



## CORA Services Joins the CBCAP Network!

PFSA is thrilled to welcome **CORA Services** to the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Network. CORA Services has been around since 1971, helping children and families in the Philadelphia region. Since then, its dedicated staff has impacted the lives of more than 200,000 children.

CORA Services provides school-based academic support, counseling, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and language services, psychological services, truancy services, and behavior assessment and case management. In addition, CORA offers individual, group and family counseling, mental health treatment, substance use services, teen/young adult pregnancy services, intensive prevention services, and early intervention, after-school, and summer

programming, as well as high-quality early childhood education.

Along with a wide variety of services, CORA hosts numerous community events, including Seussville, an annual occasion where children ages 1-7 learn to love reading and become more confident learners. Families enjoy celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday by interacting with Seussville characters and CORA staff, and winning awesome prizes, including arts and crafts projects, books, and take-home activities.

Join us in welcoming CORA to the CBCAP Network — and be sure to let us know how PFSA can continue making our CBCAP Network an asset to your organization this year!

**SAVE  
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DATE!**

## **PA BLUE RIBBON CHAMPIONS FOR SAFE KIDS**

**Wed, April 1**  
Pittsburgh Flag  
Planting & Awards  
Ceremony

**Sat, April 4**  
Harrisburg Flag  
Planting

**Wed, April 8**  
Harrisburg Awards  
Ceremony

## **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM**

**Tues, September 29**



## **Mandated Reporter Trainer Spotlight: Amy Chipetz**

Amy Chipetz is a Philadelphian who was born, raised, and educated in the city. She went to

Temple University and received her M.S.W. from the University of Pennsylvania. She has been a trainer for PFSA for 15 years. She enjoys delivering the mandated reporter training and meeting other professionals in her role as a trainer. She especially likes helping mandated reporters understand the child welfare system and their important role in it.

Amy worked for the Philadelphia County Children and Youth Agency as an intake administrator. She retired in 2007. She was also a trainer for the Pennsylvania Competency-

Based Training Program from its inception in 1990, delivering CORE trainings as well as the supervisory curriculum.

Amy has been a volunteer for JAFCO, Jewish Adoption and Family Care Options, since it opened an office in the northeast region in 2010. JAFCO offers in-home services on a voluntary basis for families in crisis. Amy is a proud board member of that organization. In addition, Amy is also a volunteer at the National American Jewish History Museum.

**We appreciate the wealth of knowledge Amy brings to each training she provides to mandated reporters. Thank you, Amy!**



## **A Special Thank You to Hershey Entertainment & Resorts**

On Jan. 20, over 200 employees of Hershey Entertainment & Resorts donated their time and efforts to a dozen organizations, including PFSA. In celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, these employees took "a day on, not a day off" and helped create "Hello!" toolkits for PFSA's CBCAP Network members, providing these members with new PFSA publications and tools for the prevention of child abuse. Thank you!

# UPCOMING TRAININGS THIS SPRING

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## ACT Raising Safe Kids Training

ACT Raising Safe Kids is an evidence-based parenting curriculum developed and managed by the American Psychological Association Violence Prevention Office. This program teaches counselors, social workers, nurses, teachers, child welfare workers, and parent educators how to facilitate the nine-week parenting program for caregivers of children ages 0-10. The program is easy to implement and includes ongoing technical assistance, coaching, and a plethora of program-related resources. Trainees will leave this two-day training ready and prepared for program facilitation.

**Dates:** April 13 & 14, 2020

**Time:** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Location:** Southeast Region Training • 2300 Lincoln Highway • Unit 12 • Langhorne, PA 19047

**Cost:** \$500 • The cost of training includes all program materials, two days of training, and ongoing support in the ACT program cohort.

**Register:** For more information and to register, please visit our website at [pafsa.org/calendar](http://pafsa.org/calendar) or speak directly to the program developer by calling us at 717-238-0937.

## Families in Recovery: Train-the-Trainer

PFSA will host another TTT session for agencies and organizations interested in bringing the *Families in Recovery: Strengthening Connections One Day at a Time* program to their community. This research-based and trauma-informed program is a valuable resource to caregivers and parents at any stage of the recovery process. If you are a service provider who reaches parents or families touched by substance use disorder, this flexible social-emotional parenting support and education curriculum will complement and strengthen your program delivery. Benefits of the program package include ongoing, unlimited program coaching, technical support, refresher trainings, communications and PR support, and program implementation assistance.

**Dates:** April 16 & 17, 2020

**Time:** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Location:** PA Family Support Alliance • Harrisburg, PA

**Cost:** \$3,035 per trainer entering into a 3-year contract with PFSA. (Payment can be broken down by year — \$1,035/year one, \$1,000/year two, and \$1,000/year three.) CBCAP Network members receive a 10% discount on all program-related costs.

**Register:** For more information and to register, please visit our website at [pafsa.org/calendar](http://pafsa.org/calendar) or speak directly to the program developer by calling us at 717-238-0937.

## Mandated Reporter Training

For curriculum titled “Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse”

This training is for individuals mandated by law to report suspected child abuse, as defined in the Child Protective Services Law. This training provides supportive information in the form of workbooks and reference documents. 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.

**Dates:** March 26, 2020

**Time:** 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Location:** PA Family Support Alliance • Harrisburg, PA

**Cost:** Free

**Register:** To join an already-scheduled In-Person Mandated Reporter Training that is open to the public, go to PFSA's calendar to register at [pafsa.org/calendar](https://pafsa.org/calendar). Request a free in-person training at your agency (*if you have at least 15 people who can attend*) by going to [pafsa.org/mandated-reporters/mandated-reporters-training/on-site-training](https://pafsa.org/mandated-reporters/mandated-reporters-training/on-site-training) and filling out the request form.



**MRT ONLINE TRAINING** Although the best way to receive training on recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect is through interactive, face-to-face training, PFSA offers a self-paced, online alternative for mandated reporters in both Spanish and English. This 3-hour training is approved by the Department 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 available for download at the end of the training, and upon request we will upload confirmation of your training to the Department of State (ACT 31) or Education (ACT 48) for CE fulfillment.

**Cost:** \$30

**Register:** To get started today, go to [www.pafsa.org/mandated-reporters/mandated-reporters-training/on-demand-online-training](https://www.pafsa.org/mandated-reporters/mandated-reporters-training/on-demand-online-training), and click on "On-Demand Online Training Registration."

## Become a Trainer In-House at Your Organization Mandated Reporter Training Train-the-Trainer

For curriculum titled "Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse"

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, reporting of CEs directly to PA Departments of State and Education, and ongoing technical assistance.

**Dates:** April 20 & 21, 2020

**Time:** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (1-hour lunch break)

**Location:** PA Family Support Alliance • Harrisburg, PA

**Cost:** \$1,000 per trainer entering into a 3-year contract with PFSA. (*Payment can be broken down by year — \$400/year one, \$300/year two, and \$300/year three.*)

**Register:** You must pre-register for this training by going to [pafsa.org/calendar](https://pafsa.org/calendar) and filling out the webform for the training you want to attend. You will receive a confirmation email once your registration has been processed, which will include the address for the training location.



# Blue Ribbon Champion: Call for Nominations

Do you know a champion for kids? Someone who has done something special to protect children in Pennsylvania?

Nominate them for PFSA's Blue Ribbon Champion for Safe Kids!

In recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, PFSA will honor Blue Ribbon Champions from across the commonwealth, with ceremonies in Harrisburg and Pittsburgh. These individuals are recognized for their exceptional contributions and efforts as we work to prevent child abuse and neglect.

The deadline for nominations is Feb. 24, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

**To make your nomination, go to [pablueribbonchampion.org/nominate.html](http://pablueribbonchampion.org/nominate.html)**



## Won't You Be Our Valentine?

In addition to the Valentine's Day cards and chocolates we exchange with those we adore, PFSA dispenses education and training to our friends and colleagues across Pennsylvania. So PFSA can continue this exchange of ideas and support, please visit [www.pafsa.org](http://www.pafsa.org) to make a donation or call Ann Moffitt to discuss other opportunities to give.