



PA Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids Events Canceled Due to Coronavirus Outbreak

PFSA has been following local, state, and federal guidance on public events, as well as the advice from our nation's leading medical experts. They all strongly discourage large groups from gathering in public spaces.

The Commonwealth has taken proactive measures in preventing the spread of the coronavirus, which causes COVID-19, by closing the Capitol Complex to all public events until further notice.

In light of this unprecedented public health challenge, PA Family Support Alliance has canceled next month's PA Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids ceremonies and flag plantings in Harrisburg and Pittsburgh.

This was not a decision we came to lightly but one that we believe is right. The safety and well-being of all who participate in our

ceremonies and flag planting events — including students, families, child welfare advocates, members of the media, and elected officials — must be our first priority.



We are truly sorry that we will be unable to host our annual events in April. Each year, we look forward to spending time with you, raising awareness about child abuse prevention, and recognizing individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to protect Pennsylvania's children.

The winners of the Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids Awards have already been chosen by an independent panel of judges, and we will honor them at our **Child Abuse Prevention Symposium on September 29 in Harrisburg**. We hope your schedule will allow you to join us in celebrating these truly remarkable individuals.

PFSA especially thanks our sponsors for helping us protect Pennsylvania's children. Because of their support, people in every region of our state have become better parents. Professionals and volunteers know how to identify and report child abuse. Community members know exactly what to do when a child in their midst is not safe.

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MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING

PFSA has been following local, state, and federal guidance on events, as well as the advice from our nation's leading medical experts on how to take proactive measures in preventing the spread of the coronavirus, which causes COVID-19. As a result of these factors beyond our control, we are taking the following measures for our mandated reporter trainings:

► Beginning Monday March 16, 2020, all in-person trainings are canceled through May 3, 2020. Those previously scheduled for in-person trainings during this time frame have the option of either holding their trainings virtually (at the same date and time) or rescheduling after May 3, 2020.



► PFSA staff are available to schedule new trainings during this time period — please email training@pa-fsa.org or call 800-448-4906 to schedule a virtual training session (before May 3) or in-person training (after May 3). PFSA also has an individual online training option available 24/7 at pa-fsa.org/mandated-reporters/mandated-reporters-training/on-demand-online-training.

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 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 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, and click on "On-Demand Online Training Registration."

Become a Trainer In-House at Your Organization

Train-The-Trainer Program 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.



Mandated Reporter Trainer Spotlight: Joan Mosier

It all began in 1998, when PFSA President and CEO Angela Liddle spent Sunday evenings on the phone with Joan Mosier as they developed a new concept: statewide training for mandated reporters of child abuse. They conceived curriculum, funding, facilities, and participants in those calls.

Joan developed that initial curriculum and was the original and, at first, the only trainer for what has grown to be the standard in mandated reporter training. She continues to travel from school cafeteria to church basement, and everywhere in between, on behalf of PFSA.

Joan is a graduate of Bloomsburg State College and Marywood College. She worked in Pennsylvania's public child welfare system for over 16 years, serving as a caseworker, supervisor, and C&Y administrator.

Since 1990, Joan has been an independent trainer and consultant. More than 42,300 people have participated in her workshops. Through the University of Pittsburgh's Child Welfare Resource Center, she trains staff who work in Pennsylvania's child welfare system. An active member of her community, Joan volunteers with various nonprofits, including Head Start, Big Brothers Big Sisters and those specializing in childcare, professional theater, and politics.

We appreciate the wealth of knowledge Joan brings to each training she provides to mandated reporters. She looks forward to meeting many of you in her training room!



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