

THE ADVOCATE

Bi-Yearly Newsletter from the Arc of Indiana County Fall 2024



In the eighth issue of The Advocate, the Arc of Indiana County would like to welcome our readers, parents, teachers, school administrators, students, community members, self-advocates, and the agency/organization service providers of Indiana and Armstrong County communities and beyond.

The Arc of Indiana County's mission strives to include individuals of all ages with intellectual, developmental delays, and other disabilities in every aspect of our community and beyond. Achieving this by identifying barriers, building partnerships, and realizing positive solutions.

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A Smile from the Executive Director;

I recently had the privilege of sitting down with Joseph Angelo, one of the founding fathers of the Arc of Indiana County, to delve into the rich history of Indiana and the establishment of the first community group home. Did you know that Community Living and Learning is celebrating its 50th year of providing home-based community services to the individuals and families of Indiana County? Joe Angelo explained that he and his wife Shirley and other passionate parent founders laid the groundwork for a transformative movement when taking care of an individual with an intellectual disability at home was unpopular and unsupported throughout the professional field and local, state, and national community. Once the organization was established, the small group of concerned parents quickly learned through collaboration with the Arc of PA about the shocking disparities and inhumane conditions within state and national institutions. Thousands of individuals with disabilities were confined in places where they were deprived of basic human dignity—left with minimal staff, no meaningful activities, education, or opportunities for work, communication, or, most importantly, compassionate care.

Motivated by this stark reality, a local Arc team was commissioned to take on the challenge of unannounced random visits to these state institutions. At times, they were stopped at the gates but could gain access with the threat of communication with the local media about the conditions and oversight. Their mission was to witness the conditions firsthand and bring the truth back to The Arc of PA, fueling the fight for creating home-based community services and pushing for the closure of these tragic "human warehouses." Joe shared heart-wrenching accounts—residents being prodded with sticks to eat lunch, given only ten minutes to do so, and then poked back to their rooms. He saw residents sleeping on wooden pallets, lying in their waste, stripped of all sense of human dignity. On a visit to Polk, he visited the facility's graveyard and discovered nameless graves in the cemetery—most belonging to children

under three. These places treated people not as human beings but as souls to be shuffled through life, stripped of identity, care, and hope. At its peak in the 1960s, Pennsylvania housed 13,000 people across 23 such centers.

Outraged and moved by what they witnessed; The Arc of Indiana County knew they had to be part of the solution. They took a bold step, securing a grant through the commonwealth to rent the first group home in Indiana County, opening its doors in 1974 at 839 Grant Street. Indiana County Group Homes Incorporated was created and then changed to Community Living and Learning in 1998. After several years, the Arc focused on advocacy rather than providing direct services, and the group home became its own non-profit organization.

The Arc of Indiana County blazed the trail—drafting the proposal, securing the grant, and opening the first home with five female residents. But the journey was not without challenges. They faced immense fear, pressure, and backlash from the community, with concerns over property values and neighborhood safety. Today, these same fears still surface when new home locations are proposed. Yet, The Arc of Indiana County, in partnership with home-based community providers across Indiana and Armstrong Counties, continues to educate the public about the fundamental rights of individuals to live, work, and flourish within our neighborhoods. Joe stands proud of the progress made, noting that the community's fears of depreciation never materialized—instead, these efforts have opened hearts and minds to the power of inclusion. It's what I like to call the "inclusion revolution!"

The impact of these efforts is undeniable. In 1970, 20,000 children were admitted to state institutions, but the tide began to turn in 1977 with the landmark Halderman v. Pennhurst trial, where the court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs. This led to a seven-year study that showed 97% of individuals thrived in group homes and community-based settings, eventually contributing to the closure of Pennhurst—one of Pennsylvania's most infamous institutions.

In 1999, the Supreme Court ruling in **Olmstead v. L.C.** affirmed that unjustified institutionalization of people with disabilities is a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). It recognized that individuals with disabilities have the right to community-based services when three conditions are met:

- The person wishes to live in the community.
- The person's care team agrees that community living is appropriate.
- The state can reasonably accommodate these services.

700 individuals remain in Pennsylvania's two state institutions: Selinsgrove and the Ebensburg Center. While the state has no immediate plans to close these centers, advocates like Peri Jude Radecic, CEO of Disability Rights Pennsylvania, continue to push for change. A 2017 proposal to set a five-year timeline for closing all state centers stalled in committee, and legislators remain resistant to reintroduce and proceed.

I urge you to reach out to your local senators and state representatives, share your stories, and emphasize how community inclusion paves the way for people with disabilities to live their best lives—to work, play, and thrive among us. I extend my deepest gratitude to Community Living and Learning for their incredible 50 years of unwavering advocacy, compassion, and commitment to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities and developmental delays. Your dedication to building a more inclusive and supportive community has transformed countless lives, offering hope, dignity, and opportunities where there were once barriers. Your enduring presence is a testament to the power of genuine care and the belief that every individual deserves the chance to thrive.



On a personal note: On Friday, October 18, 2024, I attended the interment of my cousin, Tommy DeGan, who passed away in February of this year at the age of 64. A quote from his obituary, “Tom lived at home and attended the School of Hope from 1963-1967. That year, he moved away from

home to live at the Selinsgrove Center and then, in 1971, went to live at the Laurelton Center, both in PA. Leaving home at an early age and living in an institution was difficult but, unfortunately, common at that time. With his family's help and strong advocacy, particularly his mother, who served as President of the Board of L’Arche Boston North (formerly Irenicon), he could live in the community as a L’Arche member beginning in 2003. Despite living much of his life in an institution, Tom exemplified resilience, strength, courage, and dignity”. Influenced by the pressures of her community's medical professionals and community leaders, my aunt was led to believe that admitting them to an institution was the best path for their well-being and that they would thrive in that environment. Both Tommy and Jimmy were born with Down syndrome and were non-verbal, and they spent 30-plus years in state Institutions until transitioning to a group home setting in 2003.

I remember visiting them with my aunt and uncle at Laurelton. Even as a 13-year-old, I was struck by the harshness of the place—the military dormitory-style living and the way residents were herded together, being led in their underclothes to the showers in groups of 20 or more. I didn’t fully understand what I witnessed then, but it left a deep mark on me.

Tommy and Jimmy were in their 30s when they transitioned into a group home setting with L’Arche and had the opportunity to live genuinely for the first time. They flourished surrounded by care, support, and the space to be themselves. Hearing from my Aunt Sally about their transformation ignited my passion—a drive to advocate for individuals like my cousins, who deserve a place to live, thrive, and experience joy daily with access to all the opportunities you and I expect and deserve. An excerpt from his eulogy: “We saw someone who was

hurt repeatedly by those who were supposed to care for him in institutions, and he still loved and cared for those around him with all his heart. We saw someone who fiercely stood up for himself and what he wanted despite often settling for what he was given. We saw someone who learned from a young age that he had to fight to survive and defend what he had but could still be kind, generous, and gentle. So many people would be broken by the life Tom had and would turn their back on others, but not Tom. We loved him, and he loved us back.”

Tommy and Jimmy’s journey has been a constant reminder of the importance of fighting for a world where people with disabilities are seen, valued, and empowered to live their best lives. It’s why I feel called to be a part of this movement, to be a voice for those who, like my cousins, deserve so much more than what society once believed was enough. As I said goodbye to Tommy, I carry forward his memory and the lessons he and Jimmy have taught me. Their lives have shaped my heart, my purpose, and my commitment to making sure that every person with a disability has the opportunity to experience the love, dignity, and joy they so deserve.



The team at The Arc of Indiana County is passionate about offering an incredible variety of FREE opportunities for individuals with disabilities of all ages and their families! In this update, you'll discover all we've accomplished since our last newsletter and get a sneak peek at our exciting plans for the fall, winter, and spring months ahead. We'd love for you to stop by and visit us anytime—our doors are always open! Until we see you, stay well, keep smiling, spread joy, and remember: be an advocate and help brighten someone else's day with a smile!

Michelle Jordan

Educational Advocate:

Becca Boston has served as the Educational Advocate at The Arc of Indiana County for the past two years. Through the generous support of the Armstrong-Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program (AIBDHP), the PNC Foundation, Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust, the United Way of Indiana County, and the Indiana County Endowment Fund, we are able to sustain the Educational Advocacy Program and provide Becca with the resources needed to assist families in navigating special education services. These partnerships enable us to ensure that families receive the vital support necessary for their children's academic success.

The Arc provides free educational advocacy services, acting as a bridge between families and the district. We offer:

- **Communication assistance:** We can facilitate clear and effective communication between parents and educators.
- **Resource navigation:** We help families access valuable resources to support their child's learning journey.
- **Meeting support:** We provide a supportive presence during IEP meetings and can help families navigate the process.
- **Problem-solving:** We work collaboratively with parents and students to ensure Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) is received and students are successful throughout their academic experience.

Welcome our fall IUP intern:

Hi, my name is Lorel Bartlebaugh. I am a senior Sociology major in the Human Services track and will graduate in December with my bachelor's degree. I previously worked at Indi Kids as a teacher's assistant for 3 years and am currently working at the Arc of Indiana County as an intern. I love being outdoors, baking, and animals. I like to spend time with my friends and family when I am not at work. I got to help with so much as an intern here at the Arc. I got to play a big part in organizing and running Bark for the Arc and the voter registration clinic. I am very excited to graduate in December and find a job I love that allows me to continue to help people.



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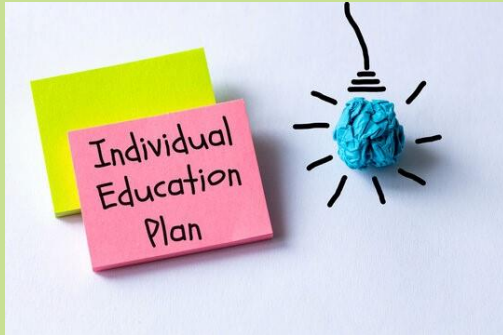


**Armstrong
Indiana
BDHP**

Behavioral and Developmental Health Program



Alternate Educational Placement



The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that a student's parents be part of the team that creates the child's IEP and determines their educational placement.

There are many different options for a child's educational placement.

Alternate Placement Ex:

Baseline: LRE (Least Restrictive Environment) Regular Education Classroom

- **Special Education** classroom in LEA
- **Partial Program** (half academics, half mental health support)
- **Specialized School**
- **Residential Program** (Student resides in the placement)

These are just a few broad examples. There are many different placement options.

Why would a student be recommended for an alternate placement?

Students sometimes cannot be educated in the LRE because their needs are more complex and require more supports than what the regular education classroom can provide.

Schools are required by law to first provide the max amount of supports in the LRE before considering the next level of placement.



Have Questions? Contact our Educational Advocate at 724-349-8230



SPIRIT OF FOOD

Educate, Connect, Promote Healthy Habits



The Arc of Indiana County in partnership with Giant Eagle offers cooking classes and a free food box to participants and their household. This year's classes were held at ICCAP on July 18, 2024, and August 8, 2024. The Arc is continuing to offer this program for individuals with disabilities to promote community inclusion and combat social isolation and food disparity. Thank you to Sandy Toy, ICCAP, and sponsors: First Commonwealth Bank and PNC Charitable Trust Fund. Look for our winter classes to be announced on Facebook and our webpage.



ICCAP

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All insurances are welcome

For an appointment- please text: Arc to 412-361-9265

and someone will be with you to schedule an appointment time. The clinic is held at the Arc of Indiana County

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We bring the dental office to you!

Our Public Health Team will provide:

- Exam
- Cleaning
- Fluoride varnish
- Treatment options needed, including with a local dental provider
- Parent education and hands-on learning for families

Upcoming dates:

- November 21, 2024
- December 19, 2024
- January 16, 2024
- February 20, 2024
- March 13, 2024
- April 10, 2024



The Arc partners with Golden Onsite Dental to provide individuals with disabilities a sensory-safe location to receive dental health check-ups.


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Parent Scholarship Opportunities

Are you looking for financial help to attend educational conferences to better advocate for your child?

The Arc of Indiana County offers two \$1,000 training or state conference scholarships to parents of individuals with disabilities. These scholarships are funded by the Arc of Indiana County, PNC Charitable Trust Grant, and Edith L. Trees. Grant.

Contact the office at 724-349-8230 to learn more!

Vaccination Clinic

The Arc partnered with IRMC and Indy Drugs Co. to host two Vaccination Clinics in September and October providing individuals with disabilities and their families a sensory-safe location to receive the Flu vaccine and the COVID Vaccine. Look for our vaccination in the spring for RSV and Pneumonia.

IRMC



Self-Advocate Individual Spotlight Interview

Meet Rick Aimino the Arc's self-advocate spotlight. Rick is a new board member for the Arc of Indiana County. He is a Special Olympics Armstrong/Indiana County Athlete since 2022. He has a wide range of interests and loves new opportunities to learn and grow in his self-advocacy. One of his favorite things to do is spend time with his cat, Spook.

Q: What is your favorite sport to play?

A: Baseball

Q: How long have you been a Special Olympics member?

A: 1 year

Q: What events do you do in the Special Olympics?

A: All of them

Q: What is your favorite thing about participating in the Special Olympics?

A: The medals

Q: What is your favorite hobby?

A: Singing

Q: Where do you work and what do you enjoy the most about your jobs?

A: I work at ICW, Steps to Success, and Wave Ryder Sweet Shoppe in Homer City. It gives me different experience before I go into the real world.

Q: Why are you excited about being a board member?

A: It gives me a new opportunity to try





Bark for the Arc 2024



Bark for the Arc
Supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities

Thank you to all our vendors, Backroad Bakery, JoJo's Snack Shack, Bright Courage LLC, Betty's Baubles, Slay Designs, Indiana County Humane Society, Four Footed Friends, RV Food Cantina, Boyer-Miller Books/Mary Kay, Hairballz, Derek's Super Ultra Action Team, Juke Joint, SkinArtWork Tattoos & Piercing, Brush Valley Bistro, Hopeful, and Indiana Gazette.



Chris Kunkle, Winner of the Penguin Basket and Pet-Owner Look Alike.



Thank you to our judges, District Attorney Bob Manzi, Mayor William Simmons, Representative Jim Struzzi for taking time to come out and assist our pet competition.



Michelle Jordan and Carter Fails with his Bulldog, Betty.



Entertainment, Acoustic Fingers Rob Roush and Executive Director Michelle Jordan.



Steve from Noble Stein Brewing Company



Shout out to Blue Chip Financial Group, The Community Guidance Center, The CARE Center, and Sheriff Fyock for being our Sponsors. Shout out to S&T Bank and everyone who volunteered!



Pet Participate

PARENT EMPOWERMENT NIGHT

Searching for resources and information to support your child's post-secondary transition or assistive technology needs ?

Then this event is for YOU

This Parent Empowerment Night is a free workshop designed to empower parents like you with the resources and knowledge to effectively advocate for your children.

Topics: Assistive Technology and Transitioning to Life after High School

Guest Speakers:

- Bekah Nesbitt, Community Living and Support Services (class)
Title: Assistive Technology: Tools Across the Lifespan
- Jane Stadnik, The Peal Center- Title: Transitioning to Life After Highschool

Event Details:

November 7, 2024, 6 PM - 8 PM
Hilton Garden Inn
714 Pratt Dr, Indiana, PA 15705

Teachers, admin, paraeducators, etc from Indiana Area School District and River Valley School District will receive Act 48 Credits

Register at <http://www.arcindiana.org/>
by October 31, 2024



Light snacks and refreshments provided



Sponsored by The Arc, Indiana Area School District, and River Valley School District



A chance to win a door prize sponsored by Community Living and Support Services

Local Task Force



PARENTS: We invite you to attend Local Task Force meetings.

WHO ARE WE & WHAT WE DO

[Local Task Force](#) is comprised of parents of school-age students with intellectual disabilities, developmental delays, and other disabilities. Facilitated by The Arc of Indiana County, ARIN IU 28, and AIBDHP

As an advocacy group for students with disabilities, [The Local Task Force \(LTF\)](#) works to strengthen, improve, expand, and monitor programs and services that meet individual educational needs. The LTF gives parents, administrators, students with disabilities, agency representatives, and others a place to share information, discuss their concerns and seek collaborative solutions. The LTF also works to resolve problems and refers individual concerns to the appropriate person or organization.

Meeting Information

Meeting Dates with Speaker Series:

October 2, 2024, 9:30 AM

Kim Rode – Early Intervention

November 6, 2024, 9:30 AM

Jeff Ruder – Behavioral and Discipline Supports/Services

December 4, 2024, 9:30 AM

Kim Rode – We're all on the same team:
Communicating with schools to support students
& Mirella Roman-Molina – Parent to Parent

January – No MTG

February 5, 2025, 9:30 AM

Kelly King – Navigating Physical and Behavioral Health Systems

March 5, 2025, 9:30 AM

Courtney Kuncleman – Evaluations

April 2, 2025, 6:30 PM

PARENT ANNUAL DINNER

Hilton Garden Inn – Speaker TBA

May 7, 2025, 9:30 AM

Office of Dispute Resolution – Services offered

Morning meetings will be via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86405930844?pwd=KBJorb0kmqu70STTGd6qiLe7760nUR.1>

Chair: Mirella Roman Molina

Vice Chair: Barb Kester

Vice Chair: Emily Brocius

Why You Should Attend:

Connect with Others: This meeting provides a valuable space to share experiences, challenges, and successes with other parents who understand what you're going through. Building a support network is crucial, and this meeting can be the first step.

Shape the Future: The Local Task Force focuses on identifying and advocating for the needs of our children and the broader disability community in Indiana County. Your voice matters! This is your chance to help shape resources, programs, and policies that will directly impact your child and others in the school systems and beyond.

Learn from professionals:

The LTF invites guest speakers to facilitate discussions on relevant topics. These sessions provide valuable insights and information to help you better support your child and access local and state resources to assist with the special education process.

THE ENHANCING ABILITY ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

THE ARC OF INDIANA COUNTY WAS AWARDED 25 ECHO SHOW DEVICES AND 25 TABLETS THROUGH A GRANT FROM THE ARC OF U.S. AND AMAZON. WITH THIS GRANT, THE ARC OF INDIANA COUNTY IS AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2024 FOR ECHO DEVICES OR TABLETS TO HELP INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN INDIANA OR ARMSTRONG COUNTIES ACHIEVE GREATER INDEPENDENCE IN THEIR DAILY LIVES.

Requirements:

- Be an individual with an intellectual or developmental disability or a guardian of someone who does.
- Demonstrate a need or benefit from an Echo device or Amazon Fire 7 tablet.

ECHO DEVICE:

- SETTING REMINDERS AND ALARMS FOR MEDICATION OR APPOINTMENTS.
- CONNECTING WITH LOVED ONES THROUGH HANDS-FREE CALLS.
- PLAYING AUDIOBOOKS OR MUSIC THERAPY.
- IMPROVING SPEECH CLARITY SKILLS
- INCREASE INDEPENDENCE WITH THE ABILITY TO MAKE TO-DO LISTS, SHOPPING LISTS, ASK FOR DIRECTIONS, ETC
- ABILITY TO USE AN INTERCOM SYSTEM
- ALARM AND REMINDER REPETITION CAN ASSIST WITH MUSCLE MEMORY AND SKILL SET
- UTILIZING VOICE COMMANDS FOR CONTROLLING SMART HOME DEVICES (IF APPLICABLE).

TABLET:

- ACCESSING EDUCATIONAL APPS AND LEARNING TOOLS.
- COMMUNICATING VISUALLY THROUGH VIDEO CALLS OR PICTURE EXCHANGE SYSTEMS.
- USING VOICE-TO-TEXT FEATURES FOR EASIER COMMUNICATION.
- PLAYING GAMES THAT PROMOTE COGNITIVE SKILLS AND MOTOR DEVELOPMENT.

HOW TO APPLY

Your support coordinator will have paper copies for your use or the application can be completed

at www.arcindiana.org

Paper copies can be returned to the Arc of Indiana County or your support coordinator.

NO SET DEADLINE. THE PROGRAM WILL END WHEN AFTER ALL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE ALLOCATED.

Voters Clinic

The Arc held a Voters Clinic on September 17th for the National Voter Registration Day to ensure individuals with disabilities who are interested in voting and would like some assistance would have an accessible place to register and learn about the voting process. Every vote counts and the Arc will continue to ensure no voice is left behind!

The Arc of Indiana County is a nonpolitical organization.



Register
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VOTE



Get Out and Vote!

Election Day

November 5, 2024

The Arc of Indiana County advocates for everyone to exercise their right to vote. “Voting is a fundamental right, privilege, and duty. It is a key means by which Citizens, including those with disabilities, can impact policy at the local, state, and federal levels...The Help America

Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) requires that voting systems must be accessible for people with disabilities, including those with mobility disabilities and those who are blind or have other visual disabilities.”

www.disabilityrightspa.org/resources “Disability Voting Issues: Access, Assistance and Accommodations” June 2022



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John Angelo Scholarship

John Angelo the son of Founder Joseph Angelo of the Arc of Indiana County, served on the board of the Arc of Indiana County for over fifteen years and shared his triumphs and successes as a role model for others with disabilities. The Arc of Indiana County has established the John Angelo Transition Scholarship to continue his work in helping others with disabilities achieve success as they transition into adulthood.

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student in Indiana County and a \$1,000 scholarship to a student in Armstrong County.

Awards will be presented at the Local Task Force parents dinner April 2, 2025, 6:30 Pm

Who is eligible?

Seniors with a developmental disability in Indiana County or Armstrong County

How to Apply:

Log onto www.arcindiana.org and click onto the Scholarship Application, complete and hit submit.

Applications will be launched February 3, 2025 and will be due by March 21, 2025

Sponsored by the Foundation for the Arc of Indiana County and Edith L. Trees Grant

Upcoming Events

- Social Security Disability Benefits Training with AHEDD
 - December 12, 2024, 5:30 Pm
- Mobile health clinic (winter/spring)
 - Free diabetes checking, health and wellness, and education
- Community Partner Breakfast
 - March 20, 2025, 8:00 Am-10:00 Am at the Hilton Garden Inn
- Local Task Force Dinner with Keynote Carole Clancy Director PA Dept. Ed.
 - April 2, 2025, 6:30 Pm at the Hilton Garden Inn
- Kickball Classic June 2025 date/time TBA

Resources



- www.ahedd.org Social Security Benefits Counseling
- www.autisticadvocacy.org Autistic Self Advocacy Network
- www.cec.sped.org Council for Exceptional Children
- www.centerononlinelearning.res.ku.edu Center on Online Learning and Students with Disabilities
- www.chp.edu Down Syndrome Center
- www.disabilityrights.org Disability Rights: Disability Rights Pennsylvania (DPR)
- www.dli.pa.gov Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)
- www.ed.gov/ocr Department of Education
- www.eita-pa.org/families/ Family Resources available through the Early Intervention Technical Assistance (EITA)
- www.elc-pa.org Education Law Center Helpline (412) 258-2120 Western PA
- www.includemepa.org
- www.myodp.org Community Practice for Supporting Families
- www.ncset.org National Center on Secondary Education and Transition
- www.ncil.org Additional Resources Online: American Association of People with Disabilities
- www.aapd.com National Council on Independent Living
- www.paaautism.org
- www.paoralhealth.org PA Coalition for Oral Health
- www.papromiseforchildren.com PA's Promise for Children connect Helpline 1-800-692-7288
- pafamilynetwork@visionforequality.org PA Family Network 1-844-723-2645
- www.parenttoparent.org Parent to Parent of PA
- www.parentcenterhub.org Parent Center Hub

- www.pattan.net PA Training and Technical Assistance Network has Publication Updates on their website
- <https://techowlpa.org> Technology for Our Whole Lives (TechOWL)
- www.wrightslaw.com Wrights law Special Education Advocacy
- McAndrews Law Office YouTube Videos. Topics: Getting Prepared for IEP Meetings
- <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/contact/DHS-Offices/Pages/ODP-Bureau%20of%20Autism%20Services.aspx> PA – Bureau of Supports for Autism and Special Populations
- <https://transitionta.org> National Technical Assistance Center on Transition: The Collaborative
- <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osep/index.html> Office of Special Education Programs
- www.pacareerlink.pa.gov PA – CareerLink
- <https://pasilc.org/independent-living/centers-in-dependent-living/> PA Statewide Centers for Independent Living
- <https://www.pasecondarytransition.com/> PA Secondary Transition
- <https://supporteddecisionmaking.org/> National Resource for Supported Decision-Making
- <https://transitiondiscoveries.org/> Transition Discoveries
- <https://www.pealcenter.org/> Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership Center

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