



# Beaver County Local Task Force Newsletter November & December 2019



*Providing only the best educational services that support learners of all ages.*

BEAVER VALLEY INTERMEDIATE UNIT

UPCOMING LOCAL HAPPENINGS

## Updates and Happenings

by Melissa Lanious

### Transition Council Meetings

December's Transition Council meeting will be held on December 13, 2019 at the BVIU.

### Resources for Parents

Tips for improving your child's math skills.

<https://www.nwea.org/blog/2018/parent-strategies-for-improving-their-childs-math/>

### Happenings

Save the Date!!



Special Olympics Track & Field event at Geneva College is scheduled for April 17, 2019



BVIU will be closed for Thanksgiving and Christmas: November 28, 29, and December 2<sup>nd</sup>, December 24, 25, and January 1.





# PREPARING TO TRANSITION

Are you a parent of a school aged youth with special needs?  
Join us as our experts discuss Goal Setting/Action Plans, Waiver  
Funding, Protecting Money, Guardianship and POA.

December 7, 2019 | 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

All are welcome to attend this regional event!

Cranberry Township Municipal Center

2525 Rochester Rd., Cranberry Township, PA 16066

Check in and a light breakfast starting at 9:00AM; resources available.

Contact Jackie at [jackie.eppler@cranberrydiversity.org](mailto:jackie.eppler@cranberrydiversity.org)  
or 724-584-4920.

Respite options are available for the event! Register for respite at  
<https://mygcc.org/events/>





Beaver County  
System of Care

## Late Fall 2019 MHFA Trainings

### Mental Health First Aid Training

**December 6, 9:00am–5:00pm**

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is an interactive 8-hour certification course that introduces participants to risk factors, warning signs, impacts of mental health problems, and overviews of common treatments. Participants learn a five-step action plan encompassing the skills, resources, and knowledge to help an individual in a psychiatric crisis connect with appropriate professional, social, and self-help care.

Date(s)/Location(s):

Beaver County Behavioral Health is pleased to sponsor...

### Mental Health First Aid Training

**Beaver County 911 Center**                      **December 6, 2019**  
351 14<sup>th</sup> Street                                      9:00am – 5:00pm  
Ambridge, PA 15003

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The course also helps participants learn the prevalence of various mental health disorders in the United States. MHFA is designed to fight stigma associated with mental illness and to address the real desire to help someone who is struggling.

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**Mental Health First Aid**  
**12/6/19**  
This training *is FREE* of charge, but pre-registration is required.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration begins at 8:45 am. Lunch is on your own.

Return the completed registration form by e-mail:  
[jennifer@etc-pa.com](mailto:jennifer@etc-pa.com) or fax: **412-244-1244**  
251 Woodside Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15221



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The Training and Consulting staff at the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit consists of the individuals below. The training and consulting staff spends time within our local districts training, supporting as well as consulting on state wide educational initiatives.

To reach the entire TaC team please email [TaC@bviu.org](mailto:TaC@bviu.org)



The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit would like to wish you and yours the happiest of holidays and may you have a Happy and Healthy New Year! See you in 2020!



# Upcoming TaC Trainings

## Upcoming Trainings:

To See and Register for **ANY** training offered by the TAC team at the BVIU please visit our registration page listed below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/bviu-tac-17732709101>

November 19, 2019- **Writing IEPs for Educational Benefit**. Free.

November 25, 2019- **Communication Commons: SLP Superheroes**. Free.

November 26, 2019- **LETRS Module 9: Teaching Beginning Spelling and Writing**. Cost \$55. Participants must have attended Module 1 previously.

December 4-5, 2019- **CPI 2-Day Foundation Course**. Cost \$23. Must attend both days.

December 9, 2019- **CPI Refresher Course**. Cost \$23. For staff who have taken the training since December 2016.

December 13, 2019- **Transition Council Meeting**. Free.

December 16, 2019- **LETRS Module 10: Reading Big Words: Syllabication and Advanced Decoding**. Cost \$55. Participants must have attended Module 1 previously.

January 9, 2020- **Seeing Your IEP Goals with 20/20 Vision**. Free.



**BVIU Training and Consultation (Tac)**  
**Go-To At-A-Glance**  
2019-2020

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- Paraeducator Support
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- Functional Behavior Assessments (FBA)
- Classroom Management
- School Climate

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- Transition & Indicator 13
- Educational Benefits Review (EBR)
- IEP Writing
- Youth Employment Skills (YES Academy)

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- Inclusive Practices / Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)
- Numeracy / Math
- Differentiated Instruction
- Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)

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- Autism
- Intensive Interagency Support
- Disability Awareness
- Social / Emotional Learning