

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:

- ✓ **Camp Achieva** a weekend (Sept. 10th – Sept. 12th) at Camp Fitch for individuals with disabilities. Camp Fitch is located in North Springfield on the Lake Erie shoreline. For registration information call Karen at The Arc of Beaver/Achieva at 724-775-1602, ext. 10 or kvodenichar@achieva.info.
- ✓ **Family Support Network (FSN)** meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Mental Health Association in Rochester on the 2nd Floor from 6:30PM – 8:00PM. Contact Shirl at 724-843-3763 for additional information.

IEP Information:

- ✓ **Parents may request an evaluation at any time (must be in writing) – Chapter 14: 14.123C. Evaluations MUST be completed, with the report to the parents, no later than 60 calendar days after the agency receives written consent, not counting the calendar days from the day after the last day of spring term to the day before the first day of the subsequent fall term – Chapter 14: 14.123(b).**

Resource Information:

- ✓ **Good Shepherd Legal Foundation (GSLF)** is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing complimentary legal service through licensed attorneys to the families of children with special needs. These legal services include specialized estate planning, special needs trusts, last will and testaments, guardianship and the preparation of necessary legal documents applicable to a special needs family. Contact Attorney John D'Onofrio at 412-893-2552 or at www.goodshepherdlegalfoundation.org. The foundation office is located at 500 Commerce Drive, Suite 110, Moon Township, PA 15108.
- ✓ Major changes occur when a child leaves the pediatric care physician at age 18 and transfers to the adult care physician.. For more information visit www.hrtw.org

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 23**

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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 September 15th at the “new” Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Building, located next to the Beaver County Career & Technology Center at 147 Poplar Drive, Monaca, PA at 10:00AM.

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