

- **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@familyresourcespfpa.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.

THEREAPUTIC PLAY GROUP FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM KIDS

Separate groups for boys and girls
Dr. Rebecca Wiegans
East Suburban Psychological Assoc.
2550 Mosside 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

AUTISMLINK ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP

http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/pittsburgh_autism/

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/Pit](http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/PittsburghWarriorParents/)

[tsburghWarriorParents/](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 Sieaforth 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
Finleyville 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,
elrgo123@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 MENTOR/ADVOCATE

Paula Ward
1521 Windsor Court
Pittsburgh Pa 15241
412-221-7474

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 (formally 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/](mailto: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

6-7:30pm

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 E-MAIL

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 tics 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:
Dreamalee Brotz
Plymouth-Whitemarsh HS
201 E. Germantown Pike
Plymouth Meeting Pa 19462
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 PHRA 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

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.

216-283-2377

www.starfishadvocacy.org

starfish@starfishadvocacy.org

Starfish Advocacy Assoc

3341 Warrensville Center Road

Suite 203

Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122

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 maybe 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.

412-392-4950

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

The Philadelphia Building
1315 Walnut St., Suite 400
Philadelphia, PA 19107-4798

(215) 238-8070 (Voice)

(215) 789-2498 (TDD)

(215) 772-3126 (Fax)

drnpa-phila@drnpa.org

Pittsburgh Office

429 4th Avenue, Suite 1901
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1505

(412) 391-5225 [Voice]

(412) 467-8940 [TDD]

(412) 391-4496 [Fax]

drnpa-pgh@drnpa.org [Email]

Wexford Office

8500 Brooktree Road

Suite 100

Wexford, PA 15090

800-276-0928 [Voice]

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 advocates 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

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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.

BRAIN INJURY ASSOC OF PA

2400 Park Drive
Harrisburg Pa 17110

717-657-3601

866-635-7097

info@biapa.org

www.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
Office: N/A
Office Ph: Rachel-724-420-5035,
Nicole-724-836-4409
Email: rolbeter@parenttoparent.org
(Rachel),
swregion@parenttoparent.org
(Nicole)

NW Region

Clearfield, Jefferson, Clarion,
Venango, Lawrence, Mercer, Forest,
Elk, Cameron, McKean, Warren,
Crawford, Erie
Region 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.

Anne Tria Wise
Intergenerational Engagement Manager
Generations United
1331 H St. NW Suite 900
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](mailto: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!

SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION

2950 Potshop Road
PO Box 859
Worcester, Pa 19490
800-223-0222
610-584-5530
Fax 215-412-9396
info@sbadv.org
www.sbadv.org

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
Fax 814-696-9190
www.birthdefects.org
PA437@marchofdimes.com

**CRC OF PHILADELPHIA
CHILDREN'S RIGHTS COUNCIL**

The mission of CRC to minimize the emotional, physical and economic abuse, neglect and distress of children and the development of at-risk behaviors following relationship breakups between parents involved in highly conflicted disputes.

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Philadelphia Pa 19111
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wcclemens@earthlink.net
<http://www.crckids.org/chapter-locations-pennsylvania.htm>

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Mr Michael Nieland M.D.

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<http://www.crckids.org/chapter-locations-pennsylvania.htm>

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

CONSULTINE- 1-800-879-2301

NAR-ANON FAMILY GROUP HEADQUARTERS INC. (WSO)

22527 CRENSHAW BOULEVARD,
SUITE 200B

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA 90505

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PHONE: (310) 534-8188

FAX: (310) 534-8688

E-MAIL: naranonwso@gmail.com

On-Line Forum:

www.naranon.com/forum

www.naranon.com

www.naranon.com

<http://nar-anon.org/Nar-Anon/Pennsylvania.html>

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

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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.

<http://www.elc-pa.org/ELLTaskForce/news.html>

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 mh 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 (e•

General Information:

info@activeminds.org

www.activeminds.org

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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!

http://www.speakingofspeech.com/IEPGoal_Bank.html

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

www.operationmilitarykids.org
814-865-2264 Project Director Susan Smith sus52@psu.edu
814-863-3828 Christie Bartley
cbartley@psu.edu Military liason

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](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