



The Blue Ribbon Campaign: A Shared Commitment to Protecting Children

The Blue Ribbon Campaign is a powerful reminder that protecting children from abuse and neglect is a responsibility we all share. What began as a symbol of remembrance has grown into a nationwide call to awareness, action, and prevention that encourages communities to speak up, stay connected, and support families before harm occurs.

At the Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance, prevention is at the core of everything we do. We believe children are safest when

communities are informed, engaged, and willing to take action, no matter their role or background.

In our latest blog, we explore the meaning behind the blue ribbon, why community involvement matters, and simple ways individuals and organizations can get involved.

Read the **full blog** to learn how you can help protect Pennsylvania's 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 Streets 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, and will 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 4.1.26 @ 9:00am *on the grounds of the Capitol in Harrisburg, PA*

PFSA will once again sponsor this in-person exercise that visually highlights our work along a corridor stretching from Front Street, along the Susquehanna River, to the steps of the Capitol. During the event, PFSA's staff and board of directors, statewide and local advocates, elected 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.

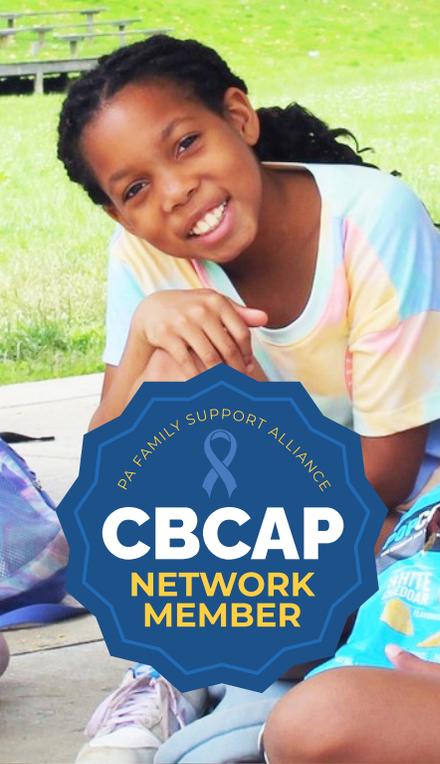
PA Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids Award Ceremony

4.1.26 @ 10:30am *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.



Visit [our website](#) for more details and info about events throughout April!



CBCAP Network Member: Sewickley Valley YMCA

PFSA welcomes **Sewickley Valley YMCA** 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 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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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 help 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.

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.



#ProtectPAKids

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