

#ProtectPAKids NEWSLETTER

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Each year, the Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, honors individuals from across the Commonwealth who have gone the extra mile to protect Pennsylvania children. On April 2, during a special ceremony at the State Capitol in Harrisburg, we recognized four individuals as PA Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids for their exceptional contributions towards advancing the prevention of child abuse and neglect throughout Pennsylvania.

We are thankful for these individuals and so proud to honor them as 2025 PA Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids award winners!

Check out our blog to hear more about our April 2 event and learn more about how the blue ribbon became, and continues to be, a symbol for national child abuse awareness.



LaKeisha Berry
Director of Prevention and
Family Support Services
Belmont Charter Network



Joanne M. Godfrey
Family Advocate
Children's Aid Society — The
Lehman Center



Hailey E. Houk Police Detective New Castle Police Department



Tyler Smay CASA Program DirectorCASA of the Laurel Highlands —
Beginnings, Inc.



CBCAP Network Member: Children's Advocacy Center of Franklin County

PFSA welcomes a new member of the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Network, **Children's Advocacy Center of Franklin County**. PFSA is proud to partner and collaborate with diverse, dedicated, and committed organizations that advance the important work of preventing child abuse and neglect. Thank you for your commitment and dedication!

To find out more about CBCAP Network benefits or to learn more about becoming a CBCAP Network member, visit our website.



PA Child Abuse PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM



NOV 6th 2025

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar and plan to join us virtually on **November 6, 2025**, for PFSA's annual **PA Child Abuse Prevention Symposium!**

CREDITS ACT 48 | CEUs | CLEs

UPCOMING PFSA TRAININGS

Families in Recovery (FiR) 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 FiR facilitators will be fully prepared to implement the program and provide training after attending a two-day session that covers content, education, and implementation of the curriculum. FiR facilitators come together during training to share program implementation experience, ideas, and insights.

All organizations interested in implementing FiR are required to enter into a contract with PFSA and participate in the evaluation requirements of the program. Contracts include ongoing technical assistance, program development, facilitator calls, and assistance with data collection.

Dates: April 22 & 23, 2025 (virtual) July 15 & 16, 2025 (virtual)

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

Cost: Contact PFSA's Prevention Services Manager, Justin Donofrio (**jdonofrio@pafsa.org**), for paperwork or to ask questions.

Mandated Reporter **Training**

PFSA has several options for mandated reporter training for staff and volunteers. We provide certificates to participants and, upon request, will upload confirmation of the 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

Register here for a virtual session.

INDIVIDUAL ONLINE, ON-DEMAND

Cost: \$30

Sign up here to take any time.

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 24 & 25, 2025 (virtual) July 29 & 30, 2025 (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 (hevans@pafsa.org), for paperwork or to ask questions.

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Help us support families and communities across Pennsylvania by donating to PFSA today. Your gift will help PFSA continue to deliver successful training, education, and ongoing support to Pennsylvania families and children.

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