



What is the BCIU Special Education Network?

The BCIU Special Education Network serves as Berks County's local Right to Education Local Task Force, providing a parent and family support network for those raising a child with a disability.

This independent group of parents and community members works collaboratively with school districts, BCIU 14, and community agencies to support and protect the rights of students with special needs. The Network's primary purpose is to make recommendations that help improve, strengthen, expand, and monitor programs and services for school-age children receiving special education.

The group also offers professional development and informational sessions based on member interest and identified needs.

Who Should Attend?

Parents and caregivers of students receiving special education services are the foundation of the Network. All are welcome, and meetings are free.

PARENT
INFO
sessions



www.berksiu.org/SpecialEdNetwork

Community Supports for Families

Local Education Support
Network Overview

Dr. Sara George, BCIU Student Services and K-12 Education

KidsPeace: ABA, IBHS, Outpatient Family Services
Rob Harvey and **Katherine Matonis**

**Tuesday,
October 7, 2025
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

ASERT Autism Services

Pamela Piscitelli, MEd
ASERT

Pam works at the AJ Drexel Autism Institute at Drexel University, where she provides project support for the Philadelphia Autism Project and the ASERT (Autism Services, Education, Resources and Training) Collaborative.

**Tuesday,
April 7, 2026
12:00 to 1:00 pm**

Planning for Summer

Elaine Burnett

Program Director, Aarons Acres

Heather Rothman | VP of Community Programs, Camp Lily
Trooper First Class Ethan M. Brownback

Public Information Officer/Community Services Officer Troop L

Stephen Thomas | Director of Events & Community Relations -
Reading Fightin Phils, Baseballtown | Dream League

**Tuesday,
December 2
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Visual Supports

Josie Brunner

Educational Consultant

Office of Professional Learning,
Berks County Intermediate Unit

**Tuesday,
May 19, 2026
12:00 to 1:00 pm**

SAP (PA Student Assistance Program) and CASSP (Child and Adolescent Service System Program) Overview

Dr. Sara George | Assistant Director of Student Services, BCIU
Greg Gerdeman | Berks County CASSP Coordinator

**Tuesday,
February 3, 2026
12:00 to 1:00 pm**

Meeting Information:

All sessions are held virtually via Zoom.

To attend, please email SpecialEdNetwork@berksiu.org with your name and email address by the Friday prior to the meeting. A Zoom link will be shared with registered participants the day before the meeting.

Topic suggestions are always welcomed and encouraged.