

## PARENTS' GUIDE TO ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION FOR DISRUPTIVE YOUTH (AEDY) PROGRAMS

The purpose of this guide is to provide you with information about your child's rights and responsibilities regarding placement in an Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth (AEDY) Program in Pennsylvania.

AEDY Programs were created to provide education to students in grades 6-12 who have been removed from the regular education setting for certain disciplinary reasons. These programs help students work on behavioral problems while, at the same time keeping up with their school work.

Placements in AEDY Programs are temporary. Students may only stay in placement until they have met their behavioral goals, at which time, students return to the regular education setting.

Schools placing students in AEDY programs and AEDY programs may not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, disability, and/or any other legally protected category.

### TRANSITION PLAN

The purpose of a transition plan is to help your child return to the regular education setting. Transition plans must be created to help your child be successful. Your child's transition may take as much or as little time as needed.

Even though it might seem like a good idea for your child to stay in the AEDY Program due to success, it is important to return to the regular education setting. For that reason, once behavioral goals are met, a transition plan must begin.

### QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) approves applications from school districts, intermediate units, and private providers to run AEDY programs. If you have questions or concerns about your child's placement please contact the PDE AEDY Team at:

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