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Every year brings new challenges and new opportunities to stand up for Pennsylvania's children. This year reminded us just how much can be accomplished when a community decides that child safety isn't just a goal, but a shared responsibility.

At Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance (PFSA), our work has always centered on prevention by equipping adults with the knowledge, confidence, and compassion to protect children before harm occurs. In 2025, that mission came to life in every corner of the Commonwealth, through new partnerships, powerful moments of awareness, and a growing movement that continues to unite

families, professionals, and advocates around one purpose: keeping kids safe.

A Season of Awareness and Action

One of the most powerful moments of 2025 came in April during National Child Abuse Prevention Month, when blue ribbons once again appeared in parks, courthouse lawns, and town squares across Pennsylvania. Each flag planted stood as a symbol of hope and a reminder of the precious lives we're called to protect.

This year also marked a first for PFSA: **our inaugural flag planting in York County**, which







brought together families, advocates, and local leaders in a shared moment of reflection and resolve. Seeing those blue flags wave in the spring air was a powerful testament to how far our movement for child safety has come, and how much work remains.

At our Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids Awards Ceremony, we were honored to recognize:

- ► LaKeisha Berry, Director of Prevention & Family Support, Belmont Charter Network
- ► **Joanne M. Godfrey**, Family Advocate, Children's Aid Society – The Lehman Center
- ► Hailey E. Houk, Detective, New Castle Police Department
- ► **Tyler Smay**, Program Director, CASA of the Laurel Highlands Beginnings, Inc.

Their compassion, courage, and dedication remind us that the fight to end child abuse is both urgent and achievable.

This year also marked tremendous progress in our outreach: PFSA's **Painting for Prevention** initiative reached thousands of families across

the Commonwealth, engaging children, parents, and caregivers in creative activities that open the door to conversations about safety, support, and resilience. These moments of community connection strengthen the protective networks children need most.

Strengthening Leadership and Partnerships

PFSA also grew in important ways this year. We were proud to welcome new board members whose experience and passion will guide our continuing work in family support, prevention education, and advocacy. In 2025 the board welcomed **Heather Nicarry**, Treasurer, Hershey Entertainment & Resorts, and **Tina M. Laudermilch, Esq.**, CEO & Managing Partner, Daley Zucker, LLC. Their insights will bolster PFSA's reach and help deepen our partnerships across Pennsylvania's communities.

Education remained a core pillar of our mission, and this year's **PA Child Abuse Prevention Symposium** served as a centerpiece of learning and collaboration. The event brought together professionals from across the state to share research, explore best

practices, and strengthen the skills necessary to prevent abuse and support families. These shared learning experiences continue to shape stronger, more informed child-protective communities.

We are also encouraged by the steps taken by Pennsylvania's lawmakers in 2025 to enhance child-protection laws and strengthen prevention systems, including new efforts to address the rapidly emerging threat of Algenerated child sexual abuse material.

Legislators took important action to better protect children from the misuse of artificial intelligence, safeguard digital environments, and ensure law enforcement and child-welfare professionals have the tools they need to respond.

Built on years of education, research, and advocacy — including PFSA's ongoing efforts to inform policymakers — these advancements reflect a growing recognition that protecting children must evolve with new technologies and new forms of harm. PFSA was honored to contribute to these crucial conversations and elevate the voices of professionals and families who experience firsthand the realities of our child-welfare system.

Looking Ahead with Hope

As we look toward 2026, I am filled with optimism. Every training completed, every flag planted, and every conversation sparked brings us closer to a Pennsylvania where prevention is part of everyday life. Each act of kindness, each report made in good faith, and each moment of encouragement to a struggling parent helps build that safer future.

To our partners, supporters, and friends across the Commonwealth: thank you. Your unwavering commitment fuels this mission. Because of you, children are safer, families are stronger, and hope continues to grow. As we close out 2025, may we carry forward the lessons we've learned: that prevention begins with awareness, that strength is born from community, and that together, we can create a future where every child has the chance to flourish.



Here's to a new year filled with compassion, collaboration, and courage. Let's continue this important work, side by side, in 2026 and beyond.

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Angela Liddle, MPA PRESIDENT & CEO



Kids in Pennsylvania are safer because of your partnership with PFSA!

Thank You!

Welcome Tina M. Laudermilch, Esq. to our Board of Directors!

"Tina's deep expertise in family law and her commitment to strengthening families across Pennsylvania makes her an outstanding addition to our board," said Angela Liddle, PFSA President and CEO. "Her legal insight, leadership, and advocacy will help guide our mission to protect children and support families in every community."

Tina is the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Partner at **Daley Zucker**, **LLC**, a Harrisburg-area law firm where she has practiced for nearly 20 years, focusing exclusively on family law, including divorce, custody, support, equitable distribution, and pre-nuptial agreements. She has held leadership roles in both the Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section and the Dauphin County Bar Association, where she served as Chair of the Family Law Section and on the Advisory Committee that established Dauphin County's first Family Court.



Tina M. Laudermilch, Esq.

A respected legal educator, Tina has authored, lectured, and moderated programs for the Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section, the Dauphin County Bar Association, and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute.

"I'm honored to join the PFSA board and to contribute to an organization that champions the safety and well-being of children across Pennsylvania," Laudermilch said. "Supporting families and protecting children has always been at the heart of my work, and I look forward to advancing that mission through PFSA."

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. Read more at **pafsa.org/blog**.



We've Moved!

Our office has moved to a new location! Please update your records to reflect our new address to ensure there are no disruptions in communications or correspondence.

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Join the CBCAP Network!

Kick off the new year by joining PFSA's Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Network!

This is a diverse network of child-protective and family-serving organizations that make a positive 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 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.

Contact PFSA's Director of Prevention Programs, Justin Donofrio (**jdonofrio@pafsa.org**), to learn more about the CBCAP Network, the benefits, or how to sign up.



In Partnership with Pennsylvania Department of Human Services



Flag Planting 9:00am

3rd & State Streets in Harrisburg, PA

Award Ceremony

Pennsylvania's Capitol Building Main Rotunda



Visit Our Online 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. Visit **pafsa.org/store** to learn more!



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: January 21 & 22, 2026 (virtual)
April 22 & 23, 2026 (virtual)
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**), 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: January 14 &15, 2026 (virtual)
April 15 & 16, 2026 (virtual)
July 15 & 16, 2026 (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 **training@pafsa.org** to obtain paperwork or to ask questions.









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