



End-of-Year Message

As the calendar year comes to an end, the PFSA team reflects on the past 12 months and the progress made across our commonwealth to continue serving families and children. Our team is keenly aware this work is only possible when professionals like you and organizations like yours commit to leading the way through the support, strengthening, and protection of families and children across Pennsylvania.

At PFSA, we saw each organization we partner with take the initiative to rally over the past year and a half and continue meeting the needs of their communities. The PFSA team knew we had to do the same to continue delivering services and better support the efforts made at the local level. PFSA became committed to not just temporarily adjusting

how we provide services but also to diligently shifting how we view and assess the services and support we offer to our partners. Our goal is to better align with the shift in needs as well as the long-term impacts of the pandemic. In short, we chose to become agile in our approach. Thus, our team focused carefully on improving what already exists and creating what does not.

For PFSA, everything starts with our **Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Network**, and 2021 was no exception. Our team worked closely with the CBCAP Network agencies to better identify needs throughout the network and increase the supports provided through network benefits.

In addition to enhancing the benefits, PFSA removed barriers to network access by reducing the annual membership fee to only \$120 per year. Needless to say, our team is excited to see the CBCAP Network grow and build in the upcoming year.

Additionally, PFSA turned its focus to our prevention programs as we internally assessed areas of opportunity and next steps.

In October 2021, we launched a formal implementation evaluation of the **Families in Recovery** program in partnership with the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's (CHOP) PolicyLab.

The comprehensive evaluation aims to collect and analyze quality data to help reach evidence-based status. This process has also produced more structure and support for agencies and facilitators implementing the program. To learn more about the Families in Recovery program, see the "Upcoming Trainings" section below.

PFSA also took time to review our other prevention services, like the **Front Porch Project®** and **Painting for Prevention** programs, and create a plan for the best way to deliver such programming in the current and post-pandemic environment. Keep an eye and ear out for much more on these programs in the new year!

We added a new curriculum for mandated reporters titled "**Responding to Disclosures**" to better equip professionals and volunteers

who interact with children on how to respond in a sensitive way to children without tainting their memory when they make a disclosure of child abuse.

This curriculum meets all the qualifications for required training for mandated reporters on recognizing and reporting child abuse (including Act 126 for school employees). It is also approved for continuing education credits under both Act 31 (Department of State for health-related licenses) and Act 48 (Department of Education for teachers) at no cost.

As we look ahead to the upcoming year, we are excited about what lies ahead of us. We anticipate the launch of new programs, development of more resources and support, and announcements of some exciting endeavors ahead of us. But most importantly, we look forward to the partnerships created and the relationships enhanced through the collective work with you all.

We thank each of you for all you do to help us #ProtectPAKids.

With warm holiday wishes,
The PFSA Team

PA Child Abuse **PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM**

Save the Date!

SEPTEMBER 14
2022

Mark your calendar and plan to join us on **September 14, 2022 for PFSA's Annual PA Child Abuse Prevention Symposium!** This all-day event will feature acclaimed speakers and presentations on current topics and emerging trends relevant to a variety of professionals and organizations that provide services to children and families.

Event details are forthcoming, and more information will be formally announced soon. In the meantime, keep watch to learn more about the 2022 PA Child Abuse Prevention Symposium and early registration opportunities!



Join the CBCAP Network!

PFSA extends a warm invitation to all community-based organizations throughout Pennsylvania to join our **Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Network**. This network is a diverse group of child protective and family-serving organizations that make a long-lasting, positive impact on the children and families throughout Pennsylvania.

All CBCAP Network members receive a variety of benefits from PFSA, such

as parenting and caregiver resources, educational materials, professional development opportunities for staff, discounts on training and materials, and so much more.

Additionally, CBCAP Network members come together to provide insights, feedback, and support regarding areas of focus and programming across Pennsylvania.

If you are looking to join a network committed to preventing child abuse in Pennsylvania, supporting and strengthening families, and working toward a brighter future, consider PFSA's CBCAP Network.

To learn more about the CBCAP Network, the membership benefits, and how to sign up, contact Justin Donofrio, Program Services Manager, at jdonofrio@pafsa.org.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- ▶ Program training & technical assistance
- ▶ Professional development opportunities
- ▶ Parent/caregiver resources & educational materials
- ▶ Communications & public relations support
- ▶ Networking & partnership opportunities
- ▶ And so much more



Join us!

Annual
Membership
Fee: \$120



UPCOMING TRAININGS

Families in Recovery New Facilitator Training

PFSA is excited to announce that our Families in Recovery (FiR) program has additional dates scheduled for 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 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 site contracts include ongoing technical assistance, program development, facilitator calls, and assistance with data collection procedures. FiR facilitators come together to share program implementation experience, ideas, and insights following initial training.

Cost: Program costs have recently changed. Please contact Justin Donofrio, Program Services Manager, at jdonofrio@pafsa.org for details regarding contracts and costs.

Dates: April 13 & 14, 2022 (*virtual*) and July 13 & 14, 2022 (*virtual*)

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

How to register: You must pre-register for this training. Email Justin Donofrio, Program Services Manager, at jdonofrio@pafsa.org for paperwork and to ask any questions.

#ProtectPAKids this holiday season!

Help us to 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 to learn more and donate!



Mandated Reporter Training

PFSA has several options for you and your staff to receive training on how to recognize and report suspected child abuse. This training is for those mandated by law to report suspected child abuse, as defined in the Child Protective Services Law. Curriculum is approved by the Departments of Human Services, Education, and State and meets all requirements for mandated reporters to receive training in recognizing and reporting child abuse (including Act 126).

Certificates are provided to the participants, and upon request, we will upload confirmation of your training to the Department of State or Education for CE fulfillments under Act 31 and/or Act 48.

This curriculum has also been approved for CLEs 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 OPTION

Cost: \$30

Take anytime: pafsa.org/on-demand-online-training

TRAIN-THE-TRAINER OPTION

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. With the three-year contract, PFSA provides two days of initial instruction for approved applicants, reports CEs directly to PA Departments of State and Education, and offers ongoing technical assistance.

Cost: \$1,000 per trainer entering into a three-year contract with PFSA (payment can be broken down by year: \$400/year one, \$300/year two, \$300/year three)

Dates: Jan. 20 & 21, 2022 (virtual) and Mar. 23 & 24, 2022 (virtual)

Time: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (half-hour lunch break)

How to register: You must pre-register for this training. Email Haven Evans, Director of Programs, at hevans@pafsa.org for the paperwork or to ask any questions.