

**Parent Support Group for Parents of a Child with a Disability –**  
**“The Local Task Force”**

Welcome!!

Understanding special education and the process of special education at times can be confusing and challenging. The parent support group of your intermediate unit region is called the Local Task Force (LTF). This group is comprised of parents of children with disabilities, agencies that provide support to parents of children with disabilities, intermediate unit support, and local education agencies (public school representatives, charter school representatives, and cyber charter school representatives).

The purpose of the LTF is to outsource information and supports to parents of children with a disability. These supports may be provided in the form of meetings, trainings, emails, video links, and other varied informational channels. The LTF meets at a minimum five times a year to provide this information exchange. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the LTF not only facilitates these LTF meetings, they also provide advocacy support to members and other parents that seek guidance and support as it relates to their children.

One of the most valuable attributes of the LTF, besides information sharing, is the parent networking, sharing each other’s experiences and challenges in maneuvering through the different avenues of information and support in raising their child.

If you wish to get involved with your LTF, please contact the individuals below to share your desire in joining the LTF within your intermediate unit region or to receive more information.

Also, listed below are the LTF scheduled meeting dates, times, and locations. Please feel free to come to the meetings to get a better idea on how the LTF works. The LTF is always looking at increasing attendance of new parents and other supporting individuals.

**November 14, 2017**  
**5:30 PM**  
**Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18**  
**368 Tioga Ave., Kingston, PA 18704**

Sincerely,

Your Local Task Force

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