

Building Stronger Communities: The Front Porch Project® & Child Abuse Prevention



Child abuse prevention is a responsibility that falls on every member of the community, not just professionals. Education on recognizing the signs of abuse and knowing how to respond can be a game-changer in preventing tragic outcomes for children. With the right knowledge and tools, individuals can take proactive steps to intervene before abuse or neglect occurs, ultimately creating safer environments for families and children.

Often, after the tragic loss of a child due to abuse or neglect, community members are left wondering if there was something they could

have done. The truth is, with proper education and awareness, communities can become more adept at identifying warning signs and providing support before a crisis happens. The Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance's child abuse prevention education program – **Front Porch Project®** – addresses this by teaching individuals how to identify early signs of abuse and what steps they can take to safely intervene.

The Front Porch Project® is an essential community-based initiative that empowers individuals to take an active role in protecting

children and supporting families. Rooted in the belief that every member of a community has the ability – and responsibility – to help prevent child abuse and neglect, this program provides information, education, and support to ensure that everyone is equipped with knowledge about how to intervene and make a positive impact.

By increasing awareness and providing accessible resources, the program aims to prevent tragedies before they occur, fostering a safer environment for children and a stronger community for families.

Check out [our blog](#) for more information on this topic and resources on our website.



CBCAP Network Member: The Learning Lamp


PFSA welcomes a new member of the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Network: **The Learning Lamp – Bedford, PA**. 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 more about becoming a CBCAP Network member, [visit our website](#).



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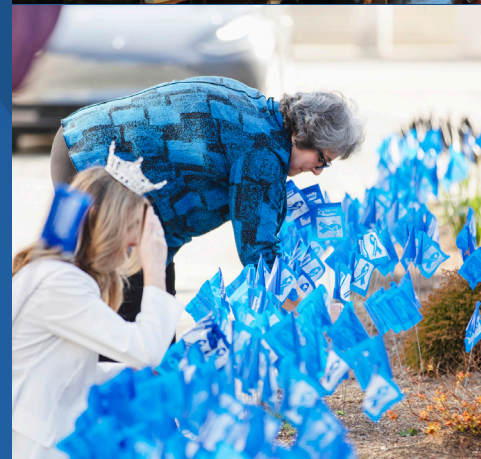


Join Us!

April 2, 2025

Flag Planting 9:00 a.m.
3rd & State Street | Harrisburg

Award Ceremony 10:30 a.m.
Capitol Main Rotunda | Harrisburg



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, 2025 (*virtual*)
July 15 & 16, 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.

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: April 23 & 24, 2025 (*virtual*)
July 29 & 30, 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 Haven Evans, Director of Programs (hevans@pafsa.org), for paperwork or to ask questions.

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!



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.

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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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