



LET'S CHAT NEWSLETTER

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Information for Parents, Students, and Educators from The Arc of Indiana County, The ARIN IU 28 Local Task Force on the Right to Education, and the school districts in Armstrong County and Indiana Counties.

THE EDITOR CHATS... I hope you will find the information helpful. If you have any information, helpful hints or comments, please contact me, Barbara Telthorster, at btelth@arcindiana.org or call 724-349-8230

Let's Chat About..... Transition and Indicator 13

"Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA), Part B State Performance Plan, states are required to develop a six-year plan to measure their work towards federally identified Indicators of compliance and performance, designed to improve the education of students with disabilities.

Indicator 13 is one of the 20 State Performance Plan (SPP) Indicators, and focuses on the development of IEPs (Individualized Education Program) that meet transition requirements, including coordinated, measurable, annual, IEP goals that will reasonably enable students to meet post-secondary outcomes. In Pennsylvania, Indicator 13 is measured by percent of students, age 14 and above, with IEPs that meet the above transition requirements." Adrienne Stiteler, ARIN Transition Consultant

Let's Chat About.....Upcoming Transition Workshops

ARIN IU 28 Parent Training

"Transition: Planning For Post School Success"

Oct. 14, 2011 11:00am -1:00pm at

ARIN IU 28 2895 West Pike, Indiana, PA 15701

To register, call 724-463-5300

I CAN Workshop

October 20, 2011 9am-2:15pm

Rustic Lodge, 2199 Oakland Ave. Indiana. PA 15701

How students with disabilities can develop their own vision for the future.

I – Interests C – Classes A- Abilities and self-Advocacy N – Neighborhood

Speakers: Chaz Kellem, Pittsburgh Pirates & PA Youth Leadership Network

Chris Mielo, PA Youth Leadership Network

Carol Gettemy, Transition Health Care Checklist

Dana Olsen, Employment Consultant

Heather Telthorster, Self-Advocate & Business owner

RSVP by October 13, 2011 to The Arc 724-349-8230 or email btelth@arcindiana.org

If you need accommodations, let us know when you register.

No fee Lunch is provided Act 48 credits and CEU's



Let's Chat About..... Upcoming Transition meetings

PARENTS, STUDENTS, AGENCIES, AND EDUCATORS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

PARENT TRANSITION GROUP (PTG): A group of community members including the schools, ARIN IU 28, agencies and parents meet monthly to discuss how to successfully transition students with disabilities from high school to adult living.

PTG meets from 10am until noon with lunch following, Mondays:

Sept. 12, the 2nd Monday due to Labor Day

Oct. 3, Nov 7, Dec. 5, 2011, Jan. 9 (2nd Mon.), Feb. 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, 2012

The Arc of Indiana County office, 120 North 5th Street, Indiana, PA



ARIN TRANSITION COUNCIL MEETINGS

with ARIN Transition Consultant Adrienne Stiteler

Meetings are: **Armstrong County** at Lenape Technical School, 2215 Chaplin Ave., Ford City, PA from 10 until noon on Sept. 22, Nov. 10, Feb.23, May 17

Indiana County at ARIN IU 28, 2895 W. Pike, Indiana PA from 10 am until noon on Sept. 21, Nov. 8, Feb. 22, May 16

Let's Chat AboutOther meetings

LOCAL & STATE TASK FORCE (LTF & STF) ON THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION

Parents and families are encouraged to attend these meetings. The LTF and STF are local and state advocacy groups for students with disabilities that work to strengthen, improve, expand, and monitor programs and services that meet individual educational needs.

All meetings are located at ARIN IU 28, 2895 West Pike, Indiana, PA 15701 Phone 724-463-5300

LOCAL TASK FORCE MEETINGS: Fridays 10:00am -12:00 on these Fridays:

Sept. 30, Dec. 2, 2011 Feb. 3, March 30, May 4, 2012

STATE TASK FORCE MEETINGS: Meetings are down linked to ARIN.

Sept. 28, Nov. 11, 2011 Jan 18, May 16, May 16, 2012 from 10:00 -12:00 at ARIN

For more information contact Irene Mergen at ARIN 724-463-5300



Let's Chat About....Information and Resources Websites

www.iu28.org – for information about special education, workshops, Armstrong & Indiana school closings

www.pattan.net – for information on transition, statewide special education issues, annotated special education forms, workshops, and conferences

www.arcindiana.org – for information about programs at The Arc of Indiana County with links to The Arc in PA and The Arc in US

www.sharedwork.org – transition information and resources



Thought for the Day.....

“Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them!”

