



Summer Water Safety

The last days of school are behind us, and carefree summer days are ahead! Kids make many positive childhood memories during the summer months and swimming provides a welcome respite from summer heat – from splashing in pools, playing in lakes, or enjoying time at the beach.

Unfortunately, every year children drown, with one out of four drowning deaths in the U.S every year being a child. Children should never

be left unsupervised around water, not even momentarily. Drowning can happen in the blink of the eye, often within 25 seconds of a young child being unsupervised near water.

SO, WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Visit our **July blog** to learn how we can all play a role in preventing child drownings.

Welcome

TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER
HEATHER NICARRY!

We are excited to welcome Heather Nicarry to our Board of Directors!

"Heather's expertise in finance and accounting is a big asset to PFSA," said Angela Liddle, PFSA President and CEO. "Her skills in managing finances, planning, and ensuring compliance will help us stay transparent, sustainable, and effective. She's been a valuable member of our finance committee over the last year, and we are delighted with her transition to a board seat."

Nicarry is an accomplished finance executive with over 25 years of experience in hospitality, gaming, and entertainment. She serves as treasurer at Hershey Entertainment & Resorts (HE&R) Company where she oversees treasury operations, payroll, insurance programs, sales tax, and fixed asset accounting. Prior to joining HE&R, Nicarry had roles with Penn Entertainment and Keystone Human Services.

She obtained a bachelor's degree in accounting from Elizabethtown College. She is also a volunteer at Milton Hershey School.



"I'm honored to join the PFSA board and to work alongside passionate advocates and professionals dedicated to creating safe, supportive spaces for children to grow," Nicarry said. "Building strong communities is a shared effort, and I'm eager to help drive meaningful impact across the Commonwealth."



CBCAP Network Member: Community Youth and Women's Alliance (CYWA) - Samara House

PFSA welcomes **Community Youth and Women's Alliance (CYWA) - Samara House** 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](#).



PA Child Abuse **PREVENTION** **SYMPOSIUM**

NOV 6th 2025

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar and plan to join us virtually on **November 6, 2025**, for PFSA's annual **PA Child Abuse Prevention Symposium!**

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UPCOMING PFSA TRAININGS

Family Digital Wellness - Online Cohort Training Program

Apply today for the Family Digital Wellness-Online Cohort (FDW-OC). The training is a unique opportunity for professionals in child and family-serving fields who have an interest in learning about how digital technology impacts communities and discussing how digital wellness can positively impact the lives of children and families that we serve. The FDW-OC provides a way for professionals to come together and expand their capacity for helping families create safe and healthy interactions with digital technology.

This program will follow a cohort structure, with all sessions taking place virtually via Zoom between August 2025 and January 2026:

- ▶ One Monthly Group Content Session
- ▶ Individual Assignments
- ▶ Group Discussions

Cost: \$300 per participant (12 CEUs included with full completion of the program)

Program Details: Download the FDW-OC Information Guide for all meeting dates and program details

Application Deadline: August 15, 2025 (apply [HERE](#))

For questions and inquiries, email PFSA's Director of Prevention Programs, Justin Donofrio, at jdonofrio@pafsa.org.

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: October 20 & 21, 2025 (virtual)

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

Cost: Contact PFSA's Prevention Services Manager, Justin Donofrio (jdonofrio@pafsa.org), for paperwork or to ask questions.

UPCOMING PFSA TRAININGS

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: July 29 & 30, 2025 (virtual)
October 16 & 17, 2025 (virtual)

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

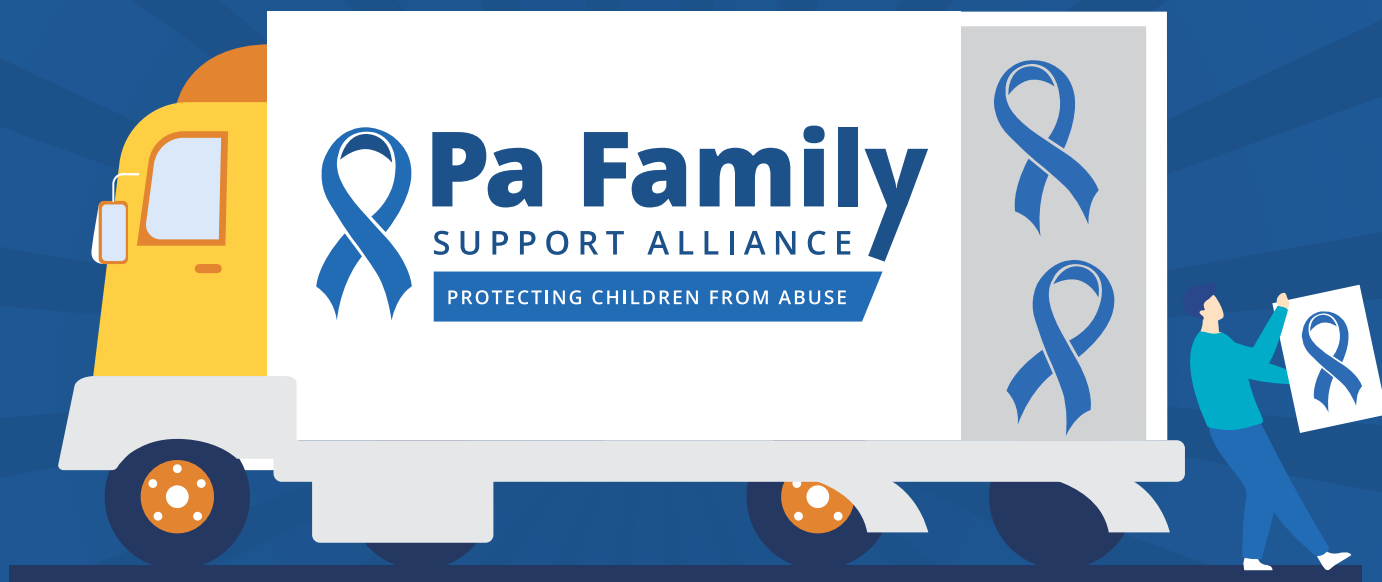
Cost: \$1,000 per trainer entering into a three-year contract with PFSA. Email training@pafsa.org to obtain paperwork or to ask questions.



#ProtectPAKids

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.

Visit pafsa.org to learn more and donate!



We've Moved!

We are excited to announce that our office has officially moved to a new location! Please update your records to reflect our new address to ensure there are no disruptions in communication or correspondence.

All other contact details, including phone numbers and email addresses, will remain the same.

100 Sterling Parkway, Suite 100, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050



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