

Local Task Force on the Right to Education for Beaver County
News Letter
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WHAT YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW

... But Didn't Know Who To Ask

Agency Information:

- **Lunch and Learn** is an informational series on transition being offered by the **Local Task Force of the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit**. The sessions are scheduled between 12:00PM and 1:00PM by phone conferencing. **You can access the session from any telephone by dialing 724-444-7444, the ID is #88337 followed by the # sign.** Then, press 1 followed by the # sign. You are then connected to the live session. **The third session is scheduled for 3/30/11.** For additional information, contact your district's Director of Special Education or your high school Transition Coordinator.
- **PA Client Assistance Program (CAP)** can help you understand what rehabilitation services are available to you, such as Vocation Rehabilitation, Supported Employment and Independent Living. **CAP** will advise you of your rights and responsibilities as they relate to these services. For additional information contact Margaret Passio McKenna, Esq. at info@equalemployment.org or at 1-888-745-2357.

IEP Information:

IDEA-04, IEP CHANGES: Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) – School districts must ensure that special classes, separate schooling or other removal of a student with a disability from the regular education class occurs only when the nature or severity of the disability is such that education in the regular education class with the use of appropriate supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily.

Resource Information:

- **2001 Bureau of Autism Services Family and Individual Mini Grants (\$500.00)** supporting children and adults with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and families that include an individual with ASD. Applications are available on the Bureau of Autism Services website www.autisminpa.org or by calling 1-866-539-7689 after February 18, 2011.
- **Young Life Beaver County**, through their **Capernaum Program** offers individuals with disabilities opportunities to participate in social activities at no cost. Additional information is available by contacting Marguerite Christy at marguerite.christy@gmail.com or 814-335-1637.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's Special Education Plan or Special Education Services that you would like to have answered through this newsletter, please contact Diane DuFour-Gaudio, Training and Consultation Staff, Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit at 724-774-7800, ext 3031 or at ddg@bviu.org or contact Mr. Nicols, Chairperson of the Local Task Force at 724-775-1360. **All questions and concerns do not require that your name or your school district's name be given in order to get a reply.**

***If you are interested in receiving this news letter by email contact Judy Pamer at jpamer@achieva.info or 724-775-1602, ext 16.**

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PARENT INFORMATION COMMITTEE
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Local Task Force on the Right to Education for Beaver County

We cordially invite you to attend our next Local Task Force Meeting on March 16, 2011.
The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM.

The Local Task Force is supported through the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit. EOE.