



Preventing Child Abuse & Neglect

Child abuse and neglect are serious problems, affecting one in seven children nationwide. The cases in Pennsylvania have actually increased in recent years. Many of these children will suffer long-term impacts due to this abuse.

Child abuse and neglect are preventable, and everyone benefits when children have safe, stable, and nurturing environments where they can grow and thrive.

Child abuse and neglect are complex issues. They can take different forms and be rooted in multiple factors, which often makes them hard to address. We know, however, that strong

family support, which reduces stress on the family, is a large part of child abuse prevention.

Child abuse and neglect can be prevented by all of us. We all have a role to play in supporting the families in our communities yet staying alert to the possibility of child abuse—and prepared to report when abuse is suspected.

Want to learn more? Check out all the training and resources available through Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance (PFSA) at pafsa.org.

Sign up for a **mandated reporter training** today or schedule a **Front Porch Project training** for your community. Each step in greater education and community support can have a significant, positive impact for the children in your community. Also, **check out our blog** on this topic to learn more.



Welcome New Staff Member

Cheryl Krasovic

PFSA welcomes our newest staff member, Cheryl Krasovic! Cheryl joined us in May as our Director of Finance. We are so excited to have Cheryl as part of the PFSA team!

Cheryl graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a dual major in accounting and finance. She has had her own accounting firm for the past eight years, supporting smaller businesses in the community to grow and adapt to our ever-changing world.

She has worked for a software company training postsecondary school clients on how to set up, use, and better track their finances for strong management and federal compliance. Before this, Cheryl was a licensed manager of multiple branch locations for a large bank in the area. Cheryl serves on the board of another local women-owned company.

Cheryl's favorite part of the day is spending time with her two daughters and close family. She likes to be outside skiing, hiking, and swimming and, on occasion, loves a motorcycle ride through the back roads of PA.

Cheryl can be reached at ckrasovic@pafsa.org.



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Virtual

PA Child Abuse PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM

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ONLINE AT
[PAFSA.ORG](https://pafsa.org)

The annual **PA Child Abuse Prevention Symposium**, hosted by Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance (PFSA), is a unique virtual event that connects professionals, partners, and stakeholders in the family support and child abuse prevention field focusing on best practices for strengthening families and keeping kids safe in Pennsylvania.

This conference delivers content and resources that meet the current needs of families while also shining a light on new and emerging trends. Participants attending this symposium will have an opportunity to learn, engage, and network with expert speakers from across the country presenting on innovative topics that intersect with family support and child abuse prevention practices.

SESSION TOPICS

- ▶ How Do We Talk About Childhood Adversity and Prevention?
- ▶ Practices and Resources for Serving Kinship Families
- ▶ Recognizing Abuse and Interviewing "Non-verbal" Children
- ▶ Technology's Child: Putting the Research on Kids and Tech to Work for Families

REGISTER TODAY!

Early Bird Registration \$135
Regular Registration \$150

CBCAP Network receives 10% discount, which can be stacked on top of Early Bird Registration.

Registrations include CEUs, CLEs, and Act 48 Credits.

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: October 18 & 19, 2023 (*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: July 13 & 14, 2023 (*virtual*) **OR**
October 24 & 25, 2023 (*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.