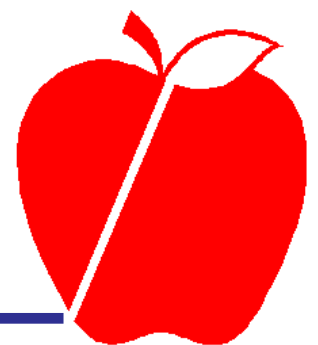




# **Education Directory**

**Programs, Services,  
and Staff**





## **REGIONAL CENTER**

**ARIN Intermediate Unit 28  
2895 W Pike  
Indiana, PA 15701-9769**

**Phone: 724-463-5300  
FAX: 724-463-5315  
E-mail: [info\(at\)iu28.org](mailto:info@iu28.org)  
Website: [iu28.org](http://iu28.org)**

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*An Equal Opportunity Agency*





## **ARIN Intermediate Unit 28**

### **ARIN IU 28**

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The main goal of ARIN Intermediate Unit 28—a regional education service agency—is to provide innovative educational programs, training, and support services through partnerships and visionary leadership throughout Armstrong and Indiana Counties. In this capacity, we look forward to working collaboratively with you to achieve your goals and to make learning a successful endeavor for all.

### **ARIN Employees**

Over 200 people are employed by ARIN in the provision and delivery of services to students, educators, and the community.

### **Programs and Services**

ARIN IU 28 offers approximately 58 programs and services to students, parents, teachers, school administrators, school directors, and others in the two-county region. Educational technology, professional/staff education, curriculum services, school-age programs, preschool education, adult education, cooperative projects, and statewide initiatives are categories of services provided to:

- ◆ Students: direct classroom instruction, itinerant services, ARIN-operated classroom/services, and enrichment programs
- ◆ Teachers: vast array of staff education opportunities, classroom resources, and professional and technological support
- ◆ Administrators/Directors: cooperative projects to save money, to eliminate duplication of services, and to provide efficiency of operations
- ◆ Community: outreach services to adult learners, partnerships, and local collaboration with businesses and higher education

### **Budget**

ARIN operates approximately 58 programs/projects on a \$24 million budget. Funding is from various local, state, and federal sources. In most cases, the budgets are built on allocations or competitive grants received from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and elsewhere. ARIN's cooperative-based programs and consortia give districts and communities access to quality alternatives that might otherwise be too costly for individual entities.

# **ARIN Intermediate Unit 28**

## **Regional Education Service Agency**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

John E. Sutila ..... Penns Manor Area  
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*Vice President*

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Frank C. Prazenica, Jr., Ph.D. ... Freeport Area

Kimberly A. Thomas ..... Homer-Center

Terry T. Ray, J.D. .... Indiana Area

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James R. McMullen ..... Purchase Line

Trudy L. DeRubis ..... United

Gary J. Gushard, Esquire ..... Nonmember  
*Solicitor*

Jeannette E. Lemmon ..... Nonmember  
*Secretary*

S & T Bank ..... Nonmember  
*Treasurer*

Robert H. Coad, Jr., Ed.D. .... Nonmember  
*Executive Director*

*The ARIN IU 28 Board of Directors meets on the third Tuesday of each month (July cancelled / December 2nd Tuesday) at 8:00 PM at the ARIN Central Office (excluding April), in Conference Room A. The April Board meeting will be held in conjunction with the Annual Convention of School Directors at the Indiana County Technology Center. The Board reorganizes in June. An open conference session precedes each meeting.*

### **SUPERINTENDENTS' ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Margaret A. DiNinno ..... Apollo-Ridge  
*Superintendent*

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*Superintendent*

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*Superintendent*

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*Superintendent*

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*Superintendent*

Thomas J. Kakabar ..... Penns Manor Area  
*Superintendent*

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*Superintendent*

David G. Blozowich, Ed.D. .... United  
*Superintendent*

*The ARIN IU 28 Superintendents' Advisory Council (SAC) meets on the second or third Friday of each month (excluding July) at 8:30 AM in the ARIN IU 28 Regional Center.*



**Regional Education Service Agency**

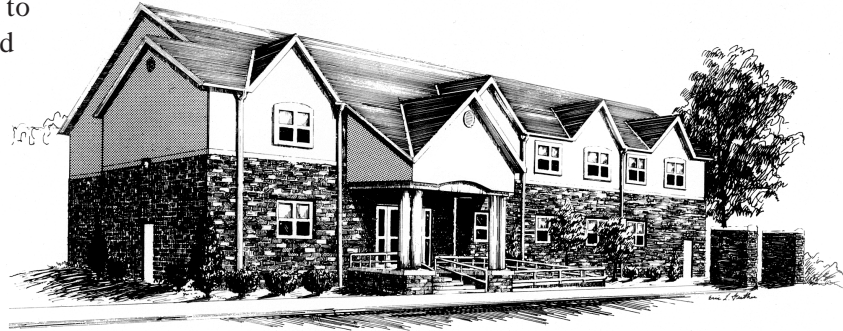
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**Location/Address**

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**Communication**

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E-mail: info(at)iu28.org  
Website: iu28.org



**ARIN Regional Center**

ARIN IU 28 is located on West Pike (Business Route 422), approximately three miles west of Indiana, PA.

**DIRECTIONS**

◆ **From the Southeast (Harrisburg, Philadelphia)**

Pennsylvania Turnpike West to Bedford (Exit 146); I-99/Route 220 North to Route 22 West; Route 22 West to Route 219 North (Ebensburg); Route 219 North to Route 422 West to Indiana; take the Philadelphia Street Exit; turn right at the exit ramp stop sign, and drive 0.6 mile to the top of the hill. The ARIN Regional Office is on the left-hand side of the highway (approximately three miles west of Indiana). The distance from Ebensburg to ARIN is approximately 32 miles.

◆ **From the Northeast (Scranton, Wilkes-Barre)**

Interstate 80 West to Route 220 South; I-99/Route 220 South to Route 22 West; Route 22 West to Route 219 North (Ebensburg); Route 219 North to Route 422 West to Indiana; take the Philadelphia Street Exit; turn right at the exit ramp stop sign, and drive 0.6 mile to the top of the hill. The ARIN Regional Office is on the left-hand side of the highway (approximately three miles west of Indiana). The distance from Ebensburg to ARIN is approximately 32 miles.

◆ **From the Southwest (Pittsburgh)**

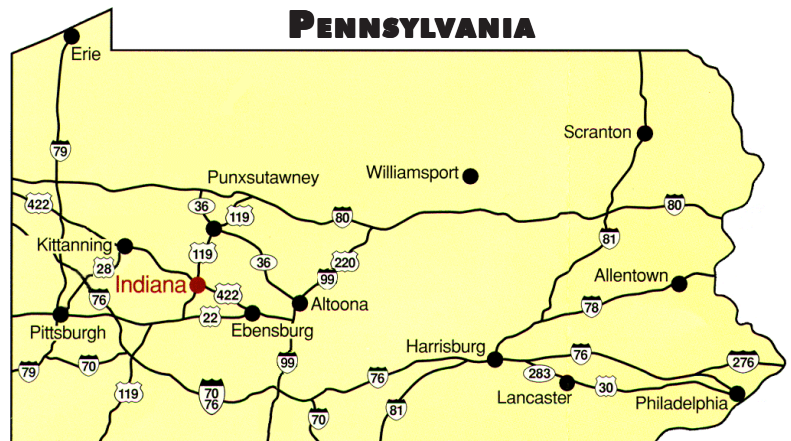
Route 22 East to Indiana Exit (Route 119 North - near Blairsville); Route 119 North to Route 422 West to Indiana; take the Philadelphia Street Exit; turn right at the exit ramp stop sign, and drive 0.6 mile to the top of the hill. The ARIN Regional Office is on the left-hand side of the highway (approximately three miles west of Indiana).

◆ **Alternate Route from the Southwest (Pittsburgh)**

Route 28 North from Pittsburgh to the Kittanning Exit; right onto Route 422 East to Indiana (approximately 25 miles); near Indiana, take the Philadelphia Street Exit, and drive 0.6 mile to the top of the hill. The ARIN Regional Office is on the left-hand side of the highway (approximately three miles west of Indiana).

◆ **From the Northwest (Erie)**

Route I-79 South to Route 422 East; follow Route 422 East to Indiana; near Indiana take the Philadelphia Street Exit, and drive 0.6 mile to the top of the hill. The ARIN Regional Office is on the left-hand side of the highway (approximately three miles west of Indiana).





## Education Directory

This Education Directory will acquaint you with the five service areas of ARIN Intermediate Unit 28. The administrators, board members, professional, and support staff of the IU work together in the delivery of ARIN's services to the students, staff, and citizens of our communities. The five service areas of the IU are: Administrative Services; Curriculum Support Services; Educational Technology/Instructional Media Services; School and Community Services; and Special Education. The introductory section offers general information on the directions to the ARIN office; contact information; and, ARIN's governance—administration, board of directors, and district superintendents.

In addition, this directory provides the reader with descriptions of the programs and services that comprise each service area, which include names of supervisors and program coordinators with corresponding extension numbers for easier access for your questions or concerns.

The second half of this directory includes a map indicating the location of the 11 member school districts and two technical schools, followed by contact information for the districts and technical schools served by ARIN IU 28: Apollo-Ridge, Armstrong, Blairsville-Saltsburg, Freeport Area, Homer-Center, Indiana Area, Leechburg Area, Marion Center Area, Penns Manor Area, Purchase Line, and United School Districts; and Indiana County Technology Center, and Lenape Area Technical School.

### **Policy of Nondiscrimination**

ARIN Intermediate Unit 28 is an equal opportunity educational institution and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, gender, or disability in its activities, programs, or employment practices, in accordance with federal and state statutes and regulations. Irene M. Mergen, D.Ed., ARIN Director of Special Education, has been designated to coordinate compliance with nondiscrimination requirements for ARIN. For questions and information regarding activities and facilities that are accessible and usable by persons with disabilities, and information regarding civil rights and grievance procedures, contact Dr. Mergen at 724-463-5300, ext. 1248.

# ARIN INTERMEDIATE UNIT 28

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Indiana, PA 15701-9769

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**FAX:** 724-463-5315 (*Administration*)  
724-463-5316 (*Special Education*)  
724-463-5317 (*Transportation*)  
724-463-5318 (*Adult Education*)

**E-mail:** info(at)iu28.org  
(*To contact ARIN IU staff through e-mail, see page 20 for individual addresses.*)

**Website:** iu28.org



## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES



### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/ COMMUNICATIONS/ PUBLIC RELATIONS

Robert H. Coad, Jr., Ed.D. ....ext. 1268  
*Executive Director*

Jeannette E. Lemmon .....ext. 1268  
*Executive/Board Secretary*

Information and assistance on any instructional issue, problem, or question to improve the educational process

### BUSINESS/PERSONNEL

Clifford A. Geary .....ext. 1255  
*Business Manager*

Amanda K. Mosco .....ext. 1259  
*Assistant Business Manager for Personnel/Payroll*

Ellen K. Neyman .....ext. 1256  
*Assistant Business Manager for Operations*

Sylvana L. Brocious .....ext. 1253  
*Secretary for Business*

Wendy N. Bittinger ..... ext. 1254  
*Bookkeeper/Payroll Assistant*

Milissa J. Johns .....ext. 1251  
*Secretary*

Kathleen A. Pinkerton ..... ext. 1701  
*Secretary/Receptionist*

Business administration, accounting, payroll, personnel, investments, and other financial services for ARIN programs; operation of ARIN administrative facility; assistance to school districts

### COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

Clifford A. Geary .....ext. 1255  
*Business Manager*

Ellen K. Neyman .....ext. 1256  
*Assistant Business Manager for Operations*

Gregory F. Coy .....ext. 1215  
*Transportation Coordinator*

Wendy N. Bittinger .....ext. 1254  
*Bookkeeper/Payroll Assistant*

A cooperative program to help school districts and ARIN cut costs in purchasing school equipment, supplies, and services

- Armstrong-Indiana Insurance Trust (AIIT) - Health Insurance
- Group Life Insurance
- Workers' Compensation Insurance
- Dental Insurance
- General School Supplies
- Electric Utility Service
- Natural Gas Utility Service
- Diesel/Gasoline/Heating Oil Petroleum Products
- Electronic Online Purchasing & Bidding

## **INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT**

Gregory F. Coy ..... ext. 1215  
*Coordinator*  
Kimberly A. Denardo ..... ext. 1217  
*Secretary*

Assist districts with compliance associated with required IPM programs, staff certifications and policy planning and implementation.

## **MANAGEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

Robert H. Coad, Jr., Ed.D. .... ext. 1268  
*Executive Director*  
Clifford A. Geary ..... ext. 1255  
*Business Manager*  
Sylvana L. Brocious ..... ext. 1253  
*Secretary for Business*  
Jeannette E. Lemmon ..... ext. 1268  
*Executive/Board Secretary*

Provision of technical assistance to school districts on a variety of topics ~ school budgets, program evaluation, management/school board seminars, subsidy computations, insurance consortia

## **NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

Robert H. Coad, Jr., Ed.D. .... ext. 1268  
*Executive Director*  
Jeannette E. Lemmon ..... ext. 1268  
*Secretary*

Technical assistance and auxiliary services ~ remedial reading and mathematics; psychological testing; speech, hearing, vision therapy; loan of instructional equipment, computers, materials, and textbooks via van delivery to parochial and private schools

## **OPERATION OF PLANT/ MAINTENANCE**

Clifford A. Geary ..... ext. 1255  
*Business Manager*  
Mark D. Crissman ..... ext. 1124  
Stephen B. Mitchell ..... ext. 1124  
*Van Drivers/Custodians*  
Kathleen A. Martz ..... ext. 1241  
*Print Shop Clerk/Custodian*  
Thomas R. Berkey ..... ext. 1124  
*Part-time Print Shop Clerk/  
Van Driver/Custodian*  
Sylvana L. Brocious ..... ext. 1253  
*Secretary for Business*

## **RIGHT-TO-KNOW**

Irene M. Mergen, D.Ed. .... ext. 1248  
*Director of Special Education  
Open Records Officer*  
Janet K. Kovac ..... ext. 1246  
*Secretary*

Accepts and processes requests and access to public records under the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law. All requests must be in writing and signed by the person making the request.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

- **After-School Drivers Education and Online Drivers Education**  
Katherine M. Monko ..... ext. 1219  
*Dir. of School & Community Svcs.*  
Dennis J. Conwell ..... ext. 1125  
*Driver Education Instructor*  
Crystal D. Corson ..... ext. 1239  
*Secretary*

Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE)-approved drivers education program provided after school and during summers by certified PDE and PennDOT instructors; meets insurance discount requirements; provides the on-road skills examination for licensure

- **Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Service**

Gregory F. Coy .....ext. 1215  
*Coordinator*  
Crystal D. Corson .....ext. 1239  
*Secretary*

Provides AED maintenance service to the region schools. CPR training available through this service to all districts

- **FBI Fingerprinting Service**

Gregory F. Coy .....ext. 1215  
*Coordinator*  
Crystal D. Corson .....ext. 1239  
*Secretary*

Act 114 requires an FBI fingerprinting background clearance check. ARIN is the sole source for this service in Armstrong and Indiana Counties.

- **Omnibus Act Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium**

Gregory F. Coy .....ext. 1215  
*Coordinator*  
Kathleen A. Martz .....ext. 1125  
Stephen B. Mitchell.....ext. 1125  
*Breath Alcohol Technicians*  
Kimberly A. Denardo .....ext. 1217  
Crystal D. Corson .....ext. 1239  
*Secretaries*

Provides Federal Drug and Alcohol Testing Compliance for commercial driver license holders operating vehicles over 26,000 pounds or for persons in company-deemed safety positions

- **Pupil Transportation**

Gregory F. Coy .....ext. 1215  
*Coordinator*  
Kimberly A. Denardo .....ext. 1217  
*Secretary*

Coordinates Individualized Education Program (IEP)-related special needs transportation for district pupils; assistance with and coordination of nonpublic and alternative education transportation available

- **School Bus Driver Certification/Recertification**

Gregory F. Coy .....ext. 1215  
*Coordinator*  
Dennis J. Conwell .....ext. 1125  
*School Bus Driver Instructor*  
Kimberly A. Denardo .....ext. 1217  
*Secretary*

Provides school bus driver instructor courses for districts; coordinates all school bus driver training in ARIN IU 28 region (as PennDOT's instructor coordinator); disseminates school bus regulation updates

- **School Bus Routing Service**

Gregory F. Coy .....ext. 1215  
*Coordinator*  
Kimberly A. Denardo .....ext. 1217  
*Secretary*

Provides tailored bus routing software and administrative services to district participants for regular transportation to and from school; cost analysis models available

- **SchoolCast**

- Gregory F. Coy .....ext. 1215  
*Coordinator*
- Dennis J. Conwell .....ext. 1125  
*Driver Education Instructor*
- Kimberly A. Denardo .....ext. 1217  
*Secretary*

A communications tool to post the cancellations or delay of schools due to inclement weather or an unexpected situation; access SchoolCast on ARIN website...or [www.iu28.org](http://www.iu28.org)

- **Transportation Consulting Service**

- Gregory F. Coy .....ext. 1215  
*Coordinator*
- Kimberly A. Denardo .....ext. 1217  
*Secretary*

ARIN IU 28's Transportation Department will provide consulting services for districts to review their total transportation department operations from RFP and Bid analysis, state reporting assistance, developing and implementing audit finding action plans, policy and contract review, and recommend maximization of state reimbursement strategies available to districts.



# CURRICULUM SUPPORT SERVICES



## ACT 48 ACTIVITIES AND CPE COURSES

- Lynne A. Snyder ..... ext. 1210  
*Supervisor of Curriculum & Inst.*
- Jeremy V. Gaborin ..... ext. 1225  
*Curriculum Specialist*
- Kathleen A. Pinkerton ..... ext. 1701  
*Secretary*

As an approved provider for Act 48, ARIN offers both Act 48 workshops and Continuing Professional Education (CPE) courses. Current offerings can be found on the ARIN website ([www.iu28.org](http://www.iu28.org); on the left, click on “Registration”).

## BRIDGES/CHOICES PURCHASING

- Lynne A. Snyder ..... ext. 1210  
*Supervisor of Curriculum & Inst.*
- Jeremy V. Gaborin ..... ext. 1225  
*Curriculum Specialist*
- Danielle L. Kalgren ..... ext. 1240  
*Secretary*

ARIN coordinates a joint purchasing program for its districts to provide reduced pricing on career exploration/planning software products available from Bridges.

## COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

- Lynne A. Snyder ..... ext. 1210  
*Supervisor of Curriculum & Inst.*
- Jeremy V. Gaborin ..... ext. 1225  
*Curriculum Specialist*
- Danielle L. Kalgren ..... ext. 1240  
*Secretary*

ARIN provides information, training, and support related to Pennsylvania’s proposed plan for transition to the Common Core State Standards, concluding with full implementation for the 2013-2014 school year.

## COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

- Lynne A. Snyder ..... ext. 1210  
*Supervisor of Curriculum & Inst.*
- Jeremy V. Gaborin ..... ext. 1225  
*Curriculum Specialist*
- Lori J. Rodgers ..... ext. 1261  
*Educational Technology Specialist*
- Danielle L. Kalgren ..... ext. 1240  
*Secretary*

ARIN provides information, training, and support related to Pennsylvania's new online Comprehensive Planning tool, as well as the district-level (formerly eStrategic Planning) and school-level (formerly School Improvement Plan/Getting Results) planning processes. (Note: District-level planning now incorporates the following former reports/plans: Academic Standards and Assessment, Academic Standards and Assessment Midpoint Review, Teacher Induction, Professional Development, Educational Technology, Special Education, and Student Services and Records.)

## CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION/ASSESSMENT

- Lynne A. Snyder ..... ext. 1210  
*Supervisor of Curriculum & Inst.*
- Jeremy V. Gaborin ..... ext. 1225  
*Curriculum Specialist*
- Denise Chrispell ..... ext. 1231  
*Secretary*

As requested by ARIN's 11 districts and 2 technical schools, ARIN provides training and resources for topics related to curriculum, assessment, and instructional practices.

## **CURRICULUM COUNCIL**

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Jeremy V. Gaborin ..... ext. 1225  
*Curriculum Specialist*  
Denise Chrispell ..... ext. 1231  
*Secretary*

Representatives from ARIN's 11 districts and 2 technical schools meet monthly for networking and information-sharing related to improving student achievement. Meetings feature PDE and ARIN updates, as well as programs based on group interests and needs.

## **E-FUND GRANT: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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ARIN, in partnership with Appalachia IU 8, is the recipient of an Act 183 E-fund grant which supports professional development opportunities related to the instructional use of SAS-aligned digital content in the areas of Gifted Education, English as a Second Language, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), and College/Career Readiness.

## **GIFTED EDUCATION**

### **• Gifted Liaison/Network**

Lynne A. Snyder ..... ext. 1210  
*Supervisor of Curriculum & Inst.*  
Jeremy V. Gaborin ..... ext. 1225  
*Curriculum Specialist*  
Denise Chrispell ..... ext. 1231  
*Secretary*

Workshops and networking provide a communication link between the Pennsylvania Department of Education and local school districts, as well as training and information for educators who work in support of gifted education.

### **• Gifted Support (GS) Services**

Patricia K. Dodson ..... Homer-Center  
Stephanie D. Jake ..... Saltsburg  
Karen M. Kunkle ..... Blairsville  
*Teachers of Gifted Support*  
Lynne A. Snyder ..... ext. 1210  
*Supervisor of Curriculum & Inst.*  
Denise Chrispell ..... ext. 1231  
*Secretary*

Districts may contract with ARIN for the services of a teacher of gifted support. ARIN provides supervision and support for these teachers as they work within the district structure.

## **GUEST TEACHER PROGRAM**

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Jeremy V. Gaborin ..... ext. 1225  
*Curriculum Specialist*  
Milissa J. Johns ..... ext. 1251  
*Secretary*

ARIN coordinates a Guest Teacher Program to recruit, screen, train, and certify individuals with bachelor's degrees (but not teaching certificates) to serve as emergency day-to-day substitute teachers in ARIN districts participating in the consortium. Additional information can be found at [www.iu28.org](http://www.iu28.org); click on the "Guest Teacher" tab on the left.

**INDUCTION WORKSHOP  
SERIES/NEW MENTOR TRAINING**

- Lynne A. Snyder ..... ext. 1210  
*Supervisor of Curriculum & Inst.*
- Jeremy V. Gaborin ..... ext. 1225  
*Curriculum Specialist*
- Danielle L. Kalgren ..... ext. 1240  
*Secretary*

ARIN offers a series of induction workshops designed for teachers new to the profession and/or new to a district to help them meet state-mandated induction program requirements. A workshop for new mentors is also offered each Fall.

**KEYSTONE EXAMS/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Lynne A. Snyder ..... ext. 1210  
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- Jeremy V. Gaborin ..... ext. 1225  
*Curriculum Specialist*
- Danielle L. Kalgren ..... ext. 1240  
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ARIN provides information, training, and support related to Pennsylvania’s graduation requirements, including the Keystone Exams and the Keystone Project Based Assessment System.

**KEYSTONES TO OPPORTUNITY  
(STRIVING READERS GRANT)**

- Lynne A. Snyder ..... ext. 1210  
*Supervisor of Curriculum & Inst.*
- Katherine M. Monko ..... ext. 1219  
*Dir. of School & Community Svcs.*
- Irene M. Mergen, D.Ed. .... ext. 1248  
*Director of Special Education*
- Jeremy V. Gaborin ..... ext. 1225  
*Curriculum Specialist*
- Danielle L. Kalgren ..... ext. 1240  
*Secretary*

ARIN provides information, training, and support to districts funded through Pennsylvania's Keystones to Opportunity grant, including content training in the nine

baseline areas, as well as pre-school services and more intensive professional development for literacy, birth to grade 12.

**LEARN/WAN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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- Jeremy V. Gaborin ..... ext. 1225  
*Curriculum Specialist*
- Lori J. Rodgers ..... ext. 1261  
*Educational Technology Specialist*
- Denise Chrispell ..... ext. 1231  
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LEARN (Leading Educational Achievement through the Regional Network) is the professional development portion of an Educational Technology Fund (E-Fund) grant received by the Northwestern Pennsylvania Regional Wide Area Network (WAN) consortium (consisting of Intermediate Units 5, 6, and 28). Grant funding supports ARIN in providing professional development opportunities related to the use of the WAN by students and staff of participating districts.

**PDE TOOLS, INITIATIVES, AND RESOURCES TRAINING**

- Lynne A. Snyder ..... ext. 1210  
*Supervisor of Curriculum & Inst.*
- Jeremy V. Gaborin ..... ext. 1225  
*Curriculum Specialist*
- Denise Chrispell ..... ext. 1231  
*Secretary*

ARIN partners with the Pennsylvania Department of Education to provide the districts and technical schools with information and training related to state tools, initiatives, and resources.

**PENNSYLVANIA INSPIRED LEADERSHIP (PIL)/ACT 45**

- Lynne A. Snyder ..... ext. 1210  
*Supervisor of Curriculum & Inst.*
- Danielle L. Kalgren ..... ext. 1240  
*Secretary*

ARIN provides information related to requirements and PDE-approved continuing professional education opportunities for school and system leaders affected by Act 45 of 2007, commonly referred to as “the PIL legislation” (i.e., principals/assistants; superintendents/assistants; intermediate unit executive directors/assistants; and directors of area vocational-technical schools).

**PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTE FOR INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING (PIIC)**

- Lynne A. Snyder ..... ext. 1210  
*Supervisor of Curriculum & Inst.*
- Jeremy V. Gaborin ..... ext. 1225  
*Curriculum Specialist*
- Danielle L. Kalgren ..... ext. 1240  
*Secretary*

PIIC, a partnership of the Annenberg Foundation and PDE, is a statewide initiative that provides uniform and consistent delivery of sustained professional development around instructional coaching and mentoring at the secondary level, with a focus on literacy. Participating districts receive free professional development for instructional coaches/teacher leaders in the areas of secondary literacy and coaching, as well as on-site support from an IU “coach mentor” who provides professional support and development to coaches, as well as assistance to administrators in effectively using instructional strategies to maximize student achievement.

**PENNSYLVANIA SYSTEM OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT (PSSA)**

- Lynne A. Snyder .....ext. 1210  
*Supervisor of Curriculum & Inst.*
- Jeremy V. Gaborin ..... ext. 1225  
*Curriculum Specialist*
- Denise Chrispell ..... ext. 1231  
*Secretary*

ARIN provides information and training relating to statewide PSSA testing, including preparation, administration, and data analysis/interpretation.

**PENNSYLVANIA VALUE-ADDED ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (PVAAS)**

- Lynne A. Snyder .....ext. 1210  
*Supervisor of Curriculum & Inst.*
- Jeremy V. Gaborin ..... ext. 1225  
*Curriculum Specialist*
- Denise Chrispell ..... ext. 1231  
*Secretary*

PVAAS is a tool provided to districts by the Pennsylvania Department of Education that measures student progress and the value schools and districts add to students' educational experiences. ARIN hosts annual trainings/consultation sessions provided by the Statewide PVAAS Core Team and provides technical assistance to districts at their request.

**POWERTEACHING IN MATHEMATICS**

- Lynne A. Snyder .....ext. 1210  
*Supervisor of Curriculum & Inst.*
- Brandon C. Scardina .....ext. 1106  
*Educational Consultant*
- Danielle L. Kalgren ..... ext. 1240  
*Secretary*

ARIN's Curriculum Support Services and ARIN's Training and Consultation (TaC) staff coordinate to offer training and technical assistance in PowerTeaching in Mathematics, a multi-day lesson framework and set of instructional techniques that engages students and extends their

mathematical thinking. The workshop series incorporates effective staff development practices (including on-going support and coaching from IU personnel), the development of a teacher learning community within a school, and a focus on a core set of research-based, highly effective instructional strategies.

**RESPONSE TO INSTRUCTION AND INTERVENTION (RtII)**

- Lynne A. Snyder .....ext. 1210  
*Supervisor of Curriculum & Inst.*
- Lisa M. Anderson .....ext. 1228
- Jeanette M. Hertzler .....ext. 1232
- Brandon C. Scardina .....ext. 1106  
*Educational Consultants*
- Danielle L. Kalgren .....ext. 1240  
*Secretary*

ARIN's Curriculum Support Services and ARIN's Training and Consultation (TaC) staff coordinate to offer training and technical assistance for districts implementing Response to Instruction and Intervention (RtII), a three-tiered model for providing early assistance for students in the areas of reading, mathematics, and behavior.

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**

- Lynne A. Snyder .....ext. 1210  
*Supervisor of Curriculum & Inst.*
- Jeremy V. Gaborin ..... ext. 1225  
*Curriculum Specialist*
- Denise Chrispell ..... ext. 1231  
*Secretary*

ARIN provides information, training, and support related to Pennsylvania’s *Getting Results* online continuous improvement tool/framework. Plans for schools in School Improvement I and Corrective Action I must be reviewed and signed by ARIN’s Executive Director prior to submission to PDE; however, *all* schools are encouraged to seek assistance/feedback from ARIN throughout their plan development process.

**STANDARDS-ALIGNED SYSTEM (SAS)**

- Lynne A. Snyder .....ext. 1210  
*Supervisor of Curriculum & Inst.*
- Jeremy V. Gaborin ..... ext. 1225  
*Curriculum Specialist*
- Denise Chrispell ..... ext. 1231  
*Secretary*

ARIN provides information, training, and support related to PDE’s Standards Aligned System (SAS) online portal, including Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDT) and the Curriculum Mapping tool. More intensive support services may be contracted to meet specific district needs.

**SUMMER SCHOOL**

- Lynne A. Snyder .....ext. 1210  
*Supervisor of Curriculum & Inst.*
- Jeremy V. Gaborin ..... ext. 1225  
*Curriculum Specialist*
- Danielle L. Kalgren .....ext. 1240  
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The ARIN Summer School Program is a credit-recovery program for students in grades 7 through 12. Additional information can be found at [www.iu28.org](http://www.iu28.org); click on the “Summer School” tab on the left.

**TEACHER EFFECTIVENESS (EVALUATION)**

- Lynne A. Snyder .....ext. 1210  
*Supervisor of Curriculum & Inst.*
- Irene M. Mergen, D.Ed. ....ext. 1248  
*Director of Special Education*
- Danielle L. Kalgren .....ext. 1240  
*Secretary*

ARIN provides information, training, and support related to Pennsylvania’s Teacher Effectiveness initiative. Currently in Phase II Implementation, the model uses a performance-based rubric based on the four domains and twenty-two components of Charlotte Danielson’s Framework for Teaching.



# EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY/ INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA SERVICES



## **AUDIO/VISUAL AND COMPUTER REPAIR**

- Derrick A. Mergen .....ext. 1262  
*Coordinator of Technology/Media Svcs.*  
 Scott L. Marino .....ext. 1121  
*Repair Technician I*  
 Jill M. Ramer .....ext. 1262  
*Secretary*

Carry in or onsite repair, and preventative maintenance services for school district VCRs, TVs, audio/visual, and computer equipment.

## **DATA PROCESSING & OFFICE AUTOMATION TECHNOLOGIES**

- Derrick A. Mergen .....ext. 1262  
*Coordinator of Technology/Media Svcs.*  
 Roger L. Damon .....ext. 1265  
*Program Coordinator*  
 Jill M. Ramer .....ext. 1262  
*Secretary*

Support for accounting, payroll, pupil and personnel applications; research, pricing, recommendations, and technical assistance for school districts on microcomputer hardware and software, networking solutions, and strategies for managing office technologies.

## **DESKTOP CONFERENCING/ WEBINARS**

- Derrick A. Mergen .....ext. 1262  
*Coordinator of Technology/Media Svcs.*  
 Lori J. Rodgers .....ext. 1261  
*Program Coordinator*  
 Jill M. Ramer .....ext. 1262  
*Secretary*

Training and support for desktop conferencing using Elluminate client software to enable web meetings.

Teachers and administrators can request virtual rooms for meetings, webinars, and distance learning activities.

## **DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICES**

- Derrick A. Mergen .....ext. 1262  
*Coordinator of Technology/Media Svcs.*  
 Roger L. Damon .....ext. 1265  
*Program Coordinator*  
 Jill M. Ramer .....ext. 1262  
*Secretary*

ARIN coordinates a disaster recovery services consortium between the Purchase Line School District and the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District, providing reciprocal server hosting and technology facilities sharing in the event of a catastrophic hardware failure in student, payroll, or accounting software systems.

## **E-RATE SUPPORT**

- Derrick A. Mergen .....ext. 1262  
*Coordinator of Technology/Media Svcs.*  
 Travis W. Stormer .....ext. 1264  
*Program Coordinator*  
 Jill M. Ramer .....ext. 1262  
*Secretary*

E-rate technical assistance for school districts participating in the FCC's Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) rebate program.

**GRAPHICS, WEB-DESIGN,  
MULTIMEDIA, DESKTOP  
PUBLISHING, AND  
PRESENTATION SERVICES**

- Derrick A. Mergen .....ext. 1262  
*Coordinator of Technology/Media Svcs.*
- Travis W. Stormer .....ext. 1264  
*Program Coordinator*
- Jill M. Ramer .....ext. 1262  
*Secretary*

Technical assistance, design, layout, and development of fliers, brochures, charts, business graphics, and multimedia computer presentations

**INSTRUCTIONAL/CLASSROOM  
COMPUTING SUPPORT**

- Derrick A. Mergen .....ext. 1262  
*Coordinator of Technology/Media Svcs.*
- Lori J. Rodgers .....ext. 1261  
*Program Coordinator*
- Jill M. Ramer .....ext. 1262  
*Secretary*

Training, technical assistance, instructional software, research, curriculum integration recommendations, and referrals for classroom teachers and technology coordinators, including activities related to Technology Integration Mentorship and CFF (Classrooms for the Future).

**INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA  
SERVICES (IMS)**

- Derrick A. Mergen .....ext. 1262  
*Coordinator of Technology/Media Svcs.*
- Jill M. Ramer .....ext. 1262  
*Secretary*

Media lending library offering 5,000 items including: VHS video tapes, videodiscs, CD-ROMs, DVDs, and computer software; pickup and delivery of media and interoffice mail; short-term audio/visual equipment loan program; preparation of instructional materials; cooperative purchasing of audio/visual equipment and supplies; and a professional resource library

**INTER-LIBRARY DELIVERY  
SERVICE (IDS)**

- Derrick A. Mergen .....ext. 1262  
*Coordinator of Technology/Media Svcs.*
- Jill M. Ramer .....ext. 1262  
*Secretary*

ARIN participates in the Inter-Library Delivery Service, which facilitates the interchange of resources between libraries and other members of the AccessPA system.

**PAIUnet SUPPORT SERVICES**

- Derrick A. Mergen .....ext. 1262  
*Coordinator of Technology/Media Svcs.*
- Roger L. Damon .....ext. 1265
- Travis W. Stormer .....ext. 1264  
*Program Coordinators*
- Jill M. Ramer .....ext. 1262  
*Secretary*

Network support to school districts participating in the PAIUnet consortium. Technical support for TCP-IP applications, website design and hosting, router configuration, switching, bandwidth monitoring, bandwidth shaping, and packet filtering.

**PENN\*LINK SUPPORT**

- Derrick A. Mergen .....ext. 1262  
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- Roger L. Damon .....ext. 1265  
*Program Coordinator*
- Jill M. Ramer .....ext. 1262  
*Secretary*

ARIN provides support and coordination for Penn\*Link, an email-based system providing direct communications between all educational entities in Pennsylvania, as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(TechCom)**

- Derrick A. Mergen .....ext. 1262  
*Coordinator of Technology/Media Svcs.*
- Lori J. Rodgers .....ext. 1261  
*Program Coordinator*
- Jill M. Ramer .....ext. 1262  
*Secretary*

Regional advisory council for school district technology coordinators ~ Technology Advisory Council (TAC); assessment and planning for school district technology plans; tele-communication planning and support on telephone systems and site-wiring plans for data, voice, and video networks

**STAFF TRAINING/  
TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR  
COMPUTER APPLICATIONS**

- Derrick A. Mergen .....ext. 1262  
*Coordinator of Technology/Media Svcs.*
- Connie A. Bence .....ext. 1263  
*Computer Technician II*
- Jill M. Ramer .....ext. 1262  
*Secretary*

Training and technical support for microcomputer software applications including word processing, spreadsheets, database management, multimedia applications, and Microsoft Windows

**VIDEOCONFERENCING AND  
DISTANCE LEARNING SUPPORT**

- Connie A. Bence .....ext. 1263  
*Computer Technician II*
- Jill M. Ramer .....ext. 1262  
*Secretary*

On-site videoconferences; coordination and technical assistance for school district distance-learning programs.

**VIDEO STREAMING SERVICES**

- Derrick A. Mergen .....ext. 1262  
*Coordinator of Technology/Media Svcs.*
- Lori J. Rodgers .....ext. 1261  
*Program Coordinator*
- Jill M. Ramer .....ext. 1262  
*Secretary*

Group purchasing of high-quality digital video-on-demand services and teacher resources that are aligned to Pennsylvania's academic standards. Video titles from publishers that include Schlessinger Media, PBS, The History Channel, National Geographic, Disney Education, BBC, Sesame Street, WGHB, and more. School districts may purchase from Discovery Education, Safari Montage, and Learn 360.

**WIDE AREA NETWORK (WAN)  
SERVICES**

- Derrick A. Mergen .....ext. 1262  
*Coordinator of Technology/Media Svcs.*
- Roger L. Damon .....ext. 1265
- Travis W. Stormer .....ext. 1264  
*Program Coordinators*
- Jill M. Ramer .....ext. 1262  
*Secretary*

Aggregated broadband Internet access and network support to school districts participating in the ARIN wide area networking (WAN) consortium. Technical support for TCP-IP applications, website design and hosting, router configuration, switching, bandwidth monitoring, bandwidth shaping, and packet filtering.



## PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### • **Local Education and Resource Network (LEARN)**

- Katherine M. Monko ..... ext. 1219  
*Dir. of School & Community Svcs.*
- Kathleen A. Shick ..... ext. 1205  
*Community Engagement Coord.*
- Cheryl L. Blake ..... ext. 1211  
*Secretary*

Coordination of community-wide effort to promote the positive impact of early care and education programs in Armstrong County

### • **Family Focus Program**

- Katherine M. Monko ..... ext. 1219  
*Dir. of School & Community Svcs.*
- Kathleen A. Shick (Ind. Cty.) ..... ext. 1205  
*Family Services Specialist*
- Cheryl L. Blake ..... ext. 1211  
*Secretary*

A home visiting program, for children birth to entrance of kindergarten, which focuses on parenting, child development and school readiness. Services are free, voluntary and not determined by income

### • **Fatherhood Initiative**

- Katherine M. Monko ..... ext. 1219  
*Dir. of School & Community Svcs.*
- Gary J. Simmons ..... ext. 1229  
*Fatherhood Specialist*
- Cheryl L. Blake ..... ext. 1211  
*Secretary*

Program for teen fathers to encourage parental responsibility and increase awareness of the importance of fathers in the lives of their children, while completing their high school education

### • **Grandparents as Parents (GAP)**

- Katherine M. Monko ..... ext. 1219  
*Dir. of School & Community Svcs.*
- Andrea L. Sheesley ..... ext. 1235  
*GAP Program Liaison*
- Cheryl L. Blake ..... ext. 1204  
*Secretary*

Support group for grandparents and other relatives who serve as the primary care giver to a family member's child

### • **Parent-Child Home Program (PCHP)**

- Katherine M. Monko ..... ext. 1219  
*Dir. of School & Community Svcs.*
- Lanna K. Shaw ..... ext. 1203  
*Coord./Armstrong County*
- Deneen R. Peters ..... ext. 1236  
*Coord./Indiana County*
- Cheryl L. Blake ..... ext. 1211  
*Secretary*

A home visiting program, for children who are two years old, that focuses on parent-child interaction and pre-literacy skills

**PROGRAMS FOR  
SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN**

• **Bully Prevention Program**

Katherine M. Monko .....ext. 1219  
*Dir. of School & Community Svcs.*  
Cheryl L. Blake .....ext. 1211  
*Secretary*

Coordinates violence prevention programs in local districts while educating individuals on the negative impact of bullying

• **Drug and Alcohol Prevention Education**

Katherine M. Monko .....ext. 1219  
*Dir. of School & Community Svcs.*  
Linda G. Chicka .....ext. 1201  
*Certified Prevention Specialist*  
Maureen J. Bourke .....ext. 1208  
L. Ella Zagurskie .....ext. 1202  
Robin L. Fiedler .....ext. 1238  
*Prevention Specialists*  
Cheryl L. Blake .....ext. 1211  
*Secretary*

Variety of services including presentations, prevention education, training/technical assistance, and media resources to local school districts and community agencies

• **Educational Services for Conewago Indiana**

Katherine M. Monko .....ext. 1219  
*Dir. of School & Community Svcs.*  
Jennifer N. Dean .....724-471-3037  
*Teacher of At-Risk Students*  
Samantha K. Glass .....724-471-3037  
*Teacher of Special Education and Mathematics*  
Gwen L. Sadler .....ext. 1204  
*Secretary*

ARIN provides educational services for adolescents residing at the Conewago Drug & Alcohol Inpatient Treatment Facility in Indiana.

• **English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) Program**

Elizabeth Rafferty Duncan, Ph.D. ext. 2307  
*Program Coordinator*  
Maryanne Cherubini .....ext. 2305  
*Instructor*  
Jessica B. Neal .....ext. 2307  
*Part-time Instructor*  
Sherree C. Ashbaugh .....ext. 2307  
*Secretary*

Services to local districts and nonpublic schools relating to non-native English speakers. Examples of these services include: Screening, Diagnostic Testing, Staff Training, Staff Support and Direct ESL Instruction

• **Health-Related Services**

Katherine M. Monko .....ext. 1219  
*Dir. of School & Community Svcs.*  
Denise Chrispell .....ext. 1231  
*Secretary*

Direct and consultative occupational and physical therapy related services for pupils with disabilities; consultative psychiatric services

• **Pregnant and Parenting Teen Program (PPT)**

Katherine M. Monko .....ext. 1219  
*Dir. of School & Community Svcs.*  
Christina Genchur .....ext. 1207  
Julia A. Valenti .....ext. 1206  
Tammy J. Wolfe .....ext. 1128  
*Family Outreach Educators*  
Cheryl L. Blake .....ext. 1211  
*Secretary*

Program enabling pregnant and parenting teens to graduate from high school, and to ensure the good health and development of their children

- **Project LIFE (*Learning Is For Everyone*)**

Katherine M. Monko ..... ext. 1219  
*Dir. of School & Community Svcs.*  
Andrea L. Sheesley ..... ext. 1235  
*Homeless Program Regional Coord.*  
Maureen J. Bourke ..... ext. 1208  
*Site Coordinator*  
Gwen Sadler ..... ext. 1204  
*Secretary*

Project LIFE is a Homeless Children's Initiative which was developed in response to the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Act. This act requires that states assure that homeless children and youth receive equal access to a free, appropriate public education

- **School Safety**

Katherine M. Monko ..... ext. 1219  
*Dir. of School & Community Svcs.*  
Denise Chrispell ..... ext. 1231  
*Secretary*

Representatives from school districts, the two technology schools, local law enforcement, district attorneys' offices, community agencies and ARIN meet to share strategies and approaches to facilitate safe schools in Armstrong and Indiana Counties

- **School Nurses' Collaboration**

Katherine M. Monko ..... ext. 1219  
*Dir. of School & Community Svcs.*  
Denise Chrispell ..... ext. 1231  
*Secretary*

Coordinated networking and professional education opportunities provided for school nurses serving children in buildings throughout Armstrong and Indiana Counties

- **Summer Youth**

Elizabeth Rafferty Duncan, Ph.D. ext. 2307  
*Program Coordinator*  
Tammy Blumling ..... ext. 2329  
*Year-Round Instructor*  
Sherree C. Ashbaugh ..... ext. 2307  
*Secretary*

A Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Youth Council funded Academic Enrichment Initiative

- **21st Century Community Learning Centers**

Katherine M. Monko ..... ext. 1219  
*Dir. of School & Community Svcs.*  
Cheryl L. Blake ..... ext. 1211  
*Secretary*

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers assist youth to meet state standards for core academic subjects by providing students with academic enrichment opportunities. One of the key aspects of Pennsylvania's CCLC program initiative is an emphasis on active youth and family participation. This program is currently operating in the Homer Center and Purchase Line School Districts through a contract with the Evergreen Boys and Girls Club.

**PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**

• **Project TIPS (Teaching Incarcerated Parenting Skills)**

- Katherine M. Monko ..... ext. 1219  
*Dir. of School & Community Svcs.*
- Kathleen A. Shick ..... ext. 1205  
*Family Outreach Educator*
- Cheryl L. Blake ..... ext. 1211  
*Secretary*

This program provides female inmates at the Armstrong County Jail with activities to expand their parenting knowledge while maintaining the bond with their child.

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 • The following programs are offered •  
 • through the ARIN Center for Education •  
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**ARIN CENTER FOR EDUCATION**

300 Indian Springs Road  
 Indiana, PA 15701-3656  
 Phone: 724-463-5300  
 FAX: 724-471-7225

• **Adult Basic Education (ABE)/ General Education Development (GED)/Distance Learning**

- Elizabeth Rafferty Duncan, Ph.D. ext. 2307  
*Program Coordinator*
- Tammy R. Blumling ..... ext. 2329
- Maryanne Cherubini ..... ext. 2305
- John B. Pryde ..... ext. 2307
- Nonna J. Randal ..... ext. 2311
- Betty J. Selkirk ..... ext. 2335  
*Instructors in Adult Programs*
- Sarah E. (Brown) Muth ..... ext. 2307
- Zachary D. Cox ..... ext. 2307  
*Part-time Instructors*
- Sherree C. Ashbaugh ..... ext. 2307  
*Secretary*

ABE - For adults who are interested in improving their basic skills in reading, writing, or math  
 GED - For adults who are interested in preparing for the GED examination  
 Institutional Adult Programs exist in each county's jail.

• **Adult Literacy Program**

- Elizabeth Rafferty Duncan, Ph.D. ext. 2307  
*Program Coordinator*
- Sherree C. Ashbaugh ..... ext. 2307  
*Secretary*

Trains volunteer tutors and matches them with adults who need Basic Education, GED Preparation, or ESL instruction

• **English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) Program**

- Elizabeth Rafferty Duncan, Ph.D. ext. 2307  
*Program Coordinator*
- Bryan D. Matulay ..... ext. 2307  
*Part-time Instructor*
- Sherree C. Ashbaugh ..... ext. 2307  
*Secretary*

For adults learning English-as-a-Second Language

• **General Educational Development (GED) Test Center**

- Elizabeth Rafferty Duncan, Ph.D. ext. 2307  
*Program Coordinator*
- Sherree C. Ashbaugh ..... ext. 2307  
*Secretary*

The General Educational Development (GED) Test provides people who have not completed high school with an opportunity to obtain a High School Equivalency Diploma.



# SPECIAL EDUCATION



## PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

### EARLY INTERVENTION (EI) PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

- Irene M. Mergen, D.Ed. .... ext. 1248  
*Director of Special Education*
- David M. Norris ..... ext. 1245  
*Supervisor*
- Kristin B. Bell ..... ext. 1103
- Patricia J. Kinter ..... ext. 1216
- Deborah L. Nagy ..... ext. 1103  
*Service Coordinators*
- Tammy J. Hite ..... ext. 1234
- Patricia J. Kirkpatrick ..... ext. 1222  
*Secretaries*

Assistance for preschool children with disabilities, including screening, assessment, educational referral, and educational programs; special education classes, itinerant services, home-based services, and speech/ language therapy groups

### PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

- Irene M. Mergen, D.Ed. .... ext. 1248  
*Director of Special Education*
- Sharon L. Arbuckle ..... Armstrong
- Beth Ann Blystone ..... Indiana
- Deborah M. Dudd ..... Purchase Line/Nonpublic
- Sherri L. Ellison ..... Apollo-Ridge
- Rene' Fetchkan ..... United
- Cheryl A. Henkel ..... Blairsville
- Jennifer S. Kuzemchak ..... Marion Center
- Deborah K. Lester .... Homer-Center/Indiana
- Melissa Peace ..... Indiana/Preschool
- Lorie J. Pinge ..... Armstrong
- Kimberly A. Rode ..... Penns Manor
- Jamie A. Rowe ..... Freeport
- Jill M. Sommers ..... Preschool/Leechburg
- Christina Sylvester ..... Saltsburg/Nonpublic  
*School Psychologists*

- Amanda Kneice Lute ..... United  
*Long-term Sub. School Psychologist*
- Denise Chrispell ..... ext. 1231  
*Secretary*

School psychologists provide consultation, evaluation and re-evaluation of student strengths and needs, psychological counseling, and crisis response to local school districts, nonpublic schools, and the early intervention program.

### SPECIALIZED BASIC EDUCATION INSTRUCTION

- Robert T. Truscello ..... ext. 1220  
*Supervisor*
- Nancy S. Timpe ..... *Adapted PE*
- Patricia K. Dodson ..... *Art*
- Susan M. Velesig ..... *Music Teachers*
- Gwen Sadler ..... ext. 1204  
*Secretary*

Basic Education services for students with disabilities covering art, music, and physical education instruction

### SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTION

#### • Blind and Visually Impaired Support (BVIS)

- Robert T. Truscello ..... ext. 1220  
*Supervisor*
- Gwen Sadler ..... ext. 1204  
*Secretary*

Designed for students whose primary needs are sensory support due to blindness or impaired vision which adversely affects educational performance

- **Community-Based Instruction (CBI)**

Regina M. Geesey ..... ext. 1212  
*Supervisor*  
Kathleen A. Pinkerton ..... ext. 1701  
*Secretary*

Designed for students who require instruction in daily living skills in the environments where they use the skills; specifically in their home communities

- **Deaf and Hard of Hearing Support (DHoHS)**

David M. Norris ..... ext. 1245  
*Supervisor*  
Denise Chrispell ..... ext. 1231  
*Secretary*

Designed for students whose primary needs are sensory support due to mild to severe loss of hearing or deafness

- **Learning Support (LS)**

Regina M. Geesey ..... ext. 1212  
Robert T. Truscello ..... ext. 1220  
*Supervisors*  
Kathleen A. Pinkerton ..... ext. 1701  
Gwen Sadler ..... ext. 1204  
*Secretaries*

Designed for students whose primary needs are support in academic learning with emphasis placed on a standards-aligned curriculum with specially designed instruction to support student success

- **Life Skills Support (LSS)**

Regina M. Geesey ..... ext. 1212  
Robert T. Truscello ..... ext. 1220  
*Supervisors*  
Kathleen A. Pinkerton ..... ext. 1701  
Gwen Sadler ..... ext. 1204  
*Secretaries*

Classes designed for students whose primary needs are in the development of skills necessary for independent living for the areas of functional academics and community living skills

- **Speech/Language Support (SLS)**

Regina M. Geesey ..... ext. 1212  
Robert T. Truscello ..... ext. 1220  
*Supervisors*  
Kathleen A. Pinkerton ..... ext. 1701  
Gwen Sadler ..... ext. 1204  
*Secretaries*

Designed for students who require specific support to correct communication problems which interfere with the learning process

- **Vocational Education/ Work Experience**

Irene M. Mergen, D.Ed. .... ext. 1248  
*Director of Special Education*  
Adrienne L. Stiteler ..... ext. 1105  
*Work Experience Coordinator*  
Danielle L. Kalgren ..... ext. 1240  
*Secretary*

Cooperative arrangements between schools and businesses for students with disabilities who are at least 16 years old to work part-time while continuing to attend school

## **SPEECH CLINICIANS**

Janice M. Appolonia ..... Homer-Center/  
Ben Franklin Elem  
Kathleen B. Beers ..... Preschool  
Kristin B. Bell ..... Preschool  
Jessica Bowser-Allshouse ..... Preschool  
Dawn J. Cypher ..... United/Preschool  
Carol A. Davies ..... Preschool  
Nicole S. DiGioia ..... Apollo-Ridge/  
Freeport/Preschool  
Dorothy R. Empfield ..... Homer-Center Elem  
Heidi S. Fleming ..... Purchase Line  
Jayna (McIntire) Greenfield ..... Preschool  
Kathleen L. Hefferin ..... Preschool  
Debra A. Karcher ..... Preschool  
Sue Ellen McIntire ..... Freeport  
Jennifer D. Moore ..... Blairsville  
Margaret A. Mortimer ..... Preschool  
Deborah L. Nagy ..... Preschool  
Kelly S. Rupp ..... Preschool  
Lori N. Sacco ..... Penns Manor/Nonpublic  
Keriann (Kriss) Schoepke ..... Preschool  
Renee B. Thomas ..... Preschool  
Lindsay N. Whited ..... United Elem  
Judith A. Yates ..... Nonpublic  
Denise A. Zabinski ..... Blairsville-Saltsburg

## **TEACHERS**

Melissa A. Adams, *BVIS* ..... Itinerant  
Holly Benavidez, *PRE* ..... Preschool  
Rachel D. Boyer, *LSS* ..... Blairsville Elem  
Teresa Buggey, *PRE* ..... Preschool  
Patricia Colligan, *PRE* ..... Itinerant  
Lacie M. Cook, *LS* ..... Saltsburg Middle/HS  
Lyssa H. Danel, *BVIS* ..... Itinerant  
Rosalind DiBiasi, *LSS* ..... Homer-Center HS  
Patricia K. Dodson, *ART* ..... Itinerant  
G. Al Fiedler, *CBI/Job Coach* .....  
Janice E. Foister, *LSS* ..... Blairsville Middle  
Victoria L. Franco, *DHoHS* ..... Itinerant  
Christina O. Freyvogel, *DHoHS* ..... Itinerant  
Rebekah Grafton, *DHoHS* .. Homer-Center HS  
Christine T. Hughes, *DHoHS* ..... Itinerant  
Nancy R. Jones, *BVIS* ..... Itinerant  
Thomas A. Lester, *LSS* .... Homer-Center Elem  
Larry J. McCluskey, *LS* .. Saltsburg Middle/HS

Pamela J. Michael, *LS* ..... Homer-Center Elem  
Lisa Nymick, *PRE* ..... Itinerant  
Jane F. Piccirillo, *PRE* ..... Itinerant  
Maria Razayeski, *LS* ..... United HS  
Rhonda Reinholtz, *LSS* ..... Blairsville HS  
Cindy L. Scott, *LS* ..... Homer-Center HS  
Lila L. Simon, *LS* ..... Blairsville Elem  
Karen L. Skroupa, *LSS* ..... Apollo-Ridge HS  
Karen S. Smith, *LS* ..... Saltsburg Middle/HS  
Nancy S. Timpe, *Adapted PE* ..... Itinerant  
William Tonkin, *LS* ..... Homer-Center HS  
Susan M. Velesig, *Music* ..... Itinerant  
Cheryl A. Watson, *PRE* ..... Itinerant  
Wendy Williams, *DHoHS* ..... Itinerant

## **INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS**

Shelley L. Anderson ..... Blairsville Middle  
Vicki L. Brown ..... Saltsburg Elem  
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### LEGEND

BVIS = Blind & Visually Impaired Support  
CBI = Community-Based Instruction  
DHoHS = Deaf & Hard of Hearing Support  
LS = Learning Support  
LSS = Life Skills Support  
PE = Physical Education  
PRE = Preschool

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Technical assistance and/or training in the use of any type of device to assist individuals with disabilities in performing communication functions

### • **Autism Inclusive Practices**

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Training and support for school district teams in providing appropriate educational environments for students with autism spectrum disorders

Technical assistance in ensuring a **Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)** in the **Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)**

### • **Interagency Coordination**

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Technical assistance in bringing schools and agencies together to support children and families in a collaborative manner

### • **Positive Behavior Support**

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Technical assistance to support teachers and school district teams in using prevention and intervention strategies to support appropriate social skill development and to reduce challenging student behavior in schools.

### • **Response to Instruction and Intervention (RtII) [includes Reading, Math, and Progress Monitoring]**

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Technical assistance in developing and implementing effective literacy programs which align scientifically research-based instruction and assessment to the PA Academic Standards. Implementation of programs and practices in the Response to Instruction and Intervention (RtII) framework.

• **Secondary Transition**

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Technical assistance to school districts to ensure an effective transition from school to work or post-secondary education for students with disabilities

**ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES**

**EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY)**

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Extended School Year program services for students with disabilities whose Individual Education Program indicates eligibility and need

**LOCAL TASK FORCE (LTF) ON THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION**

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Consumer-directed advisory group to share information, offer recommendations, and monitor programs and services for students with disabilities

**PENNDATA/ STUDENT TRACKING/ CHILD ACCOUNTING**

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Operation of pupil tracking for all exceptional students ~ providing a broad range of data for federal, state, and local reporting

**SECTION 504, CHAPTER 15 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE**

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Technical assistance to ARIN and school district personnel to support nondiscriminatory practices

**SPECIAL EDUCATION PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS**

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Technical assistance to school district personnel and families to ensure correct implementation of state and federal special education regulations

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Direct supervision of IU-operated special education programs, teachers, clinicians and paraprofessionals by certificated Supervisors of Special Education; assistance with district special education plans, coordination of special education programs and services K-12, monitoring of student progress, procedural safeguards, and cyclical monitoring of local district programs

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