

# April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

**All throughout April, organizations across the country hold a wide range of ceremonial events and educational activities focusing on the prevention of child abuse and neglect.** They make resources available and support extra efforts to raise awareness of the issue in hopes of reducing and avoiding child abuse in each community. But we know the work of prevention goes well beyond these events and activities and demands active participation from everyone, all year round.



Child abuse prevention requires everyone to take on the responsibility, and accountability, to protect children and support families within each of our communities. We know that being connected – to family, friends, and community – has been shown to reduce the risk of harm to children. As individuals, we have a responsibility to support others, including other families with children, to help strengthen communities.

In addition to the support that we can provide on an individual level, we can always do more as a system as well. As the statewide leader in child abuse prevention, Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance is proud to participate in

National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and we are excited about the opportunities we have organized, including providing resources to agencies, engaging with state legislators, and offering educational opportunities for professionals.

We sincerely hope this month can raise awareness of and educate communities about child abuse prevention while encouraging people to make a commitment to strengthening families. Please see the additional information on our website regarding our events and activities throughout April and our efforts to **#ProtectPAKids**.

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**Because of your financial support, we can do more to help children and families throughout our Commonwealth and beyond. Thank you!**



# PA BLUE RIBBON **CHAMPIONS** *for* **SAFE KIDS**

Each year, PFSA honors individuals from across the commonwealth who have gone the extra mile to protect Pennsylvania children. These individuals are recognized as **PA Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids** for their exceptional contributions as we continue to make every effort to prevent child abuse and neglect throughout Pennsylvania. This year, our Blue Ribbon Champions were recognized by PFSA during a special ceremony at the Harrisburg Capitol, where each champion received an award and had the opportunity to speak.



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**We are so thankful to these individuals and so proud to honor them as the  
2023 Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids.**

# Spotlight Speaker

**APRIL 12  
10AM**

**ONLINE AT  
PAFSA.ORG**

**PFSA is excited to host its annual Spotlight Speaker event as part of National Child Abuse Prevention Month!**

We invite you to join us for this virtual speaker event scheduled for April, where we have invited a nationally renowned child abuse prevention expert to speak to attendees in a live, virtual setting.

This event aims to raise awareness of child abuse prevention efforts across systems and educate other professionals on the impact that child abuse prevention can have on individuals, organizations, systems, and communities. The topic addressed will support the career development of individuals who work in this field.

**Registration is FREE and CEUs, CLEs, and Act 48 credits are available** for anyone attending the live speaker session.

Join us for a panel of experts on the topic of Child Neglect, led by Jennifer Jones from Prevent Child Abuse America.

**Date:** April 12, 2023

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

[Click here to register!](#)



Jennifer Jones



Kelly Crane



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Jill Seyfred



Gabriel McGaughey

**A Panel  
of Experts  
on Child  
Neglect**



## CBCAP MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

# Community Fellowship Church *in Lancaster, PA*

PFSA is excited to have **Community Fellowship Church (CFC)** as a member of the **Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Network!**

CFC is a medium-sized church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania committed to biblically based preaching and teaching, modern worship, living in authentic community, and sharing their beliefs. CFC offers volunteer opportunities, community groups, and several resources for individuals and families.

CFC has been a past participant in PFSA's trainings, programs, and annual events, demonstrating a commitment to supporting families and preventing child abuse and neglect. PFSA would like to extend a warm welcome to CFC for joining our CBCAP Network!

Learn more about the organization at  
[www.communityfellowship.com](http://www.communityfellowship.com)



## Visit Our Blog!

Stay up-to-date on ways to help stop child abuse, learn more about our staff, and gain knowledge on prevention by reading our blog.

[pafsa.org/blog](http://pafsa.org/blog)



# PA Child Abuse **PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM**

**9.13.23**

Registration opens online  
April 17 at [pafsa.org](https://pafsa.org)



**AMY TEMPLEMAN**

## **PFSA welcomes Amy Templeman as the keynote speaker at our 2023 PA Child Abuse Prevention Symposium!**

Amy's session will dive into the topic of "***How Do We Talk About Childhood Adversity and Prevention?***" and provide insights about the language and framing of prevention work.

Amy Templeman, a kinship and adoptive parent, is the director of Within Our Reach and director of practice excellence at Social Current. In these roles, she works to support families and promote equity.

Before joining Social Current, Amy served as executive director of the federal Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities, leading the effort to produce a report to the president and Congress.

Amy helped to establish the Office of Well Being at the District of Columbia's child welfare agency, where she conducted strategic planning and oversaw programs to address substance use disorders, domestic violence, education, housing, and child care.

She gained research experience while working first at The Urban Institute, contributing to a

book and reports on the benefits of kinship care, and later at Johns Hopkins University, managing a community-based, participatory research grant through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, resulting in better adolescent mental health.

## **OTHER SESSIONS**

### **Practices & Resources for Serving Kinship Families**

Shalah Bottoms  
Generations United

### **Recognizing Abuse & Interviewing "Non-verbal" Children**

Staci Witney, LMSW  
Modell Consulting Group, LLC

### **Technology's Child: Putting the Research on Kids and Tech to Work for Families**

Dr. Katie Davis  
University of Washington

# UPCOMING PFSA TRAININGS

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## Families in Recovery New Facilitator Training

This research-based program is a great resource for parents, guardians, and caretakers recovering from substance use disorder. The program aims to teach healthy coping and parenting skills while balancing the needs of recovery.

New facilitators of the Families in Recovery (FiR) program will be fully prepared to implement the program and provide training after attending a two-day comprehensive session consisting of content, education, and application instruction of the curriculum. FiR facilitators come together to share program implementation experience, ideas, and insights following initial training.

All organizations interested in implementing the Families in Recovery program are required to enter an agreement contract with PFSA and participate in the evaluation requirements of the program. FiR contracts include ongoing technical assistance, program development, facilitator calls, and assistance with data collection procedures.

**Dates:** April 18 & 19, 2023 (*virtual*)

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
(*half-hour lunch break*)

**Cost:** Email Justin Donofrio, Prevention Services Manager, at [jdonofrio@pafsa.org](mailto:jdonofrio@pafsa.org) for the paperwork or to ask any questions.

## Mandated Reporter Training

PFSA has several options for mandated reporter training for staff and volunteers. Certificates are provided to the participants, and, upon request, we will upload confirmation of your training to the Departments of State or Education for CE fulfillments under Act 31 and/or Act 48. CLEs are also available for attorneys.

### LIVE IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL

**Cost:** Free

**How to register:** Find and register for a virtual session here: [pafsa.org/mandated-reporter-training](https://pafsa.org/mandated-reporter-training)

### INDIVIDUAL ONLINE, ON-DEMAND

**Cost:** \$30

**Take anytime:** [pafsa.org/on-demand-online-training](https://pafsa.org/on-demand-online-training)

### TRAIN-THE-TRAINER

This is an opportunity for organizations to develop their own quality, cost-efficient, in-house training program for employees on child abuse recognition and reporting.

**Dates:** April 20 & 21, 2023 (*virtual*) **OR**  
July 13 & 14, 2023 (*virtual*)

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
(*half-hour lunch break*)

**Cost:** \$1,000 per trainer, entering into a three-year contract with PFSA. Email Haven Evans, Director of Programs, at [hevans@pafsa.org](mailto:hevans@pafsa.org) for the paperwork or to ask any questions.

# Consider a Donation

**Support The Cause, Support PA Kids!** Consider giving a gift to PFSA to make a difference in the lives of PA kids and families. Your gift will advance the mission of PFSA to provide education, support, and training to make Pennsylvania safe for children. **All donations help PFSA continue the successful delivery of training, development of educational materials, and ongoing support for community-based agencies.**

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