

Local Task Force on the Right to Education for Beaver County  
News Letter  
November, 2009

**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 #63349 followed by the # sign.** Then, press 1 followed by the # sign. You are then connected to the live session. **The second session is scheduled for 11/25/09.** For additional information, contact your district's Director of Special Education or your high school Transition Coordinator.
- ✓ **PA Connecting Communities** is offering a new program **Home and Community Habilitation Services**. Services through this program are designed to assist a consumer in achieving maximum independence by improving socialization skills, shopping, volunteering, church and other civic involvements. A peer/companion can assist your family member with an outing in the community. For more details call (412)784-1470.

**IEP Information:**

- ✓ **IEP change effective October 8, 2009.** Section IV of the IEP (Participation In State and Local Assessments) has a new section referring to the PSSA-Modified for Math. There are four (4) criteria for IEP Teams to consider when a student may be eligible to take the PSSA-Modified (PSSA-M). Contact your district's Director of Special Education for further information.

**Resource Information**

**PA Connecting Communities** is providing the following social activities for all age groups of students with disabilities in Beaver County for the month of December: **Movie & Lunch, Cinemark Theatre, Monaca ( Saturday 12/5/09, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) and a Holiday Dance, at The Fez, Aliquippa ( Friday 12/11/09, 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.). There is a cost involved with all the activities. Options are available for funding all activities. Call (724) 775-1602X13 for further information. You may also contact your school districts Transition Coordinator at your high school for more details.**

**Accessible Dental Services, Inc.** is a unique, nonprofit organization that provides quality dental care for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Utilizing a combination of facilities-based services, along with a mobile unit, the professional team (dentists, anesthesiologists, nurses and support staff ) accommodates patients with extraordinary needs. Contact Karen at (412) 820-1010, ext. 633 to schedule a visit or an appointment.

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](mailto:ddg@bviu.org). You may also contact Mrs. Cheryl Mueller, Chairperson of the Local Task Force, at 724-643-6429. **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](mailto:jpamer@achieva.info) or 724-775-1602, ext 16.**

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

We cordially invite you to attend our monthly meetings.

The November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit beginning at 10:00 A.M.

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