/t3wzd>

The week of 1/16/2023: <https://www.smores.com/k9vnt>

The week of 1/23/2023: <https://www.smores.com/d840e>

The week of 1/30/2023: <https://www.smores.com/xctds>

1. Geisinger and the Autism Collaborative Centers of Excellence are offering a pre-recorded webinar course for families and those who care for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Register at: <https://glearn.geisinger.org/admi/learn> There is no start or end date listed.

#### **Contact Information:**

- Rural PA: Health Access Network for People with Disabilities: <https://www.pahealthaccess.org>
- PA Able, Field Representative, contact Diane Fishlock: [dfishlock@ptreasury.gov](mailto:dfishlock@ptreasury.gov) to learn about PAABLE and its benefits for those with disabilities [www.PAABLE.gov](http://www.PAABLE.gov)
- PA Families: <http://www.pafamiliesinc.com/>
- If you're struggling with any mental health concerns, please reach out for assistance by dialing 988.
- Join the Conversation. For anyone feeling anxious or stressed. If you feel you need support, join our Wednesday evening group at 6 PM-7 PM. For more info, Please contact Heather McLean at [hmclean@mhaswpa.org](mailto:hmclean@mhaswpa.org) or (724) 433-1359 for the Zoom link and password. (This is not a clinical/therapeutic group, but here to offer social support.)
- Mental Health Group. Experiencing mental health symptoms? Then you can find support in the Tuesday afternoon Mental Health group from 1 pm to 2 pm. For more info, Please contact Heather McLean at [hmclean@mhaswpa.org](mailto:hmclean@mhaswpa.org) or (724) 433-1359 for the Zoom link and password.

#### **7. Presentation:**

Our presenters, Diane Perry, Family Resource Specialist from The PEAL Center; Kendyle Mills, Education Consultant with CLIU21 and Seth Hoderewski, Director of Transition Services with The Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL), presented on Transitioning to Adulthood.

The recording of this presentation can be found on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/localtaskforce21>

## **8. Discussion:**

If there are any questions regarding the LTF21 or this month's presentation, please contact Amanda Robbins @ [localtaskforce21@gmail.com](mailto:localtaskforce21@gmail.com).

The link for the Transition checklist, which is available in English and Spanish:

<https://www.pattan.net/Publications/Planning-for-the-Future-Checklist>

The link for TED Talk with Stella Young, "I'm not your inspiration":

<https://www.google.com/search?q=tet%20talk%20stella%20young%20inspiration>

Kendyle Mills: Transition Google Drive link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zWfiG7Eo1Sq8HJI1-Fq3cKVkLjHSZcx6>

Kendyle Mills: Smore, Transition Tuesdays:

<https://www.smores.com/ad0p1>

## **9. Adjournment:**

Amanda Robbins asked for a motion to be made to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Deborah Ohmacht made the first motion, Susan Kluge seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:36AM. Thank you for your continued and much appreciated support of the Local Task Force 21. See you in February!