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AGENDA: MARCH 22ND, 2022

1. Welcome Visitors

2. Roll Call

The Local Task Force 21 wants to grow! We would like to encourage Parents to become more involved with the LTF21. If you are interested, after attending two LTF meetings, you can represent your child's school district! The LTF is a safe, judgment-free place that was created by parents, for parents who have children with disabilities. We are here to help with education issues and to make sure every child receives F.A.P.E. (A Free and Appropriate Public Education). By attending the Local Task Force meetings, you are opening the door to new possibilities for you, your family and your student(s). Together we can do great things!

3. Correction/Approval of Minutes from February 22nd, 2022

4. Agency Reports:

- a. The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties: Updates and Legislation
- b. The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania (NEPA)
- c. The Arc of Pennsylvania
- d. Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21
- e. Lehigh County Developmental Programs
- f. Carbon County Developmental Programs (CMP)
- g. Office of Developmental Programs (ODP)
- h. Superintendent's Report: We are looking for a new school district to provide updates!
- i. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)
- j. Other Agency/Provider Information

5. Committee Reports:

- a. Membership
- b. Compliance Monitoring
- c. In-Service
- d. Legislation (listed in minutes)

6. Chairperson's Report:

- a. State Task Force Update
- b. Upcoming Training and Event Info. (see newsletter: <https://www.smores.com/u/local.task.force.iu21>)

7. Presentation:

This presentation is intended to provide information on *The Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21's Special Programs and Services*, *The CLIU21 Children's Foundation*, *CLIU21 podcasts* and more presented by Dr. Mark Scott, CLIU21 Director of Special Programs and Services.

8. Discussion

9. Adjournment

Dates of Interest:

1. Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 Board Meetings for 2022-2023 School Year @ 6:30PM:
March 20th, 2023 April 17th, 2023 May 15th, 2023 June 19th, 2023

For more information visit: <https://www.cliu.org>

2. State Task Force Meeting: STF 2022-2023 bi-monthly Meeting Schedule:
Wednesday, March 15, 2023 – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm - TBD
Wednesday, May 10, 2023 – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm - TBD

For more information visit: <https://www.pattan.net/about-us/partners/state-task-force/>

MINUTES: February 22nd, 2022

1. Amanda Robbins called the February 22nd, 2023 meeting of the Right to Education Local Task Force 21 to order at 10:03 AM.

Members Present:

Amanda Robbins; LTF21: Chairperson and Parent Rep., East Penn SD
Dr. Mark Scott; CLIU21: Director of Special Programs and Services
MaryJo King; CLIU21 Assistant to Director of Special Programs and Services
Kendyle Mills; CLIU21: Education Consultant and Presenter
Jessica McKenty-Nuttall; Director of Advocacy: Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties
Kodi Berry; Intake/Resource Coordinate, Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties
Susan Kluge; Advocate: Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties
Dr. Deborah Ohmacht; Advocate: Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties
Roseann Polishan; Advocate for Arc of NEPA; LTF19 Chairperson
Mandy Colville; Advocate for the Arc of NEPA; LTF20 Chairperson
Kathy Purcell; Director, Therapeutic Arts Group
Maureen Timlin; ODP: Northeast Region's Supporting Families Lead
Heather Shirk; Lehigh County Developmental Programs
Nicole Lindsay; Northeast Regional Coordinator Parent to Parent of PA
Emma Furiosi; Carbon Monroe Pike Mental Health Developmental Services
Tierra Brown; IM/ADEPT Program Specialist, Arc of Pennsylvania
Eleni Burd; IM/ADEPT Program Specialist, Arc of Pennsylvania
Alyssa Mierta; LTF21: East Penn SD Parent Representative

Visitors Present:

Diane Perry; The PEAL Center: Family Resource Specialist and Presenter
Lisbeth Little; HUNE Family Advisor and Advocate
Tracy Teng; Parent, Parkland SD
Terri Grasso; Keystone Autism Services Vocational Initiative
Jonathan Walter; CLIU21
Courtney Guynn; Keystone Autism Services Vocational Initiative
Sandra D'Alessandro; Parent, Salisbury SD
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Members Absent:

Kristy Fogle; Parent; SC Supervisor: Quality Progressions
Tracey Jacobi; Salisbury SD Special Education Director
Katerri Beachum; The PEAL Center
Katie Foley; Advocate for the Arc of NEPA
Mark Botto; Office Manager, Therapeutic Arts Groups
Deb Penn; PA Elks Home Care Nursing Services
Mimi Ludwig; Autism Society Lehigh Valley Founder
Suzanne Rentschler; Palmerton SD Special Education Director
Kelly Theophile; CLIU21 Representative
Keith Focht; State Task Force Chairperson
Christine Piripavel; Allentown SD Supervisor
Karina Castillo; Corazones Unidos para el Autismo; Parent Rep., Allentown SD
Erika Christofaro-Melton; Lehigh County Integrated Services
Theresa LaFavor; Parent Rep.: Catasauqua SD
Mara Wolfe; MS CRC Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)
Kaitlyn Tretter, OVR Representative
Andrea Edmonds; Northwestern Lehigh SD Special Education Director
Dr. Linda Pekarik; East Penn SD Special Education Director
Lisa Mendoza; Parent Rep.; Parkland SD
Michelle Dotta; Northern Lehigh SD Special Education Director

2. Welcome Visitors:

Amanda Robbins, Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the Right To Education: Local Task Force 21 September Meeting and gave thanks to everyone for attending. I'm Amanda Robbins, Chairperson. If you are new to LTF21 meetings, please put your name, district your child attends or agency you represent, with your email address in the chat. We are glad you could join us today.

3. Roll Call:

The Local Task Force 21 wants to grow! We would like to encourage Parents to become more involved with the LTF. If you are interested, please email localtaskforce21@gmail.com and after attending two LTF meetings, you can represent your child's school district! The LTF is a safe, judgment-free, place that was created by parents, for parents who have children with disabilities. We are here to help with educational issues and to make sure every child receives F.A.P.E. (A Free and Appropriate Public Education). By attending the Local Task Force meetings, you are opening the door to new possibilities for you, your family and your student(s). All things are possible because together we can do great things!

4. Correction/Approval Of Minutes:

Amanda asked members if there are any corrections to the January minutes. If not, next is the approval of the minutes from the January 22nd, 2023 meeting. Would someone please make a motion to approve the minutes? 1st motion; Dr. Deborah Ohmacht. 2nd; Kathy Purcell. Motion passed.

5. Agency Reports:

a. The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties:

<http://arcoflehighboroughton.org/>

Jessica McKenty-Nuttall reported via email:

Questions related to Advocacy can be directed to me at

jmckenty@arcoflehighboroughton.org and questions regarding FD/FSS can be directed to Mike Paulik: MichaelPaulik@lehighcounty.org

1. Upcoming Webinars:

a. March 14, 2023 | 6:30 – 8:00PM “A Transition Plan is Not Just a Form: Transition to Adulthood” presented by PEAL & co-hosted with The Autism Society Lehigh Valley. Register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_n88TpQBPS7mfuhlYRUjm4g

b. March 28, 2023 | 6:30 – 8:30PM “Transition Goals, Activities, and Services in the IEP” presented by PEAL & co-hosted with The Autism Society Lehigh Valley. Register

at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_m_XzqFL8TZWD8a0yLq-09Q

c. April 4, 2023 | 6:30 – 8:30PM “Understanding Dyslexia: Know Your Child's Educational Rights in School” presented by Heather Hulse, Esq. with McAndrews Law Firm. Register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jSQJE41HSragRwB6K3ATQq

d. April 12, 2023 | 6:30 – 8:30PM “Transitioning from School to Adulthood for Students with Disabilities: A Look from Both Sides of the Fence” presented by Dr. Domenico Cavauiolo & Angela Murphy, Esq. Register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jn4taOZAT02SkVCerD4hVg

Visit our website to see the complete list of our current & upcoming webinars. You can submit training requests to us here, and join our mailing list here to receive email updates on our training opportunities & events!

If you are interested in getting disability-related resources or looking for more specific advocacy assistance, please contact the Department through our online intake form, <http://arcoflehighboroughton.org/>, or by calling 610-849-8076 ext. 321

In addition to our Advocacy Department, The Arc has 2 additional programs: SPARC & AWC. Our SPARC program is operating in both community & facility-based services! Questions and referrals can be directed to the Department's Director, Dayna Allinson at 610-849-8076 ext. 315.

The Arc's Agency with Choice (AWC) program continues to operate at full capacity and is expanding personnel. Questions regarding the program can be directed to The Arc's Chief Program Officer (CPO) Patrick Kreshock at 610-849-8076 ext. 351 or pkreshock@arcoflehighboroughton.org.

Friendly Reminders:

- Eligibility for Extended School Year (ESY) for school-age students with an IEP must occur by February 28th, 2023. If you & your IEP team have not met to review the criteria & determine eligibility, call an IEP meeting! Visit our YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@thearcoflehighboroughton222/videos>, and view this video to learn more.
- The preschool EI program must convene transition meetings by the end of

February for all children approaching the age for kindergarten or first grade!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3i7Ba6ERIRM>

Learn more about this transition process, the legal requirements, and your role & rights in this process by viewing this video on our YouTube Channel for Dispute Resolution (ODR).

Visit our website to see the complete list of our current & upcoming webinars,

<https://arcoflehighnorthampton.org/events/> . You can submit

training requests to us, and join our mailing list,

https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001X5d-palA6QUdkkFN2z2ZyyzOvXG9Z3p8qPmPpQZv-m0lbbhQ0NghfeOn2FloQ8UGaC_Lg90RAaCpb0YpHuMG_Tbg4GXQJn9_qDXzOhrqSYM%3D , to receive email updates on our trainings & events!

b. ARC of Northeastern Pennsylvania (NEPA):

<http://www.thearcnepa.org/>

Roseann Polishan reported via email:

Here is upcoming events at The Arc of NEPA

IDD awareness month project: can still submit.

Siblings and the Importance of the Sibling Relationship 2/28/23 at 11 am

and Introducing The Arc of PA hosting Sib shops starting in March

Still working on March flyers, which I can mention at the meeting and/or send to you once created and ready.

March is Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. See information on participating in The Arc of NEPA's project to celebrate the accomplishments of the amazing individuals with IDD living in our area (Lackawanna/Susquehanna/Carbon/Monroe/Pike/Wayne/Luzerne counties.)

Carbon County:

Individual Advocacy services available

Presentations available to Providers/Agencies/schools/Groups

The Arc of NEPA is available for advocacy for those in Carbon County. She can be reached with any questions at: mcolville@thearcnepa.org or rpolarshan@hearcnepa.org for further information.

The Arc of PA offers families the opportunities to sign up for Action Alerts:

<https://thearcpa.org/action-alerts/> . Action Alerts is a good way of notifying families of critical legislation or upcoming government action. Your legislator can be identified to allow you to call or email them.

c. ARC of Pennsylvania:

Tierra Brown and Eleni Burd reported via email:

Thank you for reaching out! I've attached our clickable PDF summary (with registration links) as well as some small graphics for our upcoming programs. Attached to the minutes.

PD Guide and links:

Include Me: <https://thearcpa.org/includeme/>

Program Links: <https://thearcpa.org/includeme/bookstudy/> ,
<https://thearcpa.org/includeme/after-school-hangout-series/>

Information will be attached.

d. Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21:

<https://www.cliu.org/>

Dr. Mark Scott, Director of Special Programs and Services at CLIU21 reported via email:

IU21 (Lehigh and Carbon Counties), IU23 (Montgomery County), and IU18 (Luzerne County) have been awarded a 4 year grant to support School-Based Mental Health services.

The grant has three goals:

1. Pilot a universal mental health screener with at least 2 districts per IU. This is a positive consent screener that requires parental permission to participate.
2. Support the growth and maintenance of Aevium student led suicide prevention group. Many of our districts already have groups but the last few years they have stagnated or dwindled in membership. We hope to revitalize the groups and assist with developing leadership planning to ensure continuity of leadership when students graduate.
3. Develop a real-time database of available mental health services accessible by appropriate school and community professionals. This already exists for Physical health services and we hope to use the same platform to maintain a current list of mental health providers/services available.

Carbon Lehigh Special Needs Children's Foundation is pleased to be a sponsor of the Ms. Amazing Pageant for disabled students held at EHS.

Kendyle Mills; CLIU21 Education Consultant shared via email:

Folder for upcoming events and information:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1T52LySyzYH4NdLIJ_7kTuOSwztYmFd3V

The Mission of CLTCC is to promote effective transition services for students with disabilities, their families, educators, and community service providers from school to adult community life. The meetings consist of presentations geared towards transition age students, networking time and resource sharing regarding transition.

CLTCC is composed of parents, representatives from agencies, employers, educators from the Intermediate unit, school districts, vocational technical schools and Higher Education.

To join us please contact: Kendyle Mills; Millsk1@cliu.org

CLTCC meets from 9AM-11AM on 2022-2023 dates below:

Thursday, April 13, 2023 IU Admin building APR room/ or by Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/97384219166>

Google Drive for CLTCC:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bzqvXQIMnNKloNxeMxaFjL_692gf4y73

Google Drive:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pQEN8Upzffw47PeN5eJ9XmE1BR-MDxNAQ3hB9jAtWFw/edit>

Transition Google Drive for Families:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zWfiG7Eo1Sq8HJI1-Fq3cKVkJHSZcx6>

Google Drive for CLTCC:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bzqvXQIMnNKloNxeMxaFjL_692gf4y73

e. Lehigh County Developmental Programs:

Heather Shirk reported via email:

Hi, we are working on our 2023 grad list and what types of services and funding are needed. Still working on intakes and if anyone has one, they can call 610-782-3200 and make a referral.

f. Carbon, Monroe, Pike County Developmental Programs (CMP):

Emma Furiosi was absent and did not send report.

g. Office of Developmental Programs (ODP):

Maureen Timlin reported via email:

1. The PA Family Network will be hosting an Emergency Preparedness Summit for the Northeast on Thursday, 3/23/2023. It's going to be held at the Mohegan Casino in Wilkes Barre. They're going to be doing different summits quarterly & they hope each time will be in a different location in the northeast.
2. The Supporting Families Summit will be in August this summer-tentatively the 14th and 15th. It's going to be a hybrid event with both an in-person & virtual option. We're in the beginning stages of planning, so there's no more details as of right now.
3. The Supporting Families Survey is in the test-phase. Once it's ready for release, we'll let everyone know.

h. Superintendent's Report:

The LTF21 is looking for a new school district superintendent that would like to join the Local Task Force in sharing up-to-date information about the wonderful happenings their district offers to students within their community. Please notify me if you have an interest in this opportunity. You can attend our monthly meetings or send monthly reports via email to localtaskforce21@gmail.com. Thank You!

i. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR):

Kaitlynn Tretter reported via email.

I don't think we have any new updates this month. We are still doing our social skills & employment group which was shared previously. Once we have our summer program information I will send that out. Thanks!

Below is information on what OVR does and how to contact them:

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) provides vocational rehabilitation services to help persons with disabilities prepare for, obtain, or maintain employment. OVR provides services to eligible individuals with disabilities, both directly and through a network of approved vendors. A wide variety of services are provided on an individualized basis.

<https://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/ovr/Pages/default.aspx>

It is important to have the time to navigate the needs of each applicant. If you are in need, please reach out to OVR. <https://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov/jponline/Common/Registration>

j. Other Agency Reports:

Therapeutic Arts Group, LLC:

<https://www.therapeuticartsgroup.com/>

Kathy Purcell, Director, Therapeutic Arts Group, LLC, reported:

Mark Botto, Officer Manager, Therapeutic Arts Group, LLC, was absent)

Therapeutic Arts Group, Lehigh Valley based Music Therapy Associates, LLC was established in 1990 by Director, Kathy Purcell, MT-BC. After years of providing in-home and on-site services, MTA became the premier provider of music therapy services in the greater Lehigh Valley area, including Philadelphia, Kutztown, Reading, Poconos, and Western New Jersey.

Recognizing the varied needs of the area clientele, MTA expanded in 2018 and created its sister branch Art Therapy Associates. Shortly after, the two were formally joined under the Therapeutic Arts Group umbrella and a new facility in Whitehall, Pennsylvania was opened in 2022 to provide individuals the most conducive environment for music and art therapy sessions.

Now with over 30 board certified music therapists and art therapists, TAG is committed to finding the perfect client-therapist pairing in order ensure client comfort, time, and location flexibility, as well as the best therapeutic outcome possible.

For more information and resources, please visit us at:

www.therapeuticartsgroup.com

Catch our the live-streaming music enrichment program called Music Made Mobile on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/TherapeuticArtsGroup Live streaming Mondays and Fridays at 9:30 am

Therapeutic Arts Group: OPEN HOUSE

Thursday April 27th , 2023 from 2:00 PM-6:00 PM

Please join us for the official opening of our new facility at 1624 Schadt Avenue in Whitehall, PA

Quality Progressions:

<http://www.qualityprogressions.org/>

Kristy Fogle was absent and did not send report.

SAM, Inc.:

<https://www.sam-inc.org/>

Andrew Hoppes was absent and did not send report.

Parent To Parent:

www.parenttoparent.org

Niole Lindsay, Parent and Parent, Northeast Regional Coordinator reported via email: No major updates for P2P. Just reminding people to send referrals or request a match via our website www.parenttoparent.org under "get matched", follow us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/parenttoparentpa>, and that agencies can request rack cards (physical or digital) through our website, as well, under "communications". You can also share my contact information!

Her contact information is listed below:

Nicole Lindsay; Northeast Regional Coordinator, can be reached by email at nlindsay@parenttoparent.org or phone at 570-780-0109.

The PEAL Center:

<https://www.pealcenter.org/>

Katerri Beachum was absent and sent no report.

Autism Society of Lehigh Valley:

<https://www.asalehighvalley.org/>

Mimi Ludwig was absent and sent no report.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Membership:

We are looking for parent representatives for all of the 14 school districts in Lehigh and Carbon County that the LTF represents. Please send out our information to the families in your districts and to anyone you know who would benefit from being a part of this amazing organization. Please reach out for more information or if you have an interest in joining us! localtaskforce21@gmail.com

b. Compliance Monitoring:

Cyclical Monitoring for the 2022-23 School Year is completed.

c. In-Service:

Nothing to Report

d. Legislation:

The following are bills introduced on The Arc of Pennsylvania's monthly watchlist. Unless

otherwise noted, The Arc may not actively support the bills listed below. The following are bills introduced and are updated as of February 1, 2023.

Legislative Bills:

Legislative session restarted December 1, 2022. All previous bills that were not signed into law last session needed to be reintroduced as co-sponsorship memos before being re-drafted. We will update when new bills have been introduced in both the House & Senate. The House resumes session today, 2/22/23. The Senate resumes session on 2/27/23.

Visit <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/> to locate and contact your local legislators on issues important to you & your family!

6. Chairperson's Report:

a. State Task Force:

The STF has bi-monthly meetings starting:

- **Wednesday, March 15, 2023 – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm - TBD**
- **Wednesday, May 10, 2023 – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm - TBD**

All STF meetings begin at 10AM.

All State Task Force meetings are held virtually and in-person at this time.

The STF will be increasing their presence within the 29 Local Task Forces to help improve relationships between IUs and LTFs.

<https://www.pattan.net/about-us/partners/state-task-force/>

b. Upcoming Trainings and Events:

Please visit Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/localtaskforce21>

The Local Task Force 21 Newsletter Links for January, February and March:

The week of 1/2/23: <https://www.smores.com/xtk8q>

The week of 1/9/2023: <https://www.smores.com/t3wzd>

The week of 1/16/2023: <https://www.smores.com/k9vnt>

The week of 1/23/2023: <https://www.smores.com/d840e>

The week of 1/30/2023: <https://www.smores.com/xctds>

The week of 2/6/2023: <https://www.smores.com/bh51a>

The week of 2/13/2023: <https://www.smores.com/acsvn>

The week of 2/20/2023: <https://www.smores.com/xp2t0>

The week of 3/6/2023: <https://www.smores.com/18am4>

1. Geisinger and the Autism Collaborative Centers of Excellence are offering a pre-recorded webinar course for families and those who care for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Register at: <https://glearn.geisinger.org/admi/learn> There is no start or end date listed.

Contact Information:

- Rural PA: Health Access Network for People with Disabilities: <https://www.pahealthaccess.org>
- PA Able, Field Representative, contact Diane Fishlock: dfishlock@ptreasury.gov to learn about PA ABLE and its benefits for those with disabilities www.PAABLE.gov
- PA Families: <http://www.pafamiliesinc.com/>
- If you're struggling with any mental health concerns, please reach out for assistance by dialing 988.
- Join the Conversation. For anyone feeling anxious or stressed. If you feel you need support, join our Wednesday evening group at 6 PM-7 PM. For more info, Please contact Heather McLean at hmclean@mhaswpa.org or (724) 433-1359 for the Zoom link and password. (This is not a clinical/therapeutic group, but here to offer social support.)
- Mental Health Group. Experiencing mental health symptoms? Then you can find support in the Tuesday afternoon Mental Health group from 1 pm to 2 pm. For more info, Please contact Heather McLean at hmclean@mhaswpa.org or (724) 433-1359 for the Zoom link and password.

7. **Presentation:**

The PEAL Center:

Diane Perry; Family Advisor and Advocate

Topic: Educate and Empower Families-Advocacy

Principles of Advocacy:

- What is advocacy
- Starts with the family
- Importance of Advocacy
- Parents vision for their child
- Approaches to successful advocacy
- Positions vs Interests
- Communication Tips
- PACER Website: Student Snapshot discussion and creating a Vision for your child: https://www.pacer.org/?gclid=CjwKCAiA3pugBhAwEiwAWFzwdfDXDQRqfDYboh_bzOjzeOAs_rquLVqr7ILSwMLSFmWy67bw15wcFRoCAuYQAvD_BwE
- Cadre: The Center for Appropriate Dispute Resolution: <https://www.cadeworks.org/>

The ARC of NEPA; Roseann Polishan

Topic: What is advocacy and how to provide advocacy

- Vision
- Mission
- ARC overview
- History of ARC
- Counties Served
- Overview of Programs
- Advocacy at the ARC of NEPA
 - Individual

- Systems
- Legislative
- Self advocacy
- Elevate Advocacy

The ARC of NEPA; Mandy Collville:

- Increasing public awareness and community education through training
- What is inclusion?
- Why does inclusion work?
- ARC Advocacy Tips and Tools
- Advocacy considerations

The ARC of Lehigh and Northampton Counties

Jessica McKenty-Nuttall; Director of Advocacy, ARC of Lehigh and Northampton Counties

- The ARC; a National System
- Mission
- 3 Main Programs
 - Advocacy
 - Agency with choice (AWC)
 - SPARC (Day program)
- Advocacy Department Pillars
 - Resource Coordination
 - One to one advocacy
- What we do - FREE
- What we DON'T Do:
 - No legal advice
 - No medical advice
- Department Structure
- What people are looking for in an advocate
- Role of the advocate
- Anatomy of advocacy case
 - Triage process
 - Case opening
 - Case closing
- Collaboration and family relationships

HUNE- Non profit out of Philadelphia

Lisbeth Little; Family Advisor and Advocate

- Bilingual
- Training and Informational Services
- Family Supports
- HUNE'S youth program
- Deaf-Blind Project
- F2Max (Spanish Helpline)
- Family Involvement
- Hire an Advocate (things to keep in mind)
 - Family's goals
 - Personality
 - Experience

- Knowledge
- References
- Contract
- Effectiveness
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What all of these incredible presenters have in common within their organizations and the way they advocate is they believe communication is #1 and to always have positive involvement within your loved one's educational process.

The recording of this presentation can be found on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/localtaskforce21>

8. Discussion:

If there are any questions regarding the LTF21 or this month's presentation, please contact Amanda Robbins @ localtaskforce21@gmail.com.

9. Adjournment:

Amanda Robbins asked for a motion to be made to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Purcell made the first motion, Dr. Mark Scott seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:48AM. Thank you for your continued and much appreciated support of the Local Task Force 21. See you in March!