

## **Parent Youth Professional Forums**

### **Please join us! We need parents, youth and caregivers**

The Pennsylvania Health Law Project, PA Academy of Pediatrics, PA Department of Health and the PEAL Center are working together on a Statewide Implementation Grant. The purpose of the grant is to improve services for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN).

### **Upcoming Regional Forums:**

The Department of Health's Family Health Nursing Services Consultants and the Pennsylvania Health Law Project will host regional forums across the state. These forums will gather input from families of children and youth, young adults with special health care needs, community services providers, health care providers and other stakeholders.

### **How You Can Help**

We need your voice. Families of Children and Youth with special health care know what works and what doesn't work. You can share your ideas on how to improve the systems and services by:

**Attending regional forums.** Be part of roundtable discussions with community service and health care providers. Give your ideas for improvement.

**Providing input in person at local or regional work groups.** Recommendations from these groups will be sent to the regional forums.

**Providing input through telephone, email or regular mail** contact at local levels and regional forums.

**Bringing information about how services can be improved.**

### **Regional Youth Forums:**

Youth ages 14 to 24 with special health care needs are invited to attend regional youth forums. For more information, please contact Josie Badger at [josiebadger@hotmail.com](mailto:josiebadger@hotmail.com) and or 724-944-0429.

### **Who to Contact**

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### **How Can I Join?**

### **Forums and Family Gatherings**

Lehigh-Allentown Northeast Region

Family Gathering  
March 17 – 11 am to 12:30 pm  
Comfort Suites  
3712 Hamilton Blvd.  
Allentown, Pa 18103

Northeast Region

Parent/Youth/Professional Forum  
March 23 – 10 am to 12 noon  
Dept. of Health Northeast District Office  
665 Carey Avenue  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18706

Southeast Region

Parent/Youth/Professional Forum  
March 26 - 9:30 am to 1:00  
Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center -  
Auditorium  
700 East Norwegian Street  
Pottsville, PA 17901

South Central Region

Family Gathering  
March 27 - 11 am to 1 pm  
Keystone Building,  
400 North Street  
1st Floor, Hearing Rm #2  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

North Central Region

Parent/Youth/Professional Forum  
March 30 – 9:30 to noon  
Dept. of Health North Central District Office  
1000 Commerce Park Drive  
Williamsport, PA 17701

South Central Region

Parent/Youth/Professional Forum  
April 7 – 9:30 to noon  
Giant Community Center  
3301 Trindle Road  
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Southwest Region

Parent/Youth/Professional Forum  
April 15 – 9:30 to noon  
Beulah Presbyterian Church  
2500 McCrady Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Northwest Region

Family Gathering  
April 29 - 10 am to 12 noon  
Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Center  
312 Chestnut Street  
Erie, PA 16507

Southwest Region

Family Gathering  
May 6 – 10 am to 12 noon  
Hosanna House  
807 Wallace Ave.  
Conference Room 420  
Wilkinsburg, PA 15221

Northwest Region

Parent/Youth/Professional Forum  
May 12 – 10 am to noon  
Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Center  
312 Chestnut Street  
Erie, PA 16507

If you can't come to one of the Forums, you can participate by email, by telephone contact with us or through more local meetings or work groups.