

Parent Education Network (PEN) LRE Training Series

Upcoming Workshops: “The Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)—Parent-School Partnerships that Create Success”

In Partnership with: Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Bureau of Special Education (BSE)
Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Networks (PaTTAN)
Right to Education Task Forces and Intermediate Units 12, 19 and 26

Workshop Dates and Locations:

- **April 16, 2008** **York Learning Center (Old Central York High School), Auditorium**
Hosted by Right to Education Task Force- Intermediate Unit 12
300 East 7th Avenue, York, PA 17350
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- **April 22, 2008** **Scranton School for the Deaf, Auditorium**
Hosted by the Right to Education Task Force- Intermediate Unit 19
1800 North Washington Avenue, Dunmore, PA
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- **May 15, 2008** **School District of Philadelphia, Auditorium**
Hosted by the Right to Education Task Force- Intermediate Unit 26
440 N. Broad Street—Second Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19130
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Workshop Agenda:

- Part I. What does the IDEA say about LRE and educating children with disabilities in a positive environment that includes children without disabilities?**
Presenter: Charles Jelley, Esq., Tremba, Jelley & Whelton, LLC, Greensburg, PA or designee
- Review of IDEA and law related to LRE
 - Review of special education / regular education options
 - Review of successful parent-school partnerships related to LRE
- Part II. What is the meaning of the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)?**
Presenter(s) Debbie Brown, Educational Consultant, PaTTAN- King of Prussia
Sharon Leonard, Educational Consultant, PaTTAN- Harrisburg
- Discuss how schools support LRE through academic, functional, non-academic and extra-curricular activities
 - Review factors parents should consider during LRE determination
 - Discuss how schools facilitate the LRE process and work with parents
- Part III. What can parents do to enhance parent and school partnerships in support of LRE?**
Presenter: Kay Lipsitz, Parent Coordinator, Parent Education Network (PEN)
- Provide brief summary of IDEA and LRE
 - Discuss importance of IEP development and role of the parent in LRE placement
 - Discuss parent-school partnerships to enhance academic and functional learning
 - Review LRE resources and tools available to parents. (PDE and PEN materials will be distributed to participants.)

Registration Information

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

School District: _____

Address: _____

Disability of Child: _____

Email address _____ Age of Child: _____

Select One:

Workshop Location: _____ April 16, York _____ April 22, Dunmore/Scranton _____ May 15, Philadelphia

To register by telephone call: **800-522-5827 V/TDD**, Fax: **717-600-8101**,

Email: pen@parentednet.org, or mail: **PEN, 2107 Industrial Highway, York PA 17402.**

- There is no charge to attend the workshop.
- Light refreshments will be provided by PEN.
- Please let us know ahead of time if special accommodations are necessary.