

Local Task Force on the Right to Education for Beaver County  
News Letter  
January, 2010

**WHAT YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW**

*But Didn't Know Who To*

*Ask*

**Agency Information:**

- ✓ **Lunch and Learn** is an informational series on transition being offered by the **Local Task Force of the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit**. The sessions are scheduled between 12:00PM and 1:00PM by phone conferencing. **You can access the session from any telephone by dialing 724-444-7444, the ID is #63349 followed by the # sign.** Then, press 1 followed by the # sign. You are then connected to the live session. **The second session is scheduled for 1/27/10.** For additional information, contact you district's Director of Special Education or your high school Transition Coordinator.
- ✓ **B C SCORES, ANGELS**, is a trained group of parent advocates who understand the needs, wants and stresses that families face with youth who are experiencing drug & alcohol, mental health, behavioral, and other related issues. They are making their services and expertise available to parents and families at no cost. An ANGEL (trained parent) will meet with you upon your request for meeting, hearings and etc. Contact Rachelle Newman at [newman@aaud.org](mailto:newman@aaud.org) or (724)512-0107 or Angel Brown at [angelbr29@yahoo.com](mailto:angelbr29@yahoo.com) or (724)843-6277.

**IEP Information:**

- ✓ Parents may request an evaluation at any time (must be in writing) – Chapter 14: 14.123C. Evaluations **MUST** be completed, with the report to the parents, no later than 60 calendars days after the agency receives written consent, not counting the calendar days from the day after the last day of spring term to the day before the first day of the subsequent fall term – Chapter 14: 14.123(b).

**Resource Information:**

- ✓ Western PA Psych Center is sponsoring numerous workshops for parents and youth. Among the offerings in January, 2010 are: Parent Skills Training Group, Stress Management and Wellness Group (ages 9-12yrs) and others. For further information visit their [website HealthNews@HealthBanks.com](mailto:HealthNews@HealthBanks.com) or contact Valerie at (724) 728-8400.
- ✓ CCBC (Community College of Beaver County) Spring 2010 schedule lists many special interest Youth Programs for your son or daughter (see pages 20 and 21).

✓ If you have any questions or concerns about your child's Special Education Plan or Special Education Services that you would like to have answered through this newsletter, please contact Diane DuFour-Gaudio, Training and Consultation Staff, Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit at 724-774-7800, ext 3031 or at [ddg@bviu.org](mailto:ddg@bviu.org). You may also contact Mrs. Cheryl Muller, Chairperson of the Local Task Force, at 724-643-6429. **Questions and concerns do not require that your name or your school district's name be given in order to get a reply.**

\*If you are interested in receiving this news letter by email contact Judy Pamer at [jpamer@achieva.info](mailto:jpamer@achieva.info) or 724-775-1602, ext 16.

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**Local Task Force on the Right to Education for Beaver**

**We cordially invite you to attend our monthly meetings.**

**The January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the South Side School District beginning at 10:00 A.M.**

**The Local Task Force is supported through the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit EOE.**