



PFSA Welcomes New Board Members

► **CLAY CAULEY SR.** *Chair of the Social Services Group at City of Philadelphia Law Department*

As part of the Executive Leadership Team for the Law Department of the City of Philadelphia, Clay's responsibilities include management of the Child Welfare Unit, HIPAA and Privacy Unit, and the Health and Adult Services Unit. Clay has spent the vast majority of his legal career promoting the importance of safe and stable families. He has served as a Master for Chester County Government and Philadelphia Family Court and has been an Assistant District Attorney for the Philadelphia Office of District Attorney.

Clay serves as a Parliamentarian for West Chester University Alumni Association, a

Co-Chair for the Dependency/Juvenile Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association, and an elected board member of The Barristers Association of Philadelphia.

► **MARISA K. MCCLELLAN** *Administrator, Dauphin County Children and Youth*

Prior to her role as Administrator, Marisa served as the Chief Agency Attorney for Dauphin County Children and Youth. She is affiliated with numerous children and youth organizations and is a member of the American Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Children's Rights and Government Lawyers committees, and the Dauphin County Bar Association.

Marisa received degrees from Pennsylvania State University and its Dickinson Law. For her exemplary legal efforts looking out for children's safety, Marisa was selected as a PA Conference on Child Abuse Advocate in 2012 and a Miller Center Public Interest Advocate in 2002.

► **KATHARINE M. WATSON** *Retired, Pennsylvania House of Representatives 144th District (2000-2018)*

Kathy served as the Chair of the House Children and Youth Committee, and she led efforts to enact sweeping reform to PA's Child Protective Services Law and Child Welfare System. She previously held positions in secondary guidance counseling and was an English teacher at Springfield High School.

An advocate of lifelong learning, Kathy served as a board member for the Central Bucks School District and was both the Director of Public Information and Deputy Administrator for Bucks County.

► **MAURICIO CONDE** *Vice President of Business Development and Operations for TLR Business Solutions*

Mauricio's successful statewide initiatives and strategies have yielded positive implementation and enrollment outcomes during several Medicaid managed care expansions in

Pennsylvania — working with two independent enrollment brokers. Mauricio has worked with physical and behavioral health managed care plans and the American Cancer Society, where, as a project manager, he successfully collaborated with health systems to improve education, prevention and cancer screenings, and associated effectiveness.

Born and raised in Mexico City, Mauricio gives back to the community by serving on several nonprofit governing boards and volunteering within his community and at his church. He is also an accomplished musician.

► **MICHAEL T. GAINES** *Assumes Role As Chair of PFSA Governing Board*

Michael is the Executive Director of the Bradley H. Foulk Children's Advocacy Center in Erie. He has a wide range of professional experience, including over 20 years as a religious leader, and has degrees from Gannon University and Christ the King Seminary. His knowledge of Erie County will be invaluable in developing PFSA's programs.



PFSA IS GROWING:

Larger Office, New Positions, and New Faces!

PFSA called in the contractors and tore down the office walls to make room for more staff and more programs during the past few months. As we build, we know we are advancing the mission of PFSA and protecting Pennsylvania's kids from abuse and neglect.



► **KAY KRESSLER RISES TO CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

Kay Kressler, who has served as PFSA's Director of Prevention Programs, has been promoted to Chief Operating Officer, effective

July 1, assuming all program oversight and expanding her management responsibilities.

"During her tenure with PFSA, Kay has been

an outstanding member of our team," shared Angela Liddle, PFSA President and CEO. "She has built strong relationships with strategic partners statewide and has expanded service delivery of PFSA's Families In Recovery parenting program beyond our commonwealth by training and providing technical support to agency staff in 10 states." Congratulations, Kay!



► **ADAM SMITH JOINS PFSA AS DIRECTOR OF PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

Prior to taking on the role of Director of Prevention Programs at PFSA, Adam worked as a case manager

and life skills counselor, serving homeless youth ages 18-24 in the Lehigh Valley. During his



time with Valley Youth House, Adam served in a supervisory prevention role, overseeing the Transitional Housing Program for young men.

Before a career shift to the nonprofit/change agency sector, Adam served as a Business Development and Marketing Director. His knowledge of the nonprofit realm and expertise in building relationships has provided the opportunity to work closely with community organizations and agencies to best serve underprivileged and at-risk youth and families. Adam is currently a graduate student at Kutztown University, where he will graduate in May 2020 with a Master of Public Administration.

In his free time, he enjoys the great outdoors and is an avid hiker and photographer. By nature, Adam is more of a dog guy, but in the fall of 2018, he rescued a black kitten named Leia, and she has stolen his heart.

► **MISSY BROWN JOINS PFSA AS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Missy Brown previously worked for the Commonwealth of PA in a variety of positions at ChildLine and PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency. Prior to working for the Commonwealth, Missy was a case manager at Cumberland/Dauphin County Assistance offices for 14 years. Missy will soon receive her bachelor's degree in criminal justice. She enjoys spending time with her three daughters

and traveling, and she is looking forward to the arrival of her first grandson.



► **DIRECTOR OF TRAINING HAVEN EVANS JOINS DAUPHIN COUNTY REVIEW TEAM**

Haven Evans, Director of Training, has joined the Child Death Review Team for Dauphin County as of June 2019. These professionals meet monthly to review all child fatalities, as required by the Public Health Child Death Review Act, Act 87 of 2008.

The purpose of Pennsylvania's Public Health Child Death Review (CDR) is to examine circumstances surrounding child fatalities occurring in the Commonwealth to promote safety and reduce child injuries and fatalities. Act 87 allows the CDR teams to review a variety of information related to a child's death to gain an understanding of the circumstances surrounding the death.

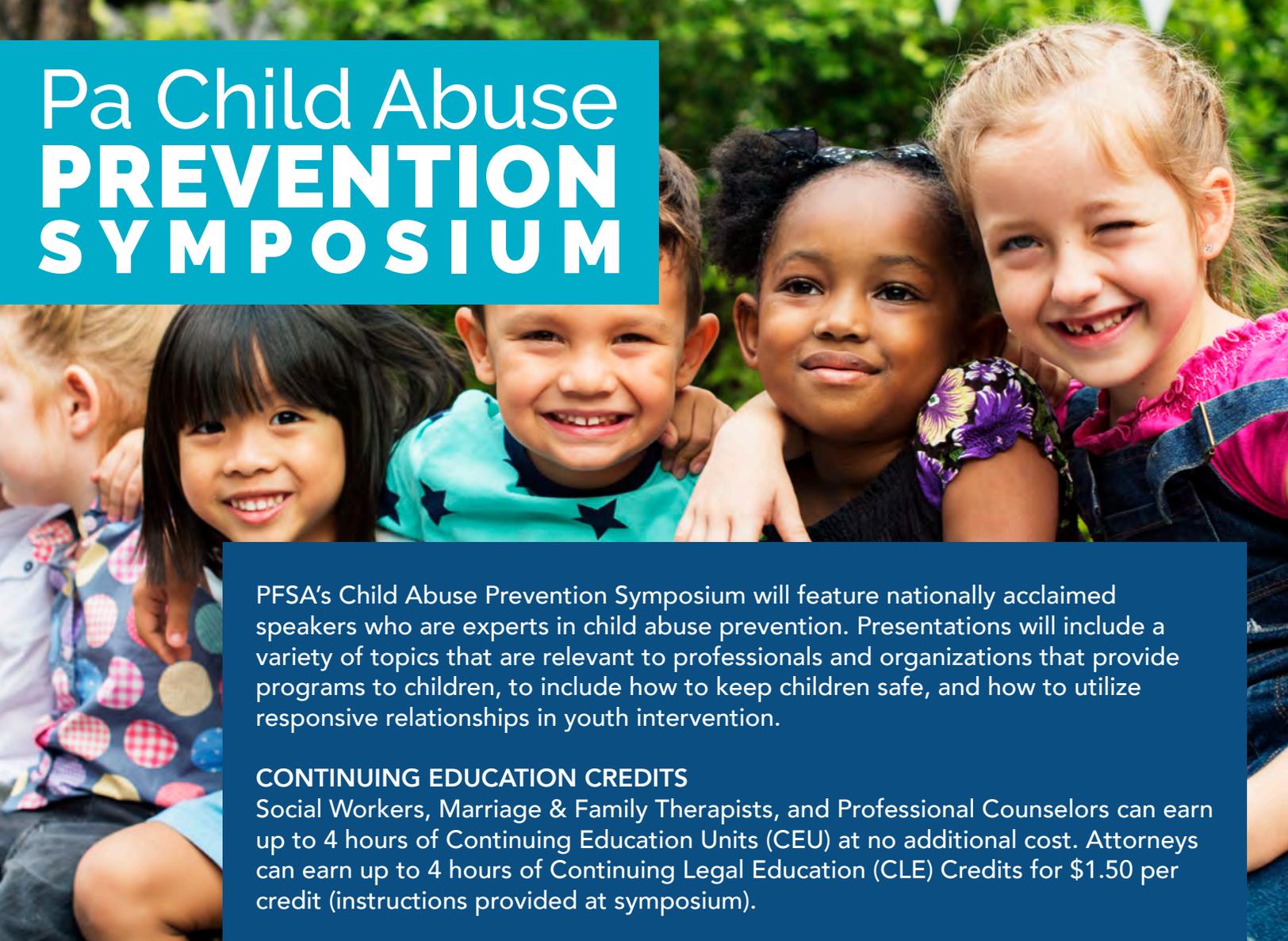
This assists the CDR teams in developing appropriate recommendations and prevention activities to reduce injuries and deaths of children. In our future newsletters, PFSA will highlight some of these prevention recommendations parents need to know to help keep their children safe.

Help us #ProtectPAKids

Contact Legislators | Get Training | Donate

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Pa Child Abuse **PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM**



PFSA's Child Abuse Prevention Symposium will feature nationally acclaimed speakers who are experts in child abuse prevention. Presentations will include a variety of topics that are relevant to professionals and organizations that provide programs to children, to include how to keep children safe, and how to utilize responsive relationships in youth intervention.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors can earn up to 4 hours of Continuing Education Units (CEU) at no additional cost. Attorneys can earn up to 4 hours of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Credits for \$1.50 per credit (instructions provided at symposium).



**PFSA'S 40TH
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

**SEPT
18**

**HARRISBURG HILTON
1 N SECOND STREET • HARRISBURG
8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

Would you, your business, or your organization like to sponsor this incredible Pa Family Support Alliance event?

PFSA's Symposium is right around the corner, and it will offer a great opportunity to help rewrite the story for Pennsylvania's children. There are many levels of support and advertising available. Learn about sponsorship options by calling Ann Moffitt, ACFRE, Director of Development, at 800-448-4906 or emailing amoffitt@pa-fsa.org.

**Thank you
for helping us
#ProtectPAKids!**



July is Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, millions of Americans are affected by mental health conditions every year. About 1 in 5 adults in the United States experiences mental illness in a given year. Approximately 4% of adults have a mental illness that greatly interferes with or limits one or more major life activities.

There are over 200 forms of mental illness. The most common include substance use disorders, anxiety disorders, and mood and personality disorders. The physical and emotional symptoms may cause a shift in thinking, mood, behavior, or even ability to function.

In July, during Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, we turn our attention to the unique challenges faced by underrepresented groups related to mental health and wellness.

Addiction and mental health conditions do not discriminate based on gender, socioeconomic status, culture, color, or creed. However, background and societal identification can

create barriers and unique struggles for some individuals trying to access resources and care. Cultural differences, exposure to trauma, and financial disparities can increase stigma and decrease quality of care for those with mental illness.

Recently, Mental Health America has broadened the term “minority” to embrace individuals from a diverse population of disenfranchised and underserved groups and communities, including:

- ▶ LGBTQ+ persons
- ▶ Displaced families, immigrants, and refugee groups
- ▶ Various religious groups and cultures
- ▶ Men and women currently or previously incarcerated
- ▶ Homeless and housing insecure populations
- ▶ African American, Black, and Latino/a men, women, and children

It takes a village to strengthen communities on state and national levels. PFSA challenges all community members, educators, family care and service providers, and professionals to consider how each of us can be a part of the solution. By working together in a cross-systems approach, prioritizing ongoing professional development, and creating opportunities to educate your community, you can help break barriers and reduce negative perceptions about mental illness.

For more information on how to support loved ones, community members, and consumers, check out some of these expert resources:

- ▶ **Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers' Association** 800-887-6422 pmhca.org
- ▶ **Mental Health America** 800-969-6642 nmha.org
- ▶ **National Alliance on Mental Illness** 800-950-6264 nami.org
- ▶ **Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance** 800-826-3632 dbsalliance.org
- ▶ **Mental Health Association in Pennsylvania** 866-578-3659 mhapa.org
- ▶ **National Crisis Text Line** Text "Home" to 741741 in the U.S.



Also available through PFSA is "Parenting with Hope & Health: Help for Parents with Mental Illness."

Call us at 800-448-4906 to order a copy or visit us online at pa-fsa.org.