

IU9 Local Task Force:

The Local Task Force (LTF) is consumer driven; comprised of parents, educators, agency representatives, and other persons concerned with educational services for students with disabilities.

A Local Task Force is a parent support group for parents who have a child with a disability. It is an organization dedicated to obtain information and sharing of ideas, as it relates to special education initiatives that are happening within the local and state level.

A Local Task Force can help to enhance the collaboration between parents, school districts, and agencies through a common forum. In working together through the sharing of information and the opportunities for presentations on special education educational initiatives, our children benefit and positive relationships can develop.

Right to Education:

The Right to Education Consent Agreement guarantees a free public program of education and training to school-aged 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.



GET IN TOUCH:

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Website:

<https://www.iu9.org/Parent-Support-Group-Local-Task-Force>

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**PARENT EDUCATIONAL
SUPPORT GROUP**



IU9 LOCAL TASK FORCE CHAIRS:

Gretchen Daugherty – is the Chair of the IU9 Local Task Force; as well as a Family Peer Support Advocate for Beacon Light Behavioral Health System. She is a mother of two boys, to which one has Apraxia and has had an IEP since the age of 3. She was certified at the Parent Leadership Institute by the PEAL Center so she could learn more about the IEP process. Gretchen is also a parent representative on the McKean County DHS Family Advisory Board. Gretchen's goal for the Local Task Force is to help parents obtain knowledge, training, and resources they need to help them advocate for their children.

Lynette Campogiani – is the Co-Chair of the IU9 Local Task Force; as well as the Conference Service Manager for the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford. Lynette is a mother of two children, to which one was diagnosed with Autism and Epilepsy and has had an IEP since the age of 3. She encourages all parents of special needs

ABOUT THE IU9 LOCAL TASK FORCE:

- Advocate for students receiving special education in Cameron, Elk, McKean, and Potter Counties
- Collaboration between parents, educators, and agencies
- Different educational topics every meeting, recorded and shared on the IU9 and Facebook website
- Guest Speakers
- Educational Resources

Join Us on Facebook
<http://www.facebook.com/LTF9-Right-to-Education-Local-Task-Force>

THREE WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

#1 In-Person
Elk/Cameron County- Elk CareerLink
 245 Depot Street
 St. Marys, PA 15857

McKean County: McKean County 911 Center
 Route 6
 Smethport, PA 16749

Potter County- Potter CareerLink
 279 US Route 6 West
 Coudersport, PA 16915

#2 Zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82928791736>

#3 Call-In
 1-929-205-6099
 Meeting ID: 833 4679 1656

2023-2024 LTF Meeting Dates (a part of our Local Transition Council Meetings)

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
 Monday, September 25, 2023
 Elk/Cameron County

9:00 AM- 11:00 AM
 Thursday, October 5, 2023
 McKean County

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
 Tuesday, December 12, 2023
 Potter County

1:00 PM- 3:00 PM
 Monday, February 12, 2024
 Elk/ Cameron County

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
 Tuesday, April 16, 2024
 Potter County