
Meeting Summary-Right to Education Task Force, October 13, 2026

Wed, Oct 14, 2026 at 12:25 PM

The Local Right to Education Task Force Meeting was held on October 13, 2026, and included several community updates, resources, and upcoming opportunities for families. Highlights included:

- Special Needs Resource Fair, hosted by Avon Grove School District (Middle School), October 14, 6:00-8:00 p.m. (respite care provided)
- CCIU Parent Education Series, October 14, 6:00-7:00 p.m., offered in person and virtually, focusing on transitions for preschool students
- Celebrating Autistic Strengths, presented by SOAR at CHOP, October 15, 6:00-7:00 p.m. webinar
- Chester County Transition Council, October 22, 9:00-11:30 a.m. at the CCIU Educational Service Center, featuring presentations by Happy Noises and the Arc of Chester County
- PEAL PHLP Webinar on Medicaid and MAWD (Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities) changes, October 30, 12:00-1:15 p.m.
- PEAC & WCU College of Education and Social Work Conference: The Power of We, November 7 at West Chester University

Rachel Yevel presented information about the CCIU Parent Mentor Program, which provides free support to Chester County families, including guidance on special education rights, regulations, timelines, IEP preparation, trainings, and local resources. Additional updates were shared by the Arc of Chester County regarding its free Chat and Chew webinar series, education advocacy services, and legislative developments impacting schools.

Contact information for the Arc is:

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Website: www.arcofchestercounty.org; Events: <https://arcofchestercounty.org/events-activities/>

The Chester County MH/IDD office also provided updates on eligibility determination, supports coordination, waiver funding access, and transition services for individuals with autism or intellectual and developmental disabilities. Contact/referral information:

Referral form: <https://chesco.jotform.com/253296099282973>

Additional discussion focused on autism waiver data, maintaining current Task Force resources, and funding received for the 2026-27 school year.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., featuring a presentation by Carl Castle of the Chester County Suicide Prevention Partnership on supporting families of children with disabilities.