• **ALLEGHENY**

Support groups/support for parents whose children have any kind of behavioral challenges, developmental, social or emotional concerns or addictions

PA FAMILIES INC
STATEWIDE FAMILY NETWORK
1-800-947-4941
pafamilies@comcast.net

CALL OR EMAIL FOR CURRENT LIST

**AUTISM SUPPORT GROUPS**

Support groups for parents of children with autism
Support group for parents of children who are neurologically impaired
Support group for siblings of a disabled sibling
Sal Schlieper
sals@thewatsoninstitute.org
412-749-2828
Lorie Turian
loriet@thewatsoninstitute.org
412-749-2824
The Watson Institute
301 Camp Meeting Road
Sewickley Pa 15143

**ABOARD Biomedical Support Group**

Chris Perdziola
412.999.9499
chrisoulagirl@comcast.net

**AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP**

FBR/ABOARD
Brentwood and Upper St Clair Family Support and Social Skill/Play Group
2nd Thursday of every month, 6-8pm
Deb Dorsey and Courtney Tagg
Brentwood Towne Square
Suite 239
Pittsburgh Pa 15227
412-881-2400
FBRAutism@aol.com
www.familybehavioralresources.com/locations.php?loc_id=1

**ALLEGHENY TEEN HIGH FUNCTIONING SUPPORT GROUP ABOARD GROUP (AUTISM/ASPERGERS)**

Teresa Jamison
37 Barton Drive
Freedom Pa
724-775-1484
tlj@access995.com

**FEDERATION OF FAMILIES CHAPTER**

Christine McClellan
687 O’Neil Boulevard
McKeesport Pa 15132
412-363-1702
cmcclellan@familyresourcespfp.org

**SPECIALIZING IN AUTISM & LAW ENFORCEMENT-TRAINER**

Community Resource for Western Pa
Search and Rescue
Lenore Wossidlo
7457 McClure Ave
Pittsburgh Pa 15218
412-241-4370
PARENT MENTOR
Vicci Morris
2217 Mt. Pleasant Drive
Monroeville Pa 15146
412-823-0857
Bipolar, autism spectrum, connective tissue disorder, ADHD, developmental issues, neurological disorders etc.

THERAPEUTIC PLAY GROUP FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM KIDS
Separate groups for boys and girls
Dr. Rebecca Wiegers
East Suburban Psychological Assoc.
2550 Moss Side Blvd
Suite 304
Monroeville Pa 15146
412-373-3471

PARENT MENTOR
Autism experience
Roberta Waltenbaugh
109 Trenton Place
Mt Vernon Pa 15135
412-751-7118

ABOARD CHAPTER AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP
Family Behavioral Resources
Family Support and Social Play Group
Michelle Chapla
Airport Professional Office Center
600 Commerce Drive- Suite 606
Moon Township Pa 15108
412-262-5300

AUTISM SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH
4371 Northern Pike
Monroeville Pa 15146
412-856-7223
Att: Ann Fuger

AUTISM CENTER OF PITTSBURGH SUPPORT & INFORMATION
135 Cumberland Road
Suite 105
Pittsburgh Pa 15237
412-364-1886
1-866- PUZZLE-2

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP FBR/ABOARD Cranberry Township
Family Support and Social Skill/Play Group
Cranberry Twp Municipal Bldg
2nd Thurs, 6-8pm
Teresa O’Brien
20397 Route 19
724-772-2677
FBRAutism@aol.com

NORTHWESTERN HUMAN SERVICES AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP
Devon Lewis
10700 Frankstown Road
Suite 200
Pittsburgh Pa 15235
412-247-1091 x18

ABOARD SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH ASPERGERS OR HIGH FUNCTIONING AUTISM TEENS
Support group for parents of teenagers
Rebecca Klaw
412-247-0599
rebeccaklaw@aol.com
ABOARD SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH ASPERGERS OR HIGH FUNCTIONING AUTISM
Support group for parents of school age children
Rebecca Klaw
412-247-0599
rebeccaklaw@aol.com

ABOARD CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL OF PITTSBURGH AUTISM SPECTRUM SUPPORT GROUP
Nikole Speshok
315 Oakland Ave
Pittsburgh Pa 15213
412-687-7283

PARENT MENTOR
ABOARD- autism
Pamela Schrank
1221 Holy Cross Drive
Monroeville Pa 15146
412-373-4056

ONLINE SUPPORT GROUPS
Support group for moms/caregivers of children with special needs
www.cafemom.com/group/656
www.cafemom.com
Groups for special needs, autism, bipolar, ADD etc.

FBR/ABOARD Monroeville Family Support and Social Skill/Play Group
2nd Mon 6pm
Christine Sheffey
2526 Monroeville Boulevard
Suite 200A
Monroeville Pa 15146
412-824-4005
FBRAutism@aol.com

AUTISM/SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT GROUP- ABOARD SPONSORED
Eliot Frank
Temple Ohav Shalom
8400 Thompson Run Road
Allison Park, Pa
724-933-5595

ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP FOR AUTISM
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/children_with_autism/

PITTSBURGH WARRIOR PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP
Group for parents/caregivers of children with AUTISM, ADHD, and other neurological disorders interested in discussing environmental impacts, dietary interventions, and biomedical treatments. Meets monthly at Aspire Pediatric Therapy in Moon Township. Meeting times/dates please contact Angela Short angndon@gmail.com
Online discussion at
http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/PittsburghWarriorParents/

MCKEESPORT TASK TIGERS FOR AUSTISM SPECTRUM KIDS FORCE
Collaborative between McKeesport Area SD, Family Behavioral Resources, and ABOARD
Catherine Hughes
McKeesport Area School District
3590 O’Neil Boulevard
McKeesport Pa 15132
RSVP to Patty Tkacik, Sup of Special Education
412-664-3622
ptkacik@mckasd.net
AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP
FBR GIBSONIA GROUP
Family Support,
3rd Monday 6:30-8:30pm
724-449-9222
Christine Sheffey

NORTH HILLS SUPPORT GROUP
Support group for parents of children with autism spectrum.
Aboard sponsored
Rebecca Thomas 412-781-4116
rwthomas@aboard.org

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP
FBR ROBINSON GROUP
Family Support
3rd Thursday 6-8pm
412-788-4224
Alison Marcin, Courtney Walsh, Lisa Leach

REACTIVE ATTACHMENT SUPPORT GROUP
Camille McGeorge
6401 Penn Ave Suite 300
Pitts Pa 15206
412-665-0600

NAMI PITTSBURGH SOUTH SUPPORT GROUP
Support for those whose loved ones have mental health issues
412-401-4015

NAMI PITTSBURGH NORTH SUPPORT GROUP
Mildred Benitz
2244 Reise Run Road
Pitts Pa 15237
412-366-5907

ADDITION 9/23
ONLINE PARENT TO PARENT SUPPORT GROUP BY ACHIEVA
Group is for parents, family members and caregivers who have a loved one with disabilities
Joyce Brandon at 412-995-5000 x513.
www.achieva.info/parenttoparent.php

ALLEGHENY FAMILY NETWORK (AFN)
425 North Craig Street, Suite 300
Pittsburgh, Pa 15213
412-246-2030
A “Family Run Org” which means that all staff have reared or are rearing a child/ren with mental health or emotional challenges.
_ We support families from our experience & knowledge
_ We offer 12 “Family Support Groups” across Allegheny County.
Call for times/dates/locations.
_ For info and resources call!
_ Need someone to talk to__ Please call the AFN CHAT LINE at 1-888-273-2361 to get support from another parent who understands (This is not a crisis line)
SET Offices South, North, East and Rankin
www.alleghenyfamilynetwork.org

ADDITION 9/23
AFN GOLDEN GIRLS/GUYS
Support group for grandparents raising children
Regional Enterprise Tower
425 6th St
2nd Thursday of month
Pittsburgh Pa 15219
Noon-2pm
Rose Hammonds 412-246-2030 x124
ADDITION 9/23
AFN HILL DISTRICT SUPPORT GROUP
Support for parents
2109 Elmore Sq, Apt 127
Pittsburgh, Pa 15219
Second Wed. of month, noon -2pm
Chrystale Mosley 412-246-2030 x111

ADDITION 9/23
AFN FATHERS INVOLVED NOW SUPPORT GROUP
99 Miller Avenue
Rankin Pa 15104
3rd Thursday of month, 5:30pm-7:30pm
Robert Clanagan 412-327-3348

ADDITION 9/23
DIVA DISCUSSIONS
The Hill House
1835 Centre Ave 2nd Floor
Pittsburgh Pa 15219
3rd Thursday of month noon-2pm
Chrystale Mosley 412-246-2030 x111

ADDITION 9/23
WILKINSBURG SUPPORT GROUP
The Christian Church of Wilkinsburg
748 Wallace Avenue
Wilkinsburg Pa
2nd Tuesday of month
Rose Hammonds 412-246-2030 x124

ADDITION 9/23
MCKEES ROCKS COMMUNITY
Sto-Rox Family Health Center
Lower level conference room
710 Thompson Ave
McKees Rocks Pa 16136
6-8pm 3rd Wed of month
Sharon Shaw 412-246-2030 x126

ADDITION 9/23
EAST END AREA
Family Advocacy Networking Group
Kingsley House
6435 Frankstown Avenue
Pittsburgh Pa 15206
3rd Wed of month 5a:30pm-7:30pm
Rose Hammonds 412-246-2030 x124

PENNSYLVANIA FAMILY SUPPORT ALLIANCE AFFILIATE
Formerly Parents Anonymous
Support group for parents/caregivers of children who feel overwhelmed and need a safe place to talk
Marcia Warren
Family Resources
134 South Highland Ave
Pitts Pa 15206
412-363-1702 x1422

MON VALLEY NAMI
Support for those whose loved ones are dealing with mental health issues
Haarriet Hetrick
99 Voyager Estates
West Newton Pa 15089
724-872-2186

WILKINSBURG FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER
Jan Williams
807 Wallace Ave
Suite 205
Pittsburgh Pa 15221
412-871-7948
PARENT LEARNING SUPPORT NETWORK
Any disabilities
1515 Mohican
Pitts Pa 15228
412-531-5869

SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CAREGIVERS GROUP
Support for those dealing with children with disabilities
Robbi Bruesewitz
766 Lebanon Ave
Pitts Pa 15228
412-344-1135

NAMI BORDERLINE GROUP
Support group for those who have children with borderline personality issues
Rose Schmitt
114 Lederer Ave
Pitts Pa 15209
412-487-2036

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MINISTRIES
Support group for kids with obsessive-compulsive disorder, anxiety etc.
Joan Kaylor
1900 Sleepy Hollow Road
Library Pa
412-854-9120 x15

NAMI MCKEESPORT
Cindy McHolme
301 Oberdick Drive
McKeesport Pa 15135
412-754-0998

NAMI PITTSBURGH EAST
Anne Handler
5802 Northumberland St
Pitts Pa 15217
412-421-3656

SUPPORT GROUP FOR CHILDREN WITH TRICHOTILIMANIA
Donna Schirato
730 Sunderland Drive
Pitts Pa 15237
412-366-8951.

NAMI BLOOMFIELD
Ron Train
WPIC Drake Counseling
4117 Liberty Ave 2nd floor
Pitts Pa 15224
412-622-4545

NAMI MINORITY FAMILIES
Wilma Sirmons
PO Box 59367
Pitts Pa 15210
412-327-4890
ADVOCATE
Catherine Scott
215 Sieafirth Ave
Pitts Pa 15216
412-758-8331
cscottadv@aol.com

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOC.
Brenda Lee
1945 Fifth Ave 3rd floor
Pitts Pa 15219
412-391-3820

TOURETTES SUPPORT GROUP
Jay Goodman
3468 Ivy Hill Lane
Finleywille Pa 15332
724-348-0358
PITTSBURGH PARENT CHADD
Second Tuesday of month
Classrooms at St John Newman Church, Rochester Road 7-9pm
Jan Nixon 412-276-2550
jannix@comcast.net,
elgrgo123@aol.com
Parents, teachers, advocates and individuals interested in learning about attention deficits
Driving directions are at
http://www.stjohnneumannpgh.org
www.chadd.org

PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY
ADULT CHADD GROUP
An Educational Group for Adults, that have ADHD/ADD.
Dealing with Adults with ADHD/ADD issues, only.
Adults 18 years and older.
For more Information go to >
www.pittsburghadd.org
Or contact:
LeslieStone@pittsburghadd.org

NARANON IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
List of sites
http://sites.google.com/site/naranonwpa/

NARANON
WEDNESDAY - "JUST FOR TODAY" (C, WH)
SINCE JULY 2002
FIRST HUNGARIAN REFORMED CHURCH - CALVIN HALL
221 JOHNSTON AVENUE
HAZELWOOD 15207
RICK (412) 466-7166 OR CINDY (412) 421-7076
START: 7:00 PM

NARANON
WEDNESDAY - "LIVE AND LET LIVE" (W, WH)
SINCE JULY 2002
WEST HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL (PARKING IN REAR)
965 THORN RUN ROAD
(THORN RUN ROAD EXIT - PARKWAY WEST)
MOON TOWNSHIP 15108
RENEE (412) 855-6543
START: 7:30 PM

NARANON
TUESDAY - "LISTEN AND LEARN" (E, WH)
SINCE OCTOBER 2003
GARDEN CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LAUREL DRIVE
MONROEVILLE 15146
DEBBIE AND LLOYD (412) 373-0373
START: 7:30 PM
BEGINNER’S MEETING START: 6:45 PM
VALERIE (412) 829-0892 (CALL FIRST PLEASE)

NARANON
MONDAY - "A NEW BEGINNING" (N, WH)
SINCE SEPTEMBER 1999
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
319 SCOTT AVENUE (OFF MT. ROYAL BLVD.)
SHALER TOWNSHIP 15116
CATHI (412) 486-1536
START: 7:00 PM
NOTE: BABYSITTING AVAILABLE - CALL FIRST
NARANON  
**TUESDAY - "THE SERENITY GROUP" (C)**  
SINCE MAY 1988  
ST. MARY'S CHURCH HALL  
57TH STREET  
LAWRENCEVILLE 15201  
CAROL (412) 361-6344  
START: 7:30 PM

NARANON  
**THURSDAY - "I'M A MIRACLE" (NW, NA)**  
SINCE MARCH 1989  
SEWICKLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - CAMPBELL ROOM  
(USE GRANT STREET ENTRANCE)  
CORNER OF BEAVER AND GRANT  
SEWICKLEY 15143  
ZOE (412) 262-3736  
START: 7:30 PM

NARANON  
**THURSDAY - "A BETTER WAY TO LIVE" (SW, NA)**  
SINCE SEPTEMBER 2005  
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - ROOM 131  
(PLAYGROUND DOOR)  
(PARKING - SOUTH LOT)  
2040 WASHINGTON ROAD (ROUTE 19)  
UPPER ST. CLAIR, PA 15241  
BEV AND JIM (724) 941-8129  
START: 7:30 PM

NARANON  
**FRIDAY - "BEEN THERE, DONE THAT" (W, NA, WH)**  
SINCE OCTOBER 2001  
C.A.S.H. CLUB (PARKING IN REAR)  
827 BROADWAY  
WEST PARK - STOWE TOWNSHIP  
15136  
JUDY (412) 859-6846  
START: 8:00 PM

NARANON  
**SATURDAY - "HELP, HOPE, HEALING" (E)**  
SINCE APRIL 2002  
ROLLING HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH  
120 GERNERT DRIVE  
VERONA 15147  
JOY (412) 374-1869  
CAROLYN (412) 758-5638  
START: 7:30 PM  
NOTE: NURSERY / PLAYROOM AVAILABLE

POTADA - Parents of Teenage Alcohol and Drug Abusers  
John McMillan United Presbyterian Church  
875 Clifton Rd.  
Bethel Park, PA 15102  
Contacts:  
Linda K: (home) 412-833-9298  
(cell) 412-877-4284  
LKountz@comcast.net  
Elisa: (home) 412-833-5717  
(cell) 412-680-2664  
ESCH178768@verizon.net  
Thursday 7:30pm

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH BIPOLAR DISORDER**  
Mary Kay Gill  
MSNRN (606BT)  
Western Psyche  
3811 Ohara St  
Pittsburgh Pa 15213  
412-246-5786  
877-851-222

**MOMENTUM NETWORKING GROUP**  
Network of local parents and professionals creating positive change for students struggling in school.  
All are welcome  
724-387-1204
PALS-PARENTS ADVOCATE FOR LEARNING SUPPORT
Group of parents who have children who struggle in school
Fox Chapel Area School District
Co-presidents- Liz and Mike Murphy
412-749-6984
Liz.murphy@verizon.net
Treasurer-Sarah Nickel
412-767-5290
Secretary-Cathy Miles
412-963-7366
milesrr@hotmail.com
Groups meets 9am at Panera’s VIP room in Waterworks Mall or 7pm at Fox Chapel Area High School in the LGI room
Call for schedule!

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS
Support group for kids who have learning disorders and their parents
Aspinwall group
Cecelia
Greater Pittsburgh Intergroup
PO Box 5459
Pittsburgh Pa 15206
info@gpigoa.org
412-765-3004

ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP
Diane Gieraltowski
Every Child Inc.
6401 Penn Ave Suite 300
Pittsburgh Pa 15206
412-287-6165

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVOCATES
Advocates provide specialized knowledge about special education and the laws that provide you and your child benefits, privileges and protections.
Check website for more info!
www.specialedadvocates.org
Pam Cook
412-851-0252
www.ABCadvocacy
Janice Nathan, M.S., CCC-SLP
412-363-8388
Janaz5@aol.com

ADVOKID
Trea Graham
332 Questend Ave
Pittsburgh Pa 15228
412-341-4226 office
412-303-1709 cell
Charge for attending school meetings, writing letters or reading documents but no charge for travel or talking on phone. I will aid parents via phone to be their own advocates too.
advokid@mindspring.com

STEEL VALLEY FAMILY CENTERS PARENTS SUPPORT PARENTS GROUP
Dr. Elena Runko
1800 West St
Rear Building
Homestead Pa 15120
412-461-8012

PARENT MENTOR
Terri Davis
119 Video Drive
Munhall Pa 15120
412-461-861
**RIGHT TO EDUCATION TASK FORCE #3**

This group meets to address issues regarding students receiving special education services. Members include parents, school officials and community reps. Any parent welcome.

Cindy Duch 412-798-2217 H 412-281-4404 w
Cduch3016@aol.com
cduch@pealcenter.org
Mary Ann McGuirk
maemucp@aol.com
Natalie Strall
412-394-5878 IU
Natalie.strall@aiu3.net
Susan.kennedy@aiu3.net

**RIGHT TO EDUCATION TASK FORCE #2**

This group meets to address issues regarding students receiving special education services. Members include parents, school officials and community reps. Any parent welcome.

Mary Hartley 412-682-0807
Aha3711@email.com
Christine Buffington 412-921-0232

**PARENT SURVIVAL SKILLS TRAINING- PSST- SUPPORT GROUP**

Group is for concerned parents of teenage substance abusers and parents of children involved with Juvenile Court. Meetings held at two locations
Eastern Community Based Probation Office
907 West Street
Penn West Building- 1st Floor
Wilkinsburg Pa 15221
And
The Alliance Office
2607 Nicholson Road, Building 2
Suite 2300
Sewickley Pa 15143
For more info
Lloyd Woodward
D&A Intensive Aftercare Probation Officer
412-247-6365
Or
Valerie Ketter, Supervisor
412-247-6359
http://nevertheless-psst.blogspot.com/
This is a website blog run by parents who are involved with this group. Worth your time to check it all out.

**GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP**

Patricia McCarthy
22 North Collinwood Drive
Pitts Pa 15215
412-784-0378

**PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME ASSOC**

Debra Fabio
104 Persimmon Place
Cranberry Twp 16066
724-779-4415
412-561-3026
www.pwsausa.org
ADOPTION FORUM SUPPORT GROUP
Support group for those who foster/adopt
Carol Chandler
532 Landsdale Place
Pittsburgh Pa 15228
412-341-0227

MOM’S COFFEE CLUB
Psychotherapist & adoptive mom & group of moms who have adopted children internationally invite other moms who have adopted internationally to exchange parenting suggestions, support and share experiences
Meetings last Friday of month
9:30-11:00am
Contact Bari Benjamin 412-422-7200
SWAN FUNDING available

GRANDPARENTS AS PARENTS
Terra Jones
Parental Stress Center
5877 Commerce St
Pittsburgh Pa 15206
412-361-4800
1-877-688-3237

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP
Sue Wesner
Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic
3811 Ohara St
Pittsburgh Pa 15213
412-246-5619
wesners@upmc.edu

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COALITION FOR RECOVERY CHILD AND FAMILY COMMITTEE
Drug and alcohol issues, parents/community welcome
Wes Sowers
Office of Behavioral Health
304 Wood St
Room 505 Pittsburgh Pa 15222
412-350-3716

SECOND CHANCE INC GRANDPARENT SUPPORT GROUP
Second Chance Inc
Mrgaret Ledbetter
204 North Highland Ave
Pittsburgh Pa 15206
412-665-2300

GOD SENT GRANDPARENTS SUPPORT GROUP
The Salvation Army
Frances Lewis
424 3rd Avenue
Social Services Dept
Pittsburgh Pa 15219
412-394-4885

MONROEVILLE AREA TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP
Crossroads Presbyterian Church
2310 Haymaker Road at Ramsey, Monroeville Pa 15646
Paul Damon 412-372-2888
2nd Thursday of month
7-9pm
Speakers for half of the meetings, 1 social event per year, other meetings open discussion
PITTSBURGH AREA BRAIN INJURY ALLIANCE SUPPORT GROUP
Life Work (formerly VRC)
1323 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh Pa 15219
Ed Crinnion 412-761-9870 or 412-337-6502
www.pabia.org
1st Tuesday of month
7-9pm
Educational, speakers

MOVING AHEAD SUPPORT GROUP
Traumatic Brain Injury
HealthSouth Harmarville Rehab Hosp
Guys Run Road, Pittsburgh Pa 15238
Tom Byrnes 412-531-0343
412-670-4861
Tbis.tomb@yahoo.com/
tbyrnes@thewesterncenter.org
Ann Ciatolli 412-826-2707
2nd Tuesday of month 7-9pm
Informational, speakers, open forums, 2 social events per year

UPMC REHAB HOSPITAL TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP
UPMC Southside
2400 Mary Street, Pittsburgh Pa 15203
Lynne Marshal 412-488-5838
2nd Monday of each month
6:30pm
Open discussions

PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN AND OTHER SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS
520 Rosslyn Ave
Springdale Pa 15144
724-274-4611
Silverlang@yahoo.com

SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
Mary Ellen Tiberio
ParentWISE
Ark of Learning
Lower Burrell, PA
Please call for information.
724-837-5410

UNIQUE CHILDREN’S PARENT GROUP
DEE LESNESKI
365 REESE ROAD
WASHINGTON PA 15301
724-228-5415 EMAIL
AT4US@VERIZON.NET
DEALING WITH SCHOOL ADVOCACY, WAIVER, ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY, SUPPORT, AND DOWN TO EARTH CONVERSATION REGARDING YOUR CHILD

TAF TRANSCULTURAL ADOPTIVE FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP
Support group for adoptive, foster, caregivers
Suzanne Gourley
313 1st Street
Apollo Pa 15613
724-478-2223

MISSION ADOPTION
Advice, Support and Information, encouragement for your adoption and foster care journey
www.mission-adoption.org
Russ McCurdy
412-859-3478
missionadoption@aol.com
YOUTH OUTREACH UNION
Meets at the Beehive
1327 East Carson St
Pittsburgh Pa 15203
Contact Mike Reber
michaelreber@youthoutreachunion.com
YOU is a support and advocacy network of young adults for young adults. It’s members are either involved in a child serving system or they were. This support is peer driven and the group works to meet youth where they are to solve problems and deal with issues that are important to them.
Website: www.youthoutreachunion.com
Mail address:
Youth Outreach Union
PO Box 97771
Pittsburgh Pa 15227

GRANDPARENT SUPPORT GROUP FOR GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN OF SUBSTANCE-ADDICTED PARENTS
Meets Monday night at 6:30pm at Volunteers of America of Pennsylvania’s All of Us Care program
1650 Main St
Sharpsburg Pa 15215
412-782-6855
allofuscare@voapa.org

JONAH & THE WHALE FOUNDATION INC
PO BOX 981
MARS PA 16046
724-772-4998 FAX
1-877-495-6624
www.JTWF.org
info@JTWF.org
Foundation provides parents with binders and resource material to organize medical/educational info Mobile/web library available Support/Education through brochures/web pages on variety of subjects

REMEMBERING ADAM INC
Support and substance abuse prevention Deborah Fowler
PO Box 665
Hastings Pa 16646
814-344-8026
1-877-767-ADAM
www.rememberingadam.org

ACHIEVA
A member of The Partnership Organization for people with disabilities and their families, support and services
711 Bingham St
Pittsburgh Pa 15203
contact@achieva.info
412-995-5000
1-888-272-7229

COALITION FOR FATHERING FAMILIES
8133 Conemaugh Street
Pittsburgh Pa 15221
412-731-4639
412-731-5551
Group is strength based multi-cultural org. designed to enhance and nurture father/child relationships. Concentrates on reconstruction of teen and adult males.
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
Support for parents that have lost an infant or experienced a perinatal loss
Meets 3rd Tuesday 7-9pm at Parent Resource Network
5151 Penn Avenue
Pittsburgh Pa 15224
Street parking available on Penn Ave.
877-647-4373 x709

ABOARD
35 Wilson St #100
Pittsburgh Pa 15223
1-800-827-9385
412-781-4116
info@aboard.org
www.aboard.org
Marie Mambuca
Family Supports Coordinator
Advisory Board on Autism and Related Disorders
Committed to Maximizing the Potential & Possibilities of Pennsylvanians Challenged with Autism

AUTISMLINK
Support groups, information etc
376 Wagon Wheel Trail
Wexford Pa 15090
412-377-8778
Online support groups and discussion boards.
info@autismlink.com
www.autismlink.com

PA TOURETTE SYNDROME ALLIANCE, INC
info@patsainc.org
1-800-990-3300
717-337-1134
www.patsainc.org
Provide Information and Support for those touched by Tourette Syndrome in the state of PA.
Provide Consultants to assist parents and schools with educational plans.
Advocates will do IEP for any child diagnosed with tourettes in any county in Pa

MOMSTELL
Support/education/advocacy for parents of children involved with drugs
PO Box 450 Mechanicsburg, Pa 17055
717-730-2020
Sharon Smith
www.momstell.com
momstell@verizon.net

PA COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
www.pacec-sped.org
The principal purpose of the Assoc shall be to advance the education and welfare of children and youth with exceptionalities.
Contact:
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201 E. Germantown Pike
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610-825-1500 Ext 2014
membership@pacec-sped.org

ABC EDUCATION ADVOCACY
www.ABCadvocacy.net
Step-by-Step Parent Advocacy and Resources for families of children with special needs in Pa public Schools
Contact is Pam Cook
412-851-0252
PENNSYLVANIA EDUCATION FOR ALL COALITION (PEAC)
Diane Perry, President
PO Box 263
Norwood, Pa 19074
610-522-0698
www.paedforall.org
A partnership of parents, educators, related professionals and others working together to support the education of ALL children, together in their neighborhood schools, including children of different backgrounds and abilities.

SPECIAL KIDS NETWORK
Helps parents find resources for special needs children in Pa and provides technical assistance to help groups develop, expand and maintain programs and support systems that serve children with special needs
1-877-986-4550
WEBSITE
www.health.state.pa.us/skn

KIDS TOGETHER INC
Advocates, volunteer non-profit provides information on inclusive communities, schools, listserv, email newsletter, website
PO Box 45
Quakertown, Pa 18951
staff@kidstogether.org
www.kidstogether.org

WIC
WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN NUTRITION PROGRAM
Provides nutrition education, healthy foods, breastfeeding support and referrals to health and social service Orgs. PLEASE NOTE; A CHILD WITH AN ACCESS CAR ( MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ) IS INCOME ELIGIBLE FOR WIC BENEFITS HOWEVER ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THEIR HOUSEHOLD INCOME, REGARDLESS IF THEY HAVE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE OR NOT.
1-800-942-9467

JOEY ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP
Just Open Everybody’s Eyes
Support for parents who have children with behavioral issues
gramaro@aol.com

PENNSYLVANIA HEALTH LAW PROJECT
Provides free legal services and advocacy to Pennsylvanians having trouble accessing publicly funded health care coverage or service.
1-800-274-3258
TTY- 1-866-236-6310
staff@phlp.org
www.phlp.org
EDUCATION LAW CENTER
Non-profit legal advocacy and educational organization dedicated to ensuring that all of Pennsylvania’s children have access to a quality public education
PHILADELPHIA CONTACTS
215-238-6970
elc@elc-pa.org
WEBSITE- www.elc-pa.org

GOVERNOR’S COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
List of Health and Human Services
List of Advocacy Resources
Parent Guides
www.pachildren.state.pa.us
A website with information for parents and families.

PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Mission is to administer and enforce the PHRAAct and the PFEOA of Pa for the identification and elimination of discrimination and providing of equal opportunity for all persons.
PITTSBURGH OFFICE
412-565-5395
HARRISBURG OFFICE
717-787-9784
PHILADELPHIA OFFICE
215-560-2496
www.phrc.state.pa.us

ACCESS DOCTORS
Gives you the tools you need to create an accessible home or public building.
www.accessdoctors.atate.pa.us

TEENCENTRAL.NET
TeenCentral.Net is a prevention and intervention resource for teens and is dedicated to improving the lives of all youth by providing emotional support and appropriate references in a safe Web environment where identity is protected and anonymity is respected.
www.TeenCentral.Net
info@teencentral.net

PEAL CENTER
Pennsylvania’s Parents Training and Information Center serving Western and Central Pa. Organization provides disability info, info about special education process and parent’s rights, Parent Advixors are available to provide info and resources to assist the family with problem-solving strategies and direct them to other community resources ,trainings in Understanding IEP’s, IDEA’04, Building Continuity, etc
For information contact:
Parent Education and Advocacy Leadership Center
Liz Healey
Cindy Duch
1119 Penn Avenue
Suite 400
Pittsburgh Pa 15222
412-422-1040
1-866-950-1040
cduch@pealcenter.org
www.pealcenter.org
PENNSYLVANIA CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CAP

Advocacy program helps people who are seeking services from the OVR, Blindness, Visual Services, Centers for Independent Living and other programs funded under federal law. Provides you with info and advice about rehab programs, advises you of your legal rights and responsibilities, helps you resolve problems that may arise while you are seeking services from rehab programs, There is no charge.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE
215-557-7112
1-877-533-1593

HARRISBURG OFFICE
717-233-1593
info@equalemployment.org

OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

OVR provides services to eligible persons with disabilities with the goal of getting or keeping competitive employment. You will be eligible for OVR services if: You have a disability that is physical, mental, or emotional impairment which results in a substantial impediment to employment, and you can benefit in terms of an employment outcome from services provided, and, Vocational Rehabilitation services are required for you to prepare for, enter, engage in or retain gainful employment. A Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor will determine eligibility.

OVR provides a wide range of services to eligible applicants. The individual being served and the vocational rehabilitation counselor develop an Individualized Employment Plan jointly. The services you receive will be arranged to meet your individual needs. Not everyone will need every service. OVR services include: diagnostic services, vocational evaluation, counseling, training, restoration services, placement assistance, assistive technology, and support services. There is no charge for diagnostic services, counseling and job placement. However, a customer may be required sharing the cost of other services after a financial needs assessment is completed. Additional information, including local OVR office locations can be found on www.dli.state.pa.us, click on disability services. Also find OVR offices across the state.

216-283-2377
www.starfishadvocacy.org
starfish@starfishadvocacy.org

Starfish Advocacy Assoc
3341 Warrensville Center Road
Suite 203
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122

STARFISH ADVOCACY ASSOCIATION

This is an Internet community for families of children with neurological disorders such as ADHD, bipolar disorder, Asperger’s, PDD, SID, learning disabilities, OCD, tourette syndrome, etc. Services include forum boards, interactive chat room, moderated chats, informational resources, online classes in educational advocacy, education consultations.

1-800-442-6371
DISABILITY RIGHTS NETWORK
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.

General information/questions can be emailed to intake@drnpa.org where intake workers who are advocates and attorneys.

www.drnpa.org

Harrisburg Office
1414 N. Cameron St., Suite C
Harrisburg, PA 17103

drnpa-hbg@drnpa.org
1-800-692-7443 [Voice]
1-877-375-7139 [TDD]
(717) 236-8110 [Voice]
(717) 346-0293 [TDD]
(717) 236-0192 [Fax]

Philadelphia Office
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Philadelphia, PA 19107–4798
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(215) 789-2498 (TDD)
(215) 772-3126 (Fax)

drnpa-phia@drnpa.org

Pittsburgh Office
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Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1505
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(412) 467-8940 [TDD]
(412) 391-4496 [Fax]

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Wexford Office
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Wexford, PA 15090
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724-934-1344 [Fax]

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN PENNSYLVANIA
MHAPA works on behalf of mental health through advocacy, education and public policy.

Wendy Luckenbill, Family/Child Policy Coordinator
1-800-692-7443
Wluckenbill@mhapa.org
www.mhapa.org

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE ALLIANCE- PENN SACCA
Group is committed to the expansion of high quality school-age care and after-school programs for children and youth. Membership is dedicated to the support of school-age professionals and the development of quality school-age programs through advocacy and education.

www.pennsacca.net
Carolyn Hawk- 570-323-7134
Joyce Lang- 610-332-6541
PA STATE FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION
We advocate for all those who care about children and their families. We work supportively with foster, adoptive, and kinship families, and with local foster parent associations and agencies who care for the children we serve.

Psfpa.info@psfpa.com
www.psfpa.com
800-951-5151
717-671-0102

ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY NETWORK OF PA
Barbara A. Dively, President
Acquired Brain Injury Network of Pennsylvania, Inc.
Phone: 215-699-2139 Email: info@abin-pa.org
Web: www.abin-pa.org - brochures, resources
E-News: www.groups.yahoo.com/group/abin-pa
NOTE: Contact Brenda Eagan Brown for state-wide information on the Brain STEPS program - EaganBrown@biapa.org.

MENTORS FOR SELF DETERMINATION
Group of self advocates, family members and caregivers whose mission is to provide current and accurate information to people regarding the MR system in Pa. We offer statewide mentoring so people have a better understanding of the system, promote self determination by sharing life experiences and networking with others. This is done in one session or group session called Family Connections.
Debbie Leasure
814.547.1577
dleasure@mentors4sd.org
www.mentors4sd.org

JOB ACCOMMODATION NETWORK
JAN helps you hire, retain, promote qualified employees/applicants with disabilities, provide accommodation options, etc
jan@jan.wvu.edu
www.jan.wvu.edu

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE
http://www.fascenter.samhsa.gov/
Website provides info on FASD. FASD is an umbrella term describing the range of effects that can occur in an individual whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy. These may include physical, mental, behavioral, and/or learning disabilities with possible lifelong implications.
Web Addresses for other info.
http://fasd.typepad.com/fasd_support_in_alberta/2006/12/parent-child-as.html
CAFÉ MOM
Online groups for parents and children who have many different special needs
http://www.cafemom.com/groups/find.php?keyword=special%20needs

ELKS HOME NURSE PROGRAM
Patricia O’Connor Director
814-781-7860 pato@ncentral.com
Margie Wood  Asst Director
724-225-1395 mwood15301@comcast.net

ONLINE CHAT SUPPORT GROUP
Group is for parents who are raising children with special needs.
www.myadlcenter.org
dsoucy@myadlcenter.org

SELECTIVE MUTISM SITES
Several sites below with info on selective mutism.
http://www.healthline.com/search?q1=selective+mutism&utm_source=no_health_channel&utm_medium=google&utm_campaign=serp&utm_term=selective%20mutism
http://www.selectivemutismfoundation.org/
http://www.selectivemutism.org/

PITTSBURGH LEARNING CENTER
3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh Pa 15237
412-931-3181
Maria Paluselli and Beverly Anderson, Directors
pghlearningcenter@comcast.net
www.childrenslearningcenters.org
Center for children with dyslexic/learning challenges.

PARENT TO PARENT
Linking families of children or adults with disabilities or special needs.
Network created by families for families of children and adults with special needs. We connect families in similar situations with one another so that they may share experiences, offer practical information and/or support.
1-888-727-2706
www.parenttoparent.org

Parent to Parent of PA
1-888-727-2706 will connect you with your nearest regional office.
Web: www.parenttoparent.org

SE Region
Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester, Lancaster, Montgomery, Berks, Bucks, Schuylkill
Regional Coordinators: Cara Forrest
Office: Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13, 1110 Enterprise Road, Ste A, East Petersburg, PA 17520
Office Ph: 717-606-1298
Fax: 717-606-1445
Email: seregion@parenttoparent.org

NE Region
Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, Monroe, Pike, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wyoming, Wayne, Susquehanna
Regional Coordinator: Jody L. Miller
Office: Community Relations Department, Wayne Memorial Hospital, 601 Park St, Honesdale, PA 18431
Office Ph: 570-251-3208
Fax: 570-253-8993
Email: neregion@parenttoparent.org
SC Region
York, Adams, Franklin, Fulton, Bedford, Lebanon, Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry, Huntingdon, Blair, Juniata, Mifflin
Regional Coordinator: Carmen Krawczak
Office: N/A
Office Ph: 717-540-0263
Email: ckrawczak@parenttoparent.org

NC Region
Bradford, Sullivan, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Union, Centre, Lycoming, Clinton, Tioga, Potter
Regional Coordinator: Melisa Hunter
Office: 2401 Reach Road, Ste 206
Williamsport PA 17701
Office Ph: 570-321-8585
Office Fax: 570-323-1738
Email: ncregion@parenttoparent.org

SW Region
Somerset, Fayette, Greene, Washington, Westmoreland, Cambria, Indiana, Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Beaver
Regional Coordinators: Rachel Olbeter, Nicole Zilli
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Email: rolbeter@parenttoparent.org (Rachel), swregion@parenttoparent.org (Nicole)

NW Region
Clearfield, Jefferson, Clarion, Venango, Lawrence, Mercer, Forest, Elk, Cameron, McKean, Warren, Crawford, Erie
Regional Coordinator: Lisa Kray
Office: Forest/Warren County Human Services, 623 Elm Street, PO Box 276, Tionesta, PA 16353
Office Ph: 814-755-7610
Office Fax: 814-755-7617
Email: nwregion@parenttoparent.org

GENERATIONS UNITED SENIORS 4 KIDS
Civic engagement initiative that demonstrates the important role older adults can play in support of issues directly benefitting children and youth. We help adults age 50+ create statewide networks of community leaders and grassroots volunteers that raise visibility of older adults in support of high-quality early care and education.
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Washington DC 20005
202-289-3979
awise@gu.org
www.gu.org
www.seniors4kids.org

PA OFFICE FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING
PA Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing phone: 717-783-4912 or 1-800-233-3008 e-mail ra-li-ovr-odhh@state.pa.us

THE PA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE BLIND
The PA Partnership for the Blind contact Gordon Boe at 215-699-6535 or g.boe@comcast.net

PA SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE DEAF
Pa Society for the Advancement of the Deaf www.psadweb.org
DEAF & HARD OF HEARING
EDUCATION & SUPPORT FOR
PARENTS HEARING LOSS
Meetings held at DePaul School for
Hearing and Speech Shadyside.
Refreshments, speaker and Parent
Support Group meeting. Meeting open to
all parents and grandparents of children
with hearing loss. Childcare available for
children ages 2-5. 8:30am-11:30am
Mary Beth Kernan- 412-924-1012
mk@depaulinst.com
www.speakmiracles.org

ATTACHMENT DISORDER
ATTACH, the Association for Treatment and
Training in the Attachment of Children, is
an international coalition of
professionals and families dedicated to
helping those with attachment difficulties
by sharing our knowledge, talents and
resources.
www.attach.org

ESPECIALLY FOR PARENTS
Especially for Parents is an online
network and forum where parents of
children and youth with special health
care needs can share knowledge and
offer support. Members are able to start
a discussion, share tips, tricks and
shortcuts, offer support to others, write a
blog, create a group for parents with
similar interests or situations, create a
virtual meeting spot for a local
community group, invite friends to
become community members, and
promote events. Visit us by going to
www.pamedicalhome.org and clicking on
the “Parents” button!

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610-584-5530
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MARCH OF DIMES
5168 Campbell’s Run Road, Suite 101
Pittsburgh Pa 15205
412-505-2200
Fax 412-505-2209
www.birthdefects.org
PA437@marchofdimes.com

MARCH OF DIMES
Olde Farm Office Centre, Suite G09
Duncansville Pa 16635
814-696-9691
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CRC OF PHILADELPHIA
CHILDREN’S RIGHTS COUNCIL
The mission of CRC to minimize the
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neglect and distress of children and the
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locations-pennsylvania.htm
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http://nar-anon.org/Nar-Anon/Pennsylvania.html

DISPUTE RESOLUTION, OFFICE FOR & SPECIAL ED CONSULTLINE
6340 Flank Drive, Suite 600
Harrisburg Pa 17112
800-992-4334 or 717-541-4960
Special ed communication & conflict resolution. Call for help with school, IEP conflicts. Manual available.
This Manual is under revision in light of regulatory changes. For inquiries regarding parent rights and procedural safeguards, please contact the Special Education ConsultLine at 1-800-879-2301. For questions regarding due process, please contact Lori Shafer, Case Manager, at 1-800-222-3353, Ext. 3319. For questions regarding Mediation, please contact Judy Shanabrough, Case Manager, at 1-800-222-3353, Ext. 3301.
www.odr.pattan.net
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ASERT/BUREAU OF AUTISM CALL IN FOR RESOURCES
The ASERT/Bureau of Autism has opened it’s call-in resource center: 1-877-231-4244 is the number to call when looking for Autism resources or services in your area.

ACTIVE MINDS SUPPORT AT COLLEGE
Active Minds is only org. working to utilize the student voice regarding mental health. By developing and supporting chapters of a student-run mental health awareness, education & advocacy group on campus, org works to provide info and resources etc. They encourage students to seek help asap and serve as liaison between students and the mh community.
- Bryn Mawr College (Bryn Mawr, PA)
- Bucknell University (Lewisburg, PA)
- Cabrini College (Radnor, PA)
- Dickinson College (Carlisle, PA)
- Drexel University (Philadelphia, PA)
- Gettysburg College (Gettysburg, PA)
- Immaculata University (Immaculata, PA)
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Indiana, PA)
- Juniata College (Huntingdon, PA)
- Lafayette College (Easton, PA)
- Mercyhurst College (Erie, PA)
- Misericordia University (Dallas, PA)
- Montgomery County Community College (Blue Bell, PA)
- Moravian College (Bethlehem, PA)
- Muhlenberg College (Allentown, PA)
- Philadelphia University (Philadelphia, PA)
- University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA) (founding chapter)
- University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, PA)
- University of Pittsburgh at Bradford (Bradford, PA)
- Ursinus College (Collegeville, PA)
- West Chester University (West Chester, PA)
- Amy Tannenbaum, Chapters Coordinator: amy@activeminds.org

General Information:
info@activeminds.org
www.activeminds.org

DIVORCE CARE FOR KIDS SUPPORT GROUPS
DC4K is a special group to help your children heal from the pain caused by a separation or divorce. DC4K provides your children with a safe and neutral place to recognize and learn to share their feelings.

For 13 weeks your children become involved in a fun, caring group at a church near you. The weekly session topics help your children learn that God’s love strengthens them and helps them turn their sadness to hope and their anger to joy. Each session is filled with motivating and exciting activities. Games, crafts, role playing, discussion times, journaling and activity books help your children process the divorce and move forward in their lives. The music CDs, snacks, read aloud stories, exercises and Bible verses teach your children to relax and rest secure in God’s love. The Kids Like Me and Stories from the Bible video dramas present stories of children just like your children, who are experiencing divorce-related problems and have found help and encouragement.

DC4K is a powerful ministry for kids 5–12 years of age.

www.dc4k.org/about/
SPEAKING OF SPEECH IEP GOAL BANK website
This IEP GOAL BANK is the place where you can "deposit" your own IEP goals/objectives and "withdraw" the goals/objectives contributed by others. Few things cause more angst in our profession than writing IEP goals/objectives!  

PASchoolTalk A new site that provides a forum for people who have concerns and ideas about public education in Pennsylvania. Some ELL Task Force members have already joined the site. We’d really like to see more ideas and information on ELL issues on the site – but that will only happen if more join  
http://www.paschooltalk.org/  
twitter.com/paschooltalk

OPERATION MILITARY KIDS
Operation: Military Kids is the U.S. Army's collaborative effort with America's communities to support children and youth impacted by deployment  
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814-863-3828 Christie Bartley  
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STRENGTH OF US NAMI WEBSITE FOR YOUNG ADULTS

www.strengthofus.org
New social networking website and online resource center for young adults living with a mental health conditions. Developed by young adults, StrengthofUs.org is a user-driven social networking community where young adults can connect with peers, provide mutual support and share personal stories, creativity and helpful resources by writing and responding to blog entries, iming, engaging in discussion groups, posting on “The Wire” and sharing videos, photos and other news. The website also includes an online resource center that addresses topics young adults identified as being critically important to them.

PLEASE SEND INFO ON ANY OTHER GROUPS FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN WITH CHALLENGES SUCH AS:
MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AUTISM LEARNING DRUG AND ALCOHOL SUICIDE ADOPTION, FOSTER GROUPS ETC
SEND INFO TO:
1-800-947-4941 pafamilies@comcast.net
Please note we are also now listing groups for parents who have children with physical challenges as well.
LUPUS SUPPORT GROUP
UPMC Passavant
contact the Lupus Foundation for dates and times. Evening lupus support and info group
412-261-5886

English Language Learners (ELL) Task Force
The ELL Task Force is a group, now over 10 years old, that meets regularly around the state to discuss the education of English language learners in Pennsylvania. There are nearly 200 people on the Task Force mailing list, including educators, social service providers, advocates, and parents. Meetings and e-mail updates enable the task force to work together on ELL concerns at both the state and local levels. For an end-of-year report on what the Task Force did this year, including information on the results of our work with the PA Department of Education, visit our ELL Task Force webpage. (And for additional resources and publications on ELL law and policy, see the Education Law Center website.)
http://www.elc-pa.org/ELLTaskForce/news.html To be added to the Task Force mailing list, contact Len Rieser at lrieser@elc-pa.org