



IU1 Local Task Force (LTF) Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Time: 6:12–7:23 PM

Location: Hybrid – The Arc Washington County / Zoom

Meeting Type: Kickoff Meeting for 2025–2026 School Year

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.
- Members were reminded to sign in upon arrival.
- The agenda was reviewed and approved.
- A welcome and overview of the meeting purpose were provided.
- Attendees introduced themselves and shared their connection to the LTF.

Attendance

Via Zoom:

- Jared Plisko
- Nicholas Damico
- Gina Speelman
- Camilla Justice
- Anna Stanziano
- Patty Kelly

In Person:

- Dr. Kristin Szewczyk
- Sharon Lipscomb
- Sheila Fullerton
- Mara Bell
- Jen Hyde
- Karyn Brownlee

2. LTF Overview: What We Are & How We Help

A presentation was given covering the LTF purpose within Pennsylvania's Right to Education framework, member roles, how families can share concerns, and what to expect regarding meeting processes and follow-up.



3. Planning for the 2025–2026 Year

- Members discussed potential topics for future meetings.
- Strategies for communication and outreach were covered.
- Opportunities to take on officer or supporting roles were shared.

4. Open Discussion & Parking Lot

Members shared questions, ideas, and needs. Items requiring additional discussion were added to the Parking Lot for future agendas.

- ID & Autism
- Wavier Service
- Building trust between families and schools
- Autism/ADHD Awareness – behaviors and reinforcement
- Speech screenings – need vs exposure
- MA Process
 - Loophole program
 - Available services & supports
- New member recruitment

5. Wrap-Up & Adjournment

- Key discussions and next steps were reviewed.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Next Meeting

Date: December 2nd

Location: The Arc of Washington County,
111 W. Pike Street,
Canonsburg, PA 15317

Hybrid: Attend in person or join virtually.
Child care will be available.