

LOCAL RIGHT TO EDUCATION TASK FORCE #15

1/24/22 Meeting Minutes

Recording:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Vh-QJBnW4qid64Mi500ISuGQArIDLqBT/view?usp=sharing>

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Attending:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kathy Gingerich, Chairperson	The Arc of Dauphin County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Beth Light	The Arc of Dauphin County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Beth-Ann McConnell	CAIU - Interagency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Holly Turner	CPARC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kathleen Haigh	Family Member/PEAL Center
<input type="checkbox"/>	Megan Johnston	Cumberland Perry MH
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adam Wiener	Dauphin County ID
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Barb Jumper	CMU
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bernadette Jayakumar	UCP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laken Wilson	CPARC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lisette Johnson	CPARC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Smiley	CPARC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lynn Pascoa	Dauphin County MH
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patti Wiedt, Vice-Chairperson	Parent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pam Matesevac	Parent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sherry Campbell	Central Dauphin School District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Melissa Bialis	Central Dauphin School District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Keith Focht	PDE- State Task Force
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deanne Ryan-Washington	West Shore School District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Kay Hunter	Newport School District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christine Titih	CT HomeCare Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Morgan Denny	Dauphin County ID
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patsy Gilbert	Parent Advisory Council – Derry Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jessica Capitani	Parent Advisory Council – Derry Township
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amanda Neidig	UCP Family Support Specialist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacob Becker	CMU
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Smith	ODP-State Task Force
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Irene Reedy	CAIU Student Services Supervisor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emmy Sasala	Family member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Michelle Smithman	Family Member Parent to Parent of PA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gerren Wagner	Family Member, Parent Advocate ABA in PA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Mulle	Family Member, Include me PA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Butler	Family Member/ The Arc of PA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cynthia Lamon	Family Member/Lighthouse Human Srvs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susan Tachau	PATF
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tracy Beck	PATF
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leah Kostelak	CAIU, Transition

II. DISCUSSION-

Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation's (PATF) Tracy Beck and Susan Tachau presented. This is a great resource for children and adults who need financial assistance or funding resources for a variety of assistive technology. It was noted by the presenters that one of the number one requests are hearing aids. Other needs can be explored with their foundation. They have individuals to help with resources, funding strategies and financial education. They have coaching available and have a focus unique to individuals with disabilities. All ages, incomes, disabilities, cultural backgrounds are encouraged to seek assistance. Please listen to the meeting's recording to hear additional information! Please see the PATF site for additional information as well as the attached power point presentation.

<https://patf.us/>

www.patf.us/fundingyourway

Information shared prior to the presentation by Wendy Davis: You can find our latest newsletter here: <https://conta.cc/2XYQ8yf>

We have a plethora of valuable free resources available online and for download.

The latest edition of our Funding Your Assistive Technology guide has just been released with 60 funding resources, all with current contact information, and includes information on ABLE accounts vs Special Needs Trusts. It is available for PDF download here: <https://patf.us/who-we-are/publications/funding-your-assistive-technology/>

In October, we launched the latest edition of our Smart Homes Made Simple: A Guide to Smart Home Technology. It is available for PDF download at <https://patf.us/what-we-do/smart-homes-made-simple/> In addition, to learn more about Smart Home Technology and how it can be used to increase independence, visit our <http://www.SmartHomesMadeSimple.org> website.

An important part of our mission is providing financial education to people with disabilities. Financial education is vital to help people make better informed decisions about managing their personal finances, which allows them to take control of their financial future. With more and more personal finance classes being taught in our schools, we were glad to be involved in the development of a guide for transition-aged youth that is being used by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education. All of our financial education resources are available at <https://patf.us/what-we-do/financial-education/>, including our award-winning Cents and Sensibility: A Guide to Money Management.

We are here to support you, so don't hesitate to call us if you have questions or are looking for assistance for a student. Our number is 888-744-1938. Our program managers and information and assistance specialists are gurus in funding AT. You may also contact Wendy Davis at 484-639-4494.

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A. State Task Force Updates –

STF 2021-2022 Proposed Meeting Dates – all 10:00-12:00 pm

- Wednesday, September 22, 2021
- Wednesday, November 3, 2021
- Wednesday, January 12, 2022
- Wednesday, March 16, 2022
- Wednesday, May 11, 2022

If there are any conflicts of our dates with any major events, please let us know and we will adjust accordingly.

- **Parent Satisfaction Survey Update (on Hold this year) - The two URLs listed below are:**

English URL Parent Satisfaction Survey Hyperlink –
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PaLTF19-20>
Spanish URL Parent Satisfaction Survey Hyperlink-
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LTF19-20S>

- **PA ABLE Savings Program**

- regular ABLE webinars
- ABLE webinars for employers/HR departments and
- two-part webinar series, Teaching Individuals with Disabilities about Personal Finance.

Employers and HR professionals can participate in an overview webinar about the PA ABLE program, learning:

- What PA ABLE is ?
- Who is eligible ?
- How employees use accounts ?
- How to set up payroll deduction ?

Offer PA ABLE Savings Program to Your Employees For FREE:

- **Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022 12:00 PM -**
<https://register.gotowebrinar.com/register/2218754410405400847>

Teaching Individuals with Disabilities about Personal Finance

Free sessions open to anyone interested in learning more about teaching personal finance to people with disabilities

Pennsylvania Treasury, the Department of Banking and Securities, and the Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation (PATF) are joining together to put on a two-part series entitled Teaching Individuals with Disabilities about Personal Finance.

Part 1 - Best Practices That Work – Expert Panel Shares Techniques

January 12, 2021, at 12:00pm-

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZTzY7EezSaKa6iP4kGTlww

Part 2 - Shared Experiences: What Worked For Us – People Share Their Experiences

January 26, 2021, at 12:00pm -

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7JsvqKzUTTSolx5svlUYrQ

Follow the links above to register for each session. If you have any questions or need assistance with registering, please contact PATF at 888-744-1938 or communications@patf.us.

Conferences for 2021- 2022 School Year

Conference Title	Date	Location	Future Conference Dates
Pennsylvania Department of Education Conference	March 2-4, 2022	Hybrid/Hershey Lodge	March 1-3, 2023
AAC Talks Web Conference	May 13, 2022	Virtual	May 12, 2023
PaTTAN Literacy Symposium	June 14-16, 2022	PaTTAN Harrisburg	TBD
Pennsylvania Deaf-Blind Project's Family Learning Conference	June 24-25, 2022	Hybrid/State College	TBD
National Autism Conference	August 1-4, 2022	Hybrid/State College	TBD
PA Community on Transition Conference	August 10-11, 2022	Virtual	TBD
HELIX: High Expectations for Low Incidence Disabilities	November 14-16, 2022	Hybrid/State College	TBD

➤ **New Business: State Task Force / Old Business**

- ❖ **PDE Conference - Hershey Lodge and Convention Center – March 2nd – 4th - 2022 - “Making a Difference: Educational Practices That Work!”**
<https://www.pattan.net/training/conferences/pennsylvania-department-of-education-conference>.
 Mr. Focht reminded the audience to register for the PDE Conference if they are planning to attend virtually or in person. He also shared he will be confirming registration with the LTF chairs and Vice-chairs in the upcoming two weeks.
- ❖ virtual may do so with no cost.
- ❖ He also reminded the LTFs the following:
 - LTF Chairpersons and Vice – chairpersons are complemented their registration cost.
 - Also shared – parents that want to register utilizing the parent scholarship process and are attending

- The State Task Force members will keep you comprised of the process of registering.

Presentation Session

The STF Session for the 2021-2022 PDE Conference was postponed allowing room for additional presenters. *** However, the State Task Force Session has been currently reinstated to be held Wednesday, March 3rd from 7:00 – 7:30 pm following the Parent Scholarship Dinner.

- **Dates of Conference:**
(Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022); (Thursday, March 3rd, 2022);
(Friday, March 4th, 2022)
- **Conference Format** –
The 2022 PDE Conference will be offered in a hybrid format – meaning in person at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center or online through ChimeLive.
- **Registration Fees** –
Local Task Force Chairpersons' and Vice-chairpersons' registration cost to the PDE Conference is paid by PDE.

Local Task Force Appreciation Luncheon - (Wednesday, March 2, 2022 – 11:30 am – 12:45 pm) - This LTF Appreciation Luncheon will honor LTF's Chairs and Vice-chairs for all they have done and continue to do. Guest will also include the director and assistant director of the Bureau of Special Education, the 3 PaTTAN Directors, the three Department Chiefs, the PaTTAN Parent Consultants, and the Special Education Directors of all 29 Intermediate units.

- **Parent Scholarship Welcome Dinner** –
(Wednesday, March 2, 2022 - 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm) - There will be a Parent Scholarship Welcome Dinner where either the Chairperson **or** Vice-chairperson is invited to meet the parents.

State Task Force Session - (Wednesday, March 2, 2022 - 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm) –

This will be a short session providing an invitation for parents to learn and join their local Task Force.

- **Substitute LTF Member** - If a LTF Chair or Vice-chair cannot attend the conference they may have one of their members within their LTF take their place.
- **Breakfast with Your Local Task Force** – (Thursday, March 3, 2022 - 7:00 am- 8:00 am) - Parents of the conference are invited to a LTF Breakfast to meet the LTF Chair or Vice Chair of their IU Region and the State Task Force members.
- **Rooms** - LTF Chairpersons and Vice-chairpersons - Rooms at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center - PDE will pay for your room to stay at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center for **Wednesday night** and **Thursday night** if you live **50 + miles** from Hershey.

- **Rooms** - LTF Chairpersons and Vice-chairpersons - Rooms at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center - PDE will pay for your room to stay at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center for **Tuesday night, Wednesday night** and **Thursday night** if you live **120 + miles** from Hershey.

From Arc of PA:

The Arc of PA
Report to State Task Force – Legislative Review
January 12, 2022

Legislative Update – PA General Assembly

House Bill 85

This bill would require our post-secondary colleges to adopt policies that would allow existing documentation in the IEP, 504 Plan or a record of disability from another institution of higher education, or documentation from the military to be accepted as a proof of a disability. House Bill 85 remains in the House Education Committee.

House Bill 250

This bill expresses the desire of its sponsors that the Department of Education create curriculum for Health Classes that will provide a framework for positive discussion and increased understanding. House bill 250 remains in the House Education Committee.

House Bill 272

This bill proposes to address the following issues related to Pennsylvania's Charter School Law:

- Right to know
- Protecting your property tax dollars
- Protecting the future of our kids

House Bill 272 remains in the House Education Committee.

House Bill 365

House Bill 365 would update language in the PA School Code to remove derogatory language in referencing to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. House Bill 365 was voted favorably out of the Senate Education Committee and is eligible to be brought before the full senate for a vote.

House Bill 458

This Legislation is designed to provide that, in the event of a residency dispute between school districts, a school district would not be permitted to remove a child from school until the dispute has been fully resolved and it has been determined which school district should correctly enroll the child. House Bill 458 remains in the House Education Committee.

House Bill 540

House Bill 540 would implement the Special Education Funding Commission's recommendation to "apply the same funding principles used in the formula for school districts to determine a school district's payment for a special education student enrolled in a charter or cyber charter school....". House Bill 458 remains in the House Education Committee on April 9, 2021.

Senate Bill 542

Senate Bill 542 would remove the across-the-board assumption of a 16% special education population rate per school district to using the school district's actual percentage of special education population. Senate Bill 542 was referred to the Senate Education Committee on April 9, 2021 and remains in that status.

Senate Bill 664

SB 664 enables students with IDD who turned 21 and graduated at the end of the 2020-21 school year the ability to opt in for an additional year due to the impact of COVID-19. Senate Bill 664 became law as act 66.

HB 1335

On April 21, 2021 Representative Brian Sims and Representative Jessica Benham issued a Memorandum to members of the House of Representatives relevant to "Sexuality Education and Affirmative Sexual Consent." Such Memorandum states that "Students in Pennsylvania deserve to have a health and sexuality education that empowers them, teaches them to value their autonomy and keeps them safe. Sexuality education is vitally important, it should be comprehensive and include inclusive, accessible, science - based information with the goal of holistically supporting the health and well being of young people. HB 1335 was referred to the House Education Committee on May 5, 2021.

House Bill 1749

On May 20, 2021, Representative Rosemary Brown, posted a Memorandum to all House members relevant to Special Education Cyber/Charter School Funding. In such Memorandum, Representative Brown states "In the near future, I plan on introducing legislation which would implement the bipartisan 2013 Special Education Funding Commission's recommendation for applying the same education funding principles used to distribute state special education funding to school districts, in the calculation used to determine a school district's tuition payment for a special education student enrolled in a charter school.

House Bill 1749 was referred to the House Education Committee on July 30, 2021.

House Bill 1809 – Changed to House Bill 726

On June 22, 2021, Representative Jason Ortity, posted a Memorandum to all House members regarding his plan to introduce a bill that creates an early literacy pilot program. Beginning in the 2021-22 school year (if enacted), the PA Department of Education will work with willing school districts to address student reading needs. This program will focus on the "science of reading" which is an evidence-based reading instructional practice that integrates listening, speaking, reading, spelling, and writing.

House Bill 726 was referred to the House Education Committee on October 5, 2021.

House Resolution 138

On August 5, 2021, Representative Karen Boback, posted a memorandum to all House members regarding her plan to introduce a resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to study special education lawsuits in the Commonwealth. The study will examine the Office for Dispute Resolution. House Resolution 138 was referred to the House Education Committee on September 15, 2021.

Co-Sponsorship Memo – Inclusion Beyond the Classroom

On December 16, 2021, Representative Dan Miller and Representative Melissa Shusterman posted a memorandum to all House members regarding their plan to introduce a bill that tasks school districts across the Commonwealth to produce a report on an annual basis indicating the level of inclusion of their students who access special education services in their extracurricular activities. No legislative language available at this time.

Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) Update- Provided by Gary Smith, ODP Statewide Employment Lead

ODP NEWS

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) distributes news via a weekly digest. [MyODP News Online](#) shares information about the work of ODP and individuals our work supports who are living the Everyday Life. Please visit [MyODP News Online](#) where you can find articles that have been published.

The digest is sent every Friday and contains the week's posted news in abstract. If you have information that you would like to share about ODP's work supporting people with disabilities, please use my contact information Smiga@pa.gov to submit it for consideration or readers may send inquiries and/or story ideas to ra-pwmyodp@pa.gov.

ODP Announcement 21-095 released December 30, 2021

- Open for Public Comment: Proposed Department-Established Fees and Fee Schedule Rates for Services Funded Through ODP's Waivers and Base-Funding.
- There is a 30-day public comment period that begins on January 1, 2022 and ends on January 31, 2022.

Positive Approaches Journal

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) and the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) are pleased to announce that the latest edition of the Positive Approaches Journal is now available!

Beyond Silos: Highlighting Multisystem Approaches in Pennsylvania

This issue will focus on ways that Pennsylvania has endeavored to better understand and meet the needs of people with complex needs including children with medical complexities and/or behavioral health needs.

Volume 10 - Issue - 3 November 2021 is now available!

Community of Practice (CoP) For Supporting Families

- PA Family Network offering workshops- ARPA Funds
- PA Family Network offering workshops in a two- part series (Waivers 101 *what they are and what they do*)

Policy Amendments Waivers:

- Consolidated and Community Living Waivers - adding the capacity to serve children with medically complex conditions – proposed effective date is 4/1/22

Trainings: Currently working on

- (Formerly named Experience the Employment Connection- **EEC**) now named the PA Secondary Transition Connecting for Employment. Joint initiative is ODP, OVR and Bureau of Special Ed. collaborating with the goal of connecting systems with each other to increase employment outcomes for transition age youths.

Data:

- As of November of 2021, 16% of working-aged people (ages 16-64) enrolled with ODP are employed in competitive integrated employment.

If you are not part of ODP's listserv, here is the link to subscribe:

<http://listserv.dpw.state.pa.us/Scripts/wa.exe.?SUBED1=o-supporting-families-cop&A=1>

If You have any additional questions concerning these updates, please contact Gary Smith or Laura Cipriani at smiga@pa.gov or lcipriani@pa.gov

From PDE-BSE

The Department of Education/Bureau of Special Education Update: Keith H. Focht

The Bureau of Special Education provided a presentation on "Return to School Roadmap: Development and Implementations of Individualized Education Programs in the Least Restrictive Environment Under the individuals With Disabilities Education Act."

This Power Point will be attached to the email but has been sent during a previous email sent to our Local Task Force

III. CAIU #15 Local Task Force Elections - N/A at this time

IV. MEMBER UPDATES

Families: Nothing to report at this time

Arc of Dauphin County: There are some covid impacts at this time with 3 staff out from their office. In regards to supports for families, they are doing their best to support families as best as they can. They are scheduled to hold a webinar with Office of Dispute and Resolutions on 1/25/22.

CAIU: Irene Reedy shared that preschool is going through transition meetings right now for our students getting ready for kindergarten. Not every parent knows this but children have an option to stay in early intervention an extra year or go to kindergarten. Some families have chosen this and some families learn about this during their transition meetings.

CPARC: They will be having sessions for families on Sensory Intergration on February 10th and Disabilities Rights will be presenting on Alternatives to Guardianship February 24th. Information has been shared to this group in recent history but will be shared again.

A grant request was made by CPARC to start a parent group. A partial amount has been granted. This group could be held at local coffee house and have coffee and pastries provided to families that attend. Hope is for building relationships to occur. More information to come on this but could be started in March.

Laken noted that there have been some not so standard concerns needing support such as homelessness.

Beth-Ann offered this resource created for our local communities. <https://www.smores.com/uc6vf-homelessness-awareness-week>

Valley Youth house was shared as well as a resource.

<https://www.valleyyouthhouse.org/locations/harrisburg-office/>

Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness is an additional resource:

<https://www.caiu.org/students-families/family-resources-support/pas-education-for-homeless-children>

Cumberland Perry MH & IDD: Not present/no information to share at this time

Dauphin County MH/ID & CMU: Barb Jumper reported that Jake Becker is out on maternity leave. Congratulations Jake and family!! Also reported that there are many new staff for Dauphin ID. CMU – has many new support coordinators and there are still vacancies, still interviewing. Those hired are doing well. Supervisors have case loads and doing their best to meet the needs for their consumers. Welcome back Barb!

UCP: Bernadette will be having a presentation on February 24th on assistive technology such as smart pad/ipads, tech owl programs and other assistive technology. The PATF presentation was a good compliment to what they will be presenting.

Information on this will be provided shortly to our team but please refer to their site as well for updates.

Evening Respite Program is available. Hoping to have participants for this program. They will be offered 3 Fridays a month from 6-10 pm at two separate locations in Mechanicsburg and or Carlisle.

Siblings Shops Program is returning. This is for typically developing children. Recreation and team building opportunities will be given. These will be Saturdays 9:30 – 12:00 No dates provided yet but hoping to start in the spring.

Information on these programs are attached to this email but also have been sent out to the LTF team following the meeting.

<https://community-links.net/resources/community-directory/2723/ucp-central-pa/>

V. LTF MEETING PLANS

Proposed Local Task Force Meetings **Please note 11/8/21 Evening Meeting Time**

September 27, 2021 10:00- 11:30 am <https://zoom.us/j/96898962744?pwd=NThkbXo1a2lkTHJYcFRuRU1BZ0xYUT09>
Passcode: 152743

November 8, 2021 6:30 pm-7:30 pm ***Evening Meeting*** <https://zoom.us/j/97386338892?pwd=cXhST3ZYeWpSNkhlTlhQWFRFbWdOUT09>
Passcode: 716724

January 24, 2022 10:00-11:30 am <https://zoom.us/j/99896521857?pwd=UEI5VnRXUU5CeU1aNmxsRIIHbTdmQT09>
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March 21, 2022 10:00-11:30 am
<https://zoom.us/j/98722911775?pwd=dytKcEhFUUF6bmNOd1FBL0JHNzI0QT09>
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May 16, 2022 10:00-11:30 am
<https://zoom.us/j/99311746890?pwd=K2NWVWxlZnV0bEJoV2VBZGtJVGZHQQT09>
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Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation



Tracy Beck and Susan Tachau
January 24, 2022

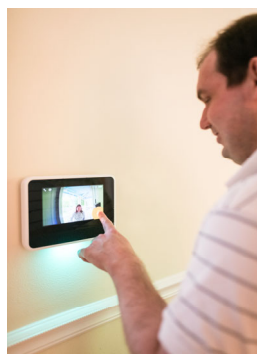
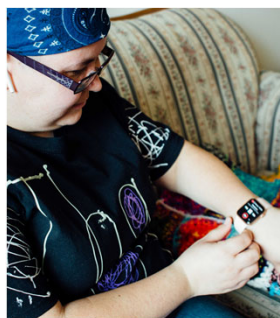
Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation (PATF)

- Statewide, non-profit organization, based in King of Prussia, PA
- Majority of the Board and staff are individuals with disabilities and/or immediate family members
- Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), consumer lender
- PA's Alternative Financing Program (federal Assistive Technology Act)
- PATF is one of three programs in Pennsylvania under the AT Act:
 1. Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation (PATF)
 2. TechOWL (formerly PIAT)
 3. Disability Rights Pennsylvania



What is Assistive Technology (AT)?

Any device or service that can help a person with a disability or older adult do the things they want to do.



AT Services

- Evaluation
- Selection
- Designing
- Construction
- Training
- Repair



PATF and TechOWL Comparison

How We Help Pennsylvanians with Disabilities	PATF	TechOWL
Answer your AT questions, share and compare AT with you		Yes
Ship AT to your home to try (Equipment Lending Library)		Yes
Find gently used AT for you to keep (Reuse Program)		Yes
Run the Free Special Phone and DeafBlind programs		Yes
Provide you with information about AT funding resources	Yes	
Lend you money to help you buy AT (Financial Loans)	Yes	
Provide financial education resources and coaching	Yes	
Help increase access to AT	Yes	Yes

PATF Programs and Services



Information and assistance about assistive technology (AT) funding resources and vendors



Financial loans for assistive technology



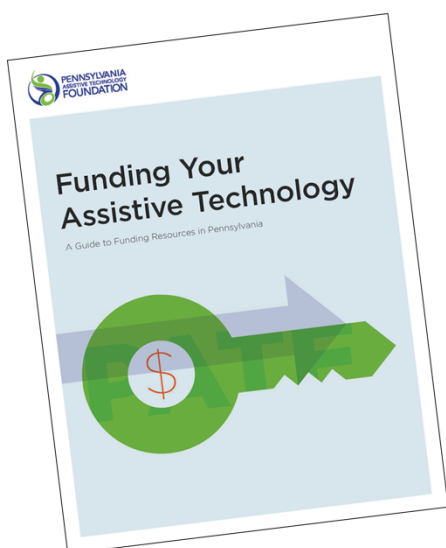
Financial education

PATF helps Pennsylvanians of all:

- + AGES**
- + INCOME LEVELS**
- + DISABILITIES**
- + HEALTH CONDITIONS**
- + COMMUNITIES**
- + CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS**

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Funding Your Assistive Technology: A Guide to Funding Resources in Pennsylvania



- Choose your AT
- Create a funding strategy
- Learn about public and private funding for AT
- Discover more than 65 funding resources

Available in print and accessible PDF

Also available in Spanish

Download: www.patf.us/FundingYourAT

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Smart Homes Made Simple: Your Guide to Smart Home Technology

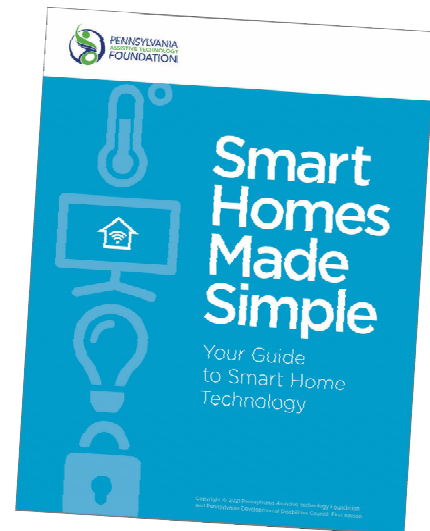
Available in print and accessible PDF

Also available in Spanish

Includes self-assessment tool

Download: patf.us/what-we-do/smart-homes-made-simple/

Companion website:
SmartHomesMadeSimple.org



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Cents and Sensibility: A Guide to Money Management



Available in print and accessible PDF

Also available in Spanish

Educator companion manual and slides available for teachers

Download: patf.us/financial-education

Companion website: StudyMoney.us

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Financial Education for People with Disabilities

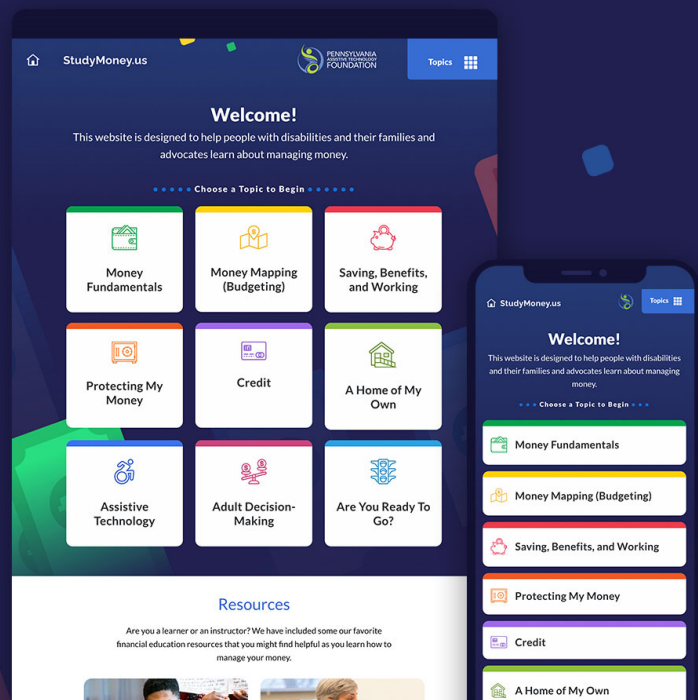
- Budgeting
- Saving (e.g., PA ABLE)
- Banking
- Credit
- Housing
- Employment
- Transition-Age Checklist
- Adult Decision-Making



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- Corresponds to *Cents and Sensibility* curriculum
- Accessible
- Easy to navigate
- Interactive
- Engaging
- Flexible
- Developed with learner and instructor in mind



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StudyMoney.us

- Resources section for learners and instructors
 - How to Use This Website
 - Helpful Links
- Activities
 - Interactive on website
 - Downloadable, fillable, printable PDF
- Review quizzes and badges
 - Confidence around finances and intent for behavior change
 - Skills and knowledge review
- Live links to resources throughout
- Glossary and key terms bolded/underlined throughout

Activity 1: What I Need and What I Want

List your needs in the spaces below. Think of things you need (must have) to survive, like a place to live, food to eat, or clothes to wear. And, don't forget healthcare! Next, list some of the things you want (tickets to a concert, going out to dinner, or a new TV).

My Needs

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

My Wants

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Remember...

Here's a good rule about money. When you are spending money, put your needs first. That's why it helps to know the difference between your needs and your wants.

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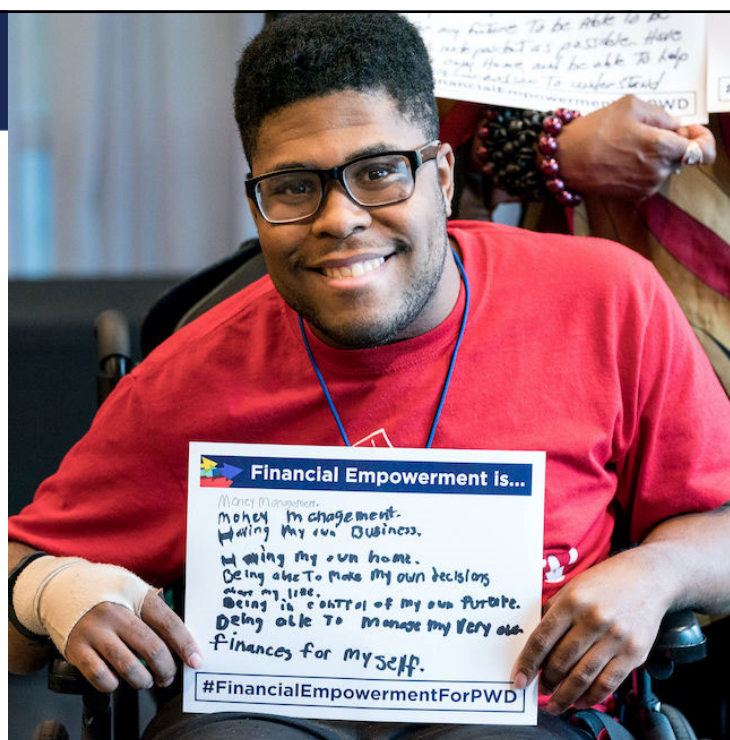
PENNSYLVANIA FOUNDATION

Money Talks

Free Webinar Series on Financial Empowerment for People with Disabilities

- Voting and Participating in the Census
- Identity Theft
- Saving with PA ABLE
- Funding Resources for Assistive Technology
- Money Mapping (Budgeting)
- Credit
- Tax Preparation
- Decision-Making Supports for Adults with Disabilities

Recordings, transcripts, slides, and additional materials: patf.us/MoneyTalks





“It is thrilling to hear about the changes my students have made in their everyday lives. For the first time ever, Elysia had money left over at the end of the month.”

– KayLynn, Elysia’s instructor

Elysia

Location: Allegheny County

Program: Financial Education

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Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation Financial Loans for Assistive Technology

Mini-Loan Program

- \$100 to \$7,000
- 0% interest, zero fees
- \$20/month minimum payment

Low-Interest Loan Program

- \$7,001 and above
- 3.75% interest, zero fees
 - Non-Guaranteed up to \$60,000
 - Guaranteed up to \$35,000

PATF may be able to offer a partial grant in conjunction with a Mini-Loan (current mini-grants are for: tablets, vision AT for borrowers who are blind or low-vision, and any AT for low-income borrowers, except computers).

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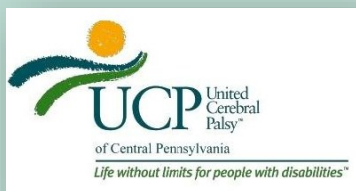
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UCP Respite Care *giving back to the caregivers*

*Whether you need time to get away for work or personal reasons...
or you simply need time to rest... UCP can help.*

The *Friday Evening Respite Care Program*
is held on Fridays from 6:00pm to 10:00pm
Locations alternate between Mechanicsburg & Carlisle

For more information (including dates and locations) visit:

<https://www.ucpcentralpa.org/services/family-support-services/>

For questions about funding options, contact Bernadette or Amanda at familysupportservices@ucpcentralpa.org or call 717-737-3477. Access the application through <http://bit.ly/ucprespiteapplication>

- ♦ *We offer care & recreation for children & adults with disabilities (along with their siblings) ages 3 and up*
- ♦ *Sign up for respite care at either location **before 5pm on Wednesday***
- ♦ *You must receive a confirmation of your registration in order to participate. **We cannot accept “walk-ins”**. We maintain adequate participant/staff ratios for a safe environment.*
- ♦ *A minimum of six participants are required to run the program. We will notify you if we do not have enough participants.*

** It is our hope that families continue to participate with this valuable program. Please spread the word to others who may need a break for an evening, many times free of charge. **



"For the adults who run them and for the agencies that sponsor them, Sibshops are evidence of their loving concern for the family member who will have the longest-lasting relationship with a person who has a disability."

Who:

Siblings of children with any type of disability between the ages of 6 and 12.

What:

Sibshops - Recreational Sibling Support Forum <https://siblingsupport.org/sibshops/>

Where:

UCP Central PA Office
55 Utley Drive Camp Hill, PA 17011



When:

Saturdays- Four sessions in the Fall, Four in the Spring. Choose which season works best for you, or even both! Dates to be determined pending on enrollment.

Why:

- ❖ Sibshops are designed for school-age children. Peer support is provided within a lively, recreational context that emphasizes a kids'-eye-view.
- ❖ Sibshops acknowledge that most brothers and sisters of children with disabilities are doing well, despite the challenges of having a sibling with a disability.
- ❖ Sibshops seek to provide siblings opportunities to talk about the good and not-so-good parts of having a sib with special needs with others who "get it", while having fun
- ❖ Sibshops are not therapy, although their effect may be therapeutic for some children.

Cost:

\$25.00 for all four sessions, per season. **** Pre-registration is required ****

If you are interested in more information, or you would like a registration form, contact Bernadette Jayakumar at 717-836-0673 or email Bernadette.Jayakumar@ucpcentralpa.org