



End-of-Year Message

During the holiday season, we carry on family and holiday traditions and, at times, create new traditions of our own. These traditions are significant because they bring us back to special moments in time and remind us of the importance of our values and principles. Even more, family traditions ground us in the present — in the moment with ourselves and with others.

Even though traditions vary from one family or individual to the next, it is all about the moments and memories they create. Each

tradition requires an intentional act carried out among friends and family members, and each memory carries a special feeling that stays with us from year to year. These traditions create a timeline for us and inevitably produce a record of how things have changed and progressed from one year to the next. Although the tradition remains the same, the moments are distinct and memorable from year to year.

At PFSA, traditions are important to us as well. While we like to focus on improvement and innovation from year to year, we have also



made it a tradition to pause and reflect on our impact from the current year and recognize those who have helped us.

We take this time to focus not on the number of training programs and events or the new resources created but rather the number of relationships we have built and the partnerships we value.

You see, our tradition is to take the time to reflect and express gratitude for another year of working with individuals, organizations, and community partners helping to support

families and protect children from abuse and neglect. This is a tradition that is done intentionally, and it reminds us of the progress we have made and the strong partnerships we have built as we move forward. Each year, the tradition is the same, but our circle of partners expands.

So during this holiday season, whether we bake cookies, go Christmas caroling, make latkes, light a candle for Kwanzaa, watch a holiday movie, or give thanks and express gratitude, we'll again use traditions to express what we value and how we show that every year.

This year, we want to take a moment and thank you – all of you – for everything you do in your community and across Pennsylvania to help #ProtectPAKids.

With gratitude and warm wishes – The PFSA Team



PFSA is inviting community-based organizations to consider joining our **Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Network!**

This is a diverse network of child-protective and family-serving organizations that make a positive statewide impact on children and families throughout Pennsylvania. All CBCAP Network members receive benefits from PFSA, such as parenting and caregiver resources, educational materials, professional development opportunities for staff, discounts on training and materials, and so much more.

If you are looking to join a network committed to preventing child abuse, supporting families, and working toward a brighter future, consider PFSA's CBCAP Network.

To learn more about the CBCAP Network, the benefits, or how to sign up, contact PFSA's Prevention Services Manager, Justin Donofrio, at jdonofrio@pafsa.org.



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

JOIN US!

APRIL 2, 2024

Flag Planting

9:00am

3rd & State Street
Harrisburg



Award Ceremony

10:30am

Pennsylvania's Capitol
Building Main Rotunda



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Help us support the 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 PA families and children. Visit pafsa.org to learn more and donate!



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UPCOMING PFSA TRAININGS

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: January 23 & 24, 2024 (*virtual*)
April 23 & 24, 2024 (*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 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

INDIVIDUAL ONLINE, ON-DEMAND

Cost: \$30

Take anytime: 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: January 17 & 18, 2024 (*virtual*)
April 16 & 17, 2024 (*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 for the paperwork or to ask any questions.