



The start of a new year usually invites reflection on the past year and anticipation of fresh goals, wishes, and plans for the coming year. Although 2020 brought many challenges we did not expect, we were able to adjust, grow, and learn new ways to continue our work to protect the children of Pennsylvania.

PFSA strives to provide PA with quality services in response to the real needs of families and the ever-changing circumstances and requirements of family and child service agencies and organizations. 2020 stretched us in a good way, as we conceived creative approaches to continue offering all our services through virtual platforms.

Prevention programs are most effective when they exhibit flexibility and responsiveness to the needs and strengths of the community

where they take place. Today, dozens of agencies statewide turn to PFSA for high-quality parenting publications, our acclaimed *Families in Recovery* parenting curriculum, and training to provide the evidence-based parenting program *ACT: Raising Safe Kids*. We welcome the opportunity to work with all child- and family-serving agencies dedicated to helping parents be their child's hero for a lifetime.

The safety of Pennsylvania's children is not just the child welfare system's responsibility; it is also mine – and yours!

As we start a new year, please consider how you and your agency can partner with PFSA to help protect PA's kids.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN JOIN PFSA IN 2021.

PA Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids

Join us in April 2021 as we focus on how each of us can help prevent child abuse in Pennsylvania and be a champion for safe kids. This year we will have ways to engage virtually throughout the month of April via media efforts, primary prevention messaging, and virtual blue ribbon events to not only help all citizens realize the magnitude of child abuse and neglect in PA, but also inform how they can make a positive impact for change.

PFSA will host numerous events throughout the entire month, so stay tuned for more announcements. More information will be available soon at www.pafsa.org.

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. New this year — 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 www.pafsa.org/mandated-reporter-training/

INDIVIDUAL ONLINE, ON-DEMAND

Cost: \$30

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

TRAIN-THE-TRAINER (TTT)

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 the PA Departments of State and Education, and offers ongoing technical assistance.

Cost: \$1,000 per trainer entering into a 3-year contract with PFSA (payment can be broken down by year — \$400/year 1, \$300/year 2, and \$300/year 3)

How to Register: You must pre-register for this training by emailing Haven Evans at hevans@pa-fsa.org for the paperwork or to answer any questions.



UPCOMING MRT TTT DATES

Date: January 20 & 21, 2021

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

Date: March 8 & 9, 2021

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

Date: May 25 & 26, 2021

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

Front Porch Project

When PFSA launched a community-based program called the *Front Porch Project* (FPP), it was with the purpose to educate communities across Pennsylvania on how to identify, and safely intervene, when a child is unsafe.

This program was built on the belief that everyone can — and should — play a role in preventing child abuse and supporting families. From giving important statistical information to fostering in-depth discussions

and highlighting real-life examples, PFSA strives to increase understanding and knowledge of child abuse and neglect, so that everyone is equipped with the tools they need to support and protect children and families in their communities.

Our train-the-trainer (TTT) model for FPP is now available in virtual format. Although these trainings will also be available in person in the near future, we've shifted gears to provide a virtual delivery method during the pandemic. We have also made recent revisions to the curriculum and activities for more relevant and engaging content.

As we enter the new year, PFSA will continue to hold brief overview sessions for anyone who is interested in learning more about the program. These sessions will be held every other Thursday at 10 a.m. beginning January 14, 2021. Click the link below to register for an upcoming Front Porch Project Overview session: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8456289084>

More information will be available soon at www.pafsa.org.

Families in Recovery

In late January, PFSA will host a two-day train-the-trainer (TTT) session for our *Families in Recovery* program. This research-based program is a great resource for parents, guardians, and caretakers recovering from substance use disorder. The goal of this program is to teach healthy coping and parenting skills while balancing the needs of recovery.

Organizational trainers will be fully prepared to provide training after attending a two-day comprehensive session consisting of content, education, and application instruction of the curriculum. TTT contracts include ongoing technical assistance, development, and coaching webinars, and assistance with outcomes-driven data collection. TTT cohorts remain in contact with each other to share program implementation experience, ideas, and insights following initial training.

Cost: \$1,000 per trainer entering into a three-year contract with PFSA.

Date: January 27 & 28, 2021

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

Register: You must pre-register for this virtual training by emailing Justin Donofrio at jdonofrio@pa-fsa.org.

PFSA will also offer additional dates for this training, and those will be made available in the near future. Learn more at www.pafsa.org.

CBCAP Network

PFSA is devoted to serving our community-based partners throughout Pennsylvania with valuable family support and education programs. We believe that programs such as *Families in Recovery*, *ACT Raising Safe Kids*, and the *Front Porch Project* are effective ways of responding to the needs and strengths of our communities. This commitment is why PFSA is grateful to work with an invaluable network of Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) agencies across the state.

Agencies belonging to the CBCAP Network participate in informative quarterly webinars, where they are given the time and resources to share real-world scenarios and grow from others' experiences. CBCAP members also have year-round access to technical assistance, virtual site visits, and communication and public relations support.

PFSA is always on the lookout for agencies to join in our quest to **#ProtectPAKids** and end child abuse and neglect in PA. If you're interested in learning more about PFSA's CBCAP Network and how you can join, reach out to Justin Donofrio, jdonofrio@pa-fsa.org or visit our website at www.pafsa.org to learn more.

