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National Parent Leadership Month: Supporting Parents, Preventing Harm

February's National Parent Leadership Month invites us to recognize the vital role parents and caregivers play in keeping children safe and families strong. Leadership doesn't always look loud or visible; it often appears in everyday choices that build connection, manage stress, and nurture trust.

At Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance, prevention of child abuse and neglect is at the heart of our work. We believe that when parents are supported with knowledge, compassion, and community, they are better equipped to create safe, stable, and nurturing environments where children can thrive.

In our **latest blog**, we explore how parent leadership serves as a powerful prevention strategy and how PFSA's programs across Pennsylvania support families through education, connection, and healing.

Read the **full blog** to learn how empowering parents helps build safer communities for children.

PA BLUE RIBBON CHAMPIONS for SAFE KIDS

In Partnership with Pennsylvania Department of Human Services

4.1.26

FLAG PLANTING 9:00AM
3rd and State Street in Harrisburg, PA

AWARD CEREMONY 10:30AM
PA's Capital Building Main Rotunda

Join Us in Raising Awareness Across the Commonwealth this April

Throughout April, PFSA will host events and activities to raise awareness about child abuse prevention as part of **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**. Our events and activities will not only elevate the ongoing work that our organization and child advocates are undertaking but also educate participants, so they feel empowered to protect Pennsylvania's children. From hosting in-person events to engaging virtually, we invite you to work with us and help **#ProtectPAKids**!

Flag Planting
on the grounds of the Capitol in Harrisburg, PA

On April 1, PFSA will once again sponsor this in-person event. From Front Street to the steps of the Capitol, PFSA's staff and board of directors, statewide and local advocates, officials, and corporate supporters will plant 4,756 blue flags to represent the number of substantiated child abuse cases and 60 black flags to represent the number of child deaths due to child abuse in Pennsylvania over one year.

PA Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids Award Ceremony
in the Main Rotunda of the Capitol Complex in Harrisburg, PA

During our annual **PA Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids Award Ceremony** on April 1, PFSA will honor four individuals from across the Commonwealth who have gone the extra mile to **#ProtectPAKids**. These individuals will be recognized as our PA Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids due to their exceptional contributions to prevent child abuse and neglect throughout Pennsylvania. These individuals were nominated by their peers, colleagues, and supervisors because they went above and beyond the call of duty to protect Pennsylvania's children.

Stay tuned for more information about events throughout April!

CBCAP Network Member: Communities In Schools of Eastern Pennsylvania

PFSA welcomes **Communities In Schools of Eastern Pennsylvania** 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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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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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, 2026 *(virtual)*
July 22 & 23, 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.

See all the trainings we offer on our website at pafsa.org!

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
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