

# April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

*Join us in April!*



Throughout April, Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance (PFSA) will recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month by hosting several events and activities to call attention to the prevalence of child abuse and how private organizations, public entities, communities, and individuals can work together to prevent and stop it. Children are our most precious resource, and they deserve to be loved and protected and grow up in an environment that is free from abuse and neglect.

This year, PFSA is partnering with the Fred Rogers Institute at Saint Vincent College for two events that help to further the efforts of child abuse prevention in Pennsylvania. The Fred Rogers Institute advances the legacy of Fred Rogers by investing in the strengths of families and caring adults to support the healthy development of children. Fred Rogers

established the Institute with the goals of working with current professionals to support their practice in the service of children and families, researchers looking to deepen their understanding of the important issues facing children, and students at the college who aspired to serve children and their helpers.

## Spotlight Speaker Event

PFSA will host our virtual Spotlight Speaker event featuring the associate director of the Fred Rogers Institute, Emma Lee. She will lead a presentation titled Look for the Helpers, which will explore how children are growing up in a world that exposes them to violence and negativity through online platforms, providing guidance on how we can best talk to children about managing fears and the difficult things they see online.



The Spotlight Speaker event will be held on April 4, from 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, and registration can be completed [here](#).

## Wesley Family Services SPECIAL EVENT

On April 9, Wesley Family Services ParentWISE program will highlight the tremendous progress made in the region to prevent child abuse and support families. The event will be held at the Fred Rogers Institute at Saint Vincent College, where special guests are invited for an informed session to support the important work at Wesley Family Services and the ParentWISE program. PFSA proudly supports the efforts of Wesley Family Services, a longstanding organizational partner and member of the **Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Network**.

Additional PFSA events and activities scheduled throughout April can be found on [our website](#).

## Spotlight Speaker

# Look for the Helpers

**APRIL 4  
11:00 AM**

**Presented by  
Emma Lee**

Associate Director,  
Fred Rogers Institute



Emma Lee

[Click here to register!](#)

# Join us on April 2 in Harrisburg!

## Flag Planting

**9:00am**

Third & State Streets

## Award Ceremony

**10:30am**

Capitol Rotunda



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## CBCAP MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

# Pittsburgh - Mt. Oliver Intermediate Unit 2

PFSA is excited to welcome **Pittsburgh - Mt. Oliver Intermediate Unit 2 (PMOIU2)** as a new member of the CBCAP Network! The mission of the PMOIU2 is to provide supportive services and resources to fulfill the diverse needs of students and schools through a collaborative approach to meet the challenges of our global society. Explore its website to discover the diverse programs, initiatives, and resources that make Pittsburgh-Mount Oliver Intermediate Unit 2 a hub of learning and growth: [www.pmoiu2.us](http://www.pmoiu2.us).

To find CBCAP Network events or to learn more about becoming a CBCAP Network member, visit our website at [pafsa.org](http://pafsa.org).

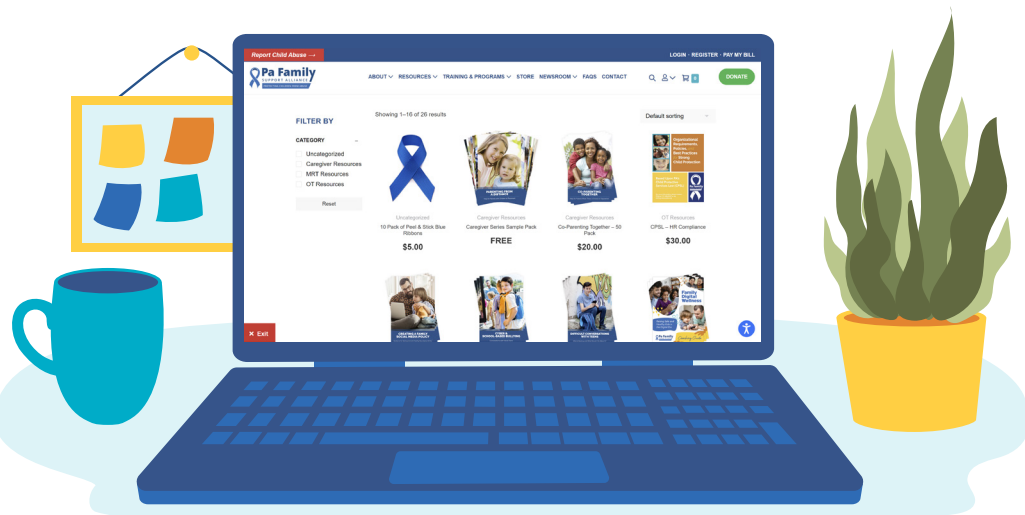
Learn more about the organization at  
[www.pmoiu2.us](http://www.pmoiu2.us)



## 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.

[pafsa.org/store](http://pafsa.org/store)





# WELCOME TO Dr. Tamara Allen-Thomas

**We Are Excited to Welcome Dr. Tamara Allen-Thomas to our Board of Directors!** Dr. Allen-Thomas is the superintendent of Clairton City School District, where she supports the success of the students and staff.

*"I am thrilled to join the PFSA board and to work with advocates and professionals to help our children be able to grow and thrive in environments free of abuse and neglect," Dr. Allen-Thomas said. "As the saying goes, 'It takes a community,' and I am looking forward to helping to make an impact across the commonwealth."*

*"Dr. Allen-Thomas recognizes the impact of a strong platform of family policies, providing concrete support and positive social connections to vulnerable families in preventing child abuse and neglect," said Angela Liddle, PFSA president and CEO. "Her background in public education will be critical to our efforts to protect children from abuse and neglect. We are honored to have her on the PFSA governing board."*

Please join us  
in welcoming  
Dr. Allen-Thomas!



## #ProtectPAKids

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](https://pafsa.org) to learn more and to donate!

## PA Child Abuse PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM



**NOV 7<sup>th</sup>**

**CREDITS**  
ACT 48 | CEUs | CLEs

### SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar and plan to join us virtually on November 7, 2024, for PFSA's annual PA Child Abuse Prevention Symposium!

# 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:** April 23 & 24, 2024 (*virtual*)  
July 16 & 17, 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](mailto: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](https://pafsa.org/mandated-reporter-training)

### INDIVIDUAL ONLINE, ON-DEMAND

**Cost:** \$30

**Take anytime:** [pafsa.org/on-demand-online-training](https://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:** April 16 & 17, 2024 (*virtual*)  
July 25 & 26, 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](mailto:hevans@pafsa.org) for the paperwork or to ask any questions.

*Join us!*

