

What is SEPTA and how can WEPR support your unit

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A **Special Education PTA** or SEPTA/SEPTSA is a unit organized for those interested in the issues of educating **special needs** and/or gifted and talented children. All SEPTA's conduct regular business meetings during the school year just like any **PTA**. Some districts have a group of parents that operate as a sub committee under their PTA and others choose to create an independent unit that operates under its own bylaws.



Why start a Special Education PTA?

Families with children who have special needs often seek out opportunities to meet other parents in similar circumstances. (SEPTAs) provide this opportunity and often bring together families. Becoming a SEPTA provides families with an organizational structure, resources and the opportunity to be a collective voice for their child and for all children. Other benefits are that SEPTAs sponsor workshops and speakers on topics that can help better advocate for exceptional children and topics that can help parents better understand aspects of special needs and many diagnoses. Many SEPTAs start out with a general topic like understanding your child's IEP or 504plan, the rights of your special needs child, and the parent's rights under IDEA.

SPEAKERS, PARENT TRAINING AND TOPICS

Advocacy- SEPTA and Advocacy tend to go hand and hand. Bringing in Speakers that present on Advocacy can educate parents on how to best advocate for their child(ren). Also, bringing in An advocate could benefit families who may not be able to afford to pay for an advocate on their own . There are also attorneys that will speak

Expert on social emotional learning- Topics include DBT (Dialectical behavior therapy, Executive Functioning, nutrition and more

Acces-VR Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation. Will come present on options after highschool for vocational training or higher education.

HOW WEPR CAN HELP YOUR UNIT

Collaboration- We can help bridge units together to help collaborate resources.

Speakers- Negotiate special speaker rates and/or help host one large event.

Support- We are here for you and your unit. Have a question? Need to brainstorm? It's why we are here.



WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FROM US?