



## Child Abuse Prevention Month: Awareness That Leads to Action

Each April, **Child Abuse Prevention Month** reminds us that protecting children starts with awareness and continues with action. This year, PAFSA, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, joined advocates, lawmakers, and community members at the Capitol to honor children impacted by abuse, recognize **Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids**, and reaffirm our shared commitment to prevention across Pennsylvania.

In our latest blog, we reflect on the powerful symbolism of the blue flag planting, celebrate leaders making a difference for children and families, and highlight why prevention requires all of us, every day.

Read the **full blog** to learn how awareness, education, and community action help keep children safe.



## Continue to Turn PA Blue This April!

Wear your blue ribbon all of April to create awareness about child abuse prevention.



# CBCAP Network Member: Jefferson-Clarion Head Start

PFSA welcomes **Jefferson-Clarion Head Start** as a new member of the **Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Network**. 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 about becoming a CBCAP Network member, **visit our website**.



## Visit Our Store

PFSA has educational resources available in our online store. You can find informative materials covering a wide range of topics designed to assist caregivers, parents, and professionals in an effort to protect children.

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## Read Our Blog

Our blog is the best way to get timely information on ways to help stop child abuse, recent staff developments, and prevention strategies.

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# 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 help with data collection.

**Dates:** July 22 & 23, 2026 (*virtual*)  
October 21 & 22, 2026 (*virtual*)

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

**Cost:** Contact PFSA's Director of Prevention Programs, Justin Donofrio ([jdonofrio@pafsa.org](mailto: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.**



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