

## IV. Who Can Help?

# The Arc of Pennsylvania

**Advocacy, Resources for Citizens with cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities.**

The Arc is the largest advocacy organization in the United States for persons with cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc of Pennsylvania is the state chapter of The Arc and works with local chapters serving 47 counties throughout the state. The mission of The Arc of Pennsylvania is to include all children and adults with cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities in every community. The Arc of Pennsylvania pursues its mission through public policy advocacy, family training, public awareness, and community resources.

1.800.692.7258 (in PA only)

717.234.2621

[www.thearcpa.org](http://www.thearcpa.org)

# **Pennsylvania Department of Education**

## **Bureau of Special Education**

The mission of the Pennsylvania Department of Education is to lead and serve the educational community to enable each individual to grow into an inspired, productive, fulfilled lifelong learner. The Department provides overviews of educational reforms, resources, home pages of schools, including performance reports, LRE Tier Listings, right to know laws and many more services.

ConsultLine 1.800.879.2301

Out of State ConsultLine 1.717.541.4960 x3332

[www.pde.state.pa.us](http://www.pde.state.pa.us)

# Pennsylvania Training Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN)

The Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) is an initiative of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education. PaTTAN supports the Department of Education's efforts to lead and serve the educational community by offering professional development that builds the capacity of local educational agencies to meet students' needs. PaTTAN's primary focus is special education. Resources on website include; training information, special education forms, and specific learning disabilities guidelines

1.800.360.7282 (in PA only)

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[www.pattan.net](http://www.pattan.net)

# Office of Dispute Resolution

The Office for Dispute Resolution is located at the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network building in [Harrisburg](#).

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To expedite ODR's response to a caller, it is suggested that the [ODR Staff list](#) be reviewed to determine the appropriate individual to contact for the caller's particular issue.

Mediation: 1-800-222-3353

IEP Facilitation: 1-800-222-3353

[www.odr.pattan.net](http://www.odr.pattan.net)

# The Education Law Center

For thirty years, the Education Law Center (ELC) has worked to make good public education a reality for Pennsylvania's most vulnerable students –poor children, children of color, kids with disabilities, English language learners, children in foster homes and institutions, and others.

Website resources include: publications and guidelines on the law and your students rights.

[www.elc-pa.org](http://www.elc-pa.org)

# Disability Rights Network (DRN)

Formerly known as Pennsylvania Protection & Advocacy, Inc. (PP&A) and the Disabilities Law Project (DLP) have merged to form the Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania (DRN).

Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania (DRN) is a statewide, non-profit corporation designated as the federally-mandated organization to advance and protect the civil rights of all adults and children with disabilities. DRN works with people with disabilities and their families to ensure their rights to live in their communities with the services they need, to receive a full and inclusive education, to live free of discrimination, abuse and neglect, and to have control and self-determination over their services.

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## Parent Education Network (PEN)

PEN is a coalition of parents whose children represent a full range of disabilities and ages from birth to adulthood. PEN provides consultation, technical assistance, workshops, and literature about special education to the eastern region of Pennsylvania. PEN's services are free and available to both parents and professionals.

Voice & TTY: 717-600-0100

1-800-522-5827 (in PA)

1-800-441-5028 (Spanish, in PA)

[www.parentednet.org](http://www.parentednet.org)

# Parents Education & Advocacy Leadership Center (PEAL)

The PEAL Center is an organization of parents of children with disabilities reaching out to assist other parents and professionals. The PEAL Center provides workshops, training, and information about early intervention, special education, and inclusive education to the western and central regions of Pennsylvania. Parent advisors assist families with information about the special education process and problem-solving strategies.

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TTY: 412-281-4409

Toll Free: 866-950-1040

[www.pealcenter.org](http://www.pealcenter.org)

# Wrights Law

Parents, educators, advocates, and attorneys come to Wrightslaw for accurate, reliable information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities. Wrights law has thousands of articles, cases, and free resources about dozens of topics.

[www.wrightslaw.com](http://www.wrightslaw.com)

# **Right To Education State & Local Task Forces**

On May 5, 1972, the Federal District Court for Eastern Pennsylvania made final the order, injunction, stipulation and consent agreement in the suit filed by the Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Children (PARC), currently The Arc of Pennsylvania, against the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Secretary of the Department of Education, the State Board of Education, the Secretary of the Department of Public Welfare and all their instrumentalities on behalf of 13 Children with mental retardation who had been denied access to a free public program of education and training PARC v. Comm. of Pa. 343 F. Supp. 279 (1972).

The agreement mandated the development of a Commonwealth Plan for the Identification, Location and Evaluation of Mentally Retarded Children (COMPILE)

COMPILE provided for the establishment of a state task force and 29 local task forces (one in each intermediate unit) whose primary purpose is to insure that the intent and spirit of the Right to Education Consent Agreement is carried out throughout the Commonwealth.

## Local Chapters of The Arc

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The Arc of Clarion County	319 Main Street Clarion, PA 16214	<a href="http://www.thearcclarion.org">www.thearcclarion.org</a>	814-226-7033
The Arc of Crawford County	222 Chestnut St. Meadville, PA 16335	<a href="http://arcofcrawfordcounty.org">http://arcofcrawfordcounty.org</a>	814-724-7346
The Arc of Cumberland/Perry Counties	71 Ashland Ave. Carlisle, PA 17013	<a href="http://www.cparc.org">www.cparc.org</a>	717-249-2611
The Arc of Dauphin/Lebanon Counties	2569 Walnut St. Harrisburg, PA 17103	<a href="http://www.arcofdc.org">www.arcofdc.org</a>	717-920-2727
The Arc of Delaware County	740 S. Chester Rd., Ste. G Swarthmore, PA 19081-2226	<a href="http://www.thearcofdelco.org">www.thearcofdelco.org</a>	610-325-3950
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The Arc of Fayette County	80 Old New Salem Road Uniontown, PA 15401		724-439-3444
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The Arc of Greater Pittsburgh, Serving Allegheny and Beaver Counties	Achieva 711 Bingham Street Pittsburgh, PA 15203	<a href="http://www.achieva.info">www.achieva.info</a>	412-995-5000
The Arc of Greene County	197 Dunn Station Road Prosperity, PA 15329 1570 Oakland Ave.		724-627-5511
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The Arc of Jefferson County	128 Darrell Drive Brockway, PA 15824	<a href="http://www.jcarc.org">www.jcarc.org</a>	814-265-0663

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The Arc of Lycoming County	460 Market St., Ste. 115 Williamsport, PA 17701		570-326-6997
The Arc of Mercer County	850 North Hermitage Road Hermitage, PA 16148	<a href="http://www.mercerarc.org">www.mercerarc.org</a>	724-981-2950
The Arc of Montgomery, Berks, & Bucks Counties	3075 Ridge Pike Eagleville, PA 19403	<a href="http://www.marcpa.org/">http://www.marcpa.org/</a>	610-265-4700
The Arc of Northeastern PA (Serving Lachawanna, Carbon, Monroe, Pike, and Susquehanna)	115 Meadow Avenue Scranton, PA 18505	<a href="http://www.thearcnepa.org">www.thearcnepa.org</a>	570-346-4010
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The Arc of Philadelphia	2350 West Westmoreland St. Philadelphia, PA 19140	<a href="http://www.arcpddc.org">www.arcpddc.org</a>	215-229-4550
The Arc of Schuylkill County	85 East Main Street PO Box 271 Ringtown, PA 17967		570-875-1200
The Arc of Warren/Forest Counties	PO Box 244 Warren, PA 16365		814-723-8531
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The Arc of Wyoming County	86 East Tioga Street PO Box 338 Tunkhannock, PA 18657		570-836-4001
The Arc of York County	497 Hill Street York, PA 17403	<a href="http://www.thearcofyorkcounty.org">www.thearcofyorkcounty.org</a>	717-846-6589

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