



Women's History Month 2022: Women Providing Healing and Promoting Hope

Since 1987, we have observed the month of March as Women's History Month in the United States. Women's History Month has become a time of celebration to recognize the contributions of women to history, culture, and society. We honor the women who provide leadership and extraordinary commitment to improving our society and communities. The National Women's History Alliance designates an annual theme for Women's History Month, and the 2022 theme is "Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope."

This year's theme is especially relevant for the women who work in social work and child welfare. About 72% of all child welfare workers are women, and about 83% of all social workers are women. This means women are the primary frontline workers who care for children in need, support families in hardship, and strengthen communities with resources, all while fostering safety and well-being. Women in these fields have, indeed, provided healing and promoted hope for those they serve. We are grateful.

Our gratitude for women in these sectors is amplified even more against the backdrop of COVID-19 and the ongoing impact the pandemic has had on individuals, families, and communities. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted women in the workforce, as they have taken on the brunt of child care duties as many schools and daycares faced challenges. The pandemic has forced many two-income families to shift to a



single income and many single parents to pivot into more flexible careers. This has disrupted the makeup of women in the workforce, and the full effect remains to be seen.

At a time where so much is in flux from the pandemic and children, families, and communities need ongoing support, the women working in child welfare and social work are that much more important to us all.

We want to thank everyone who works in these fields and give special recognition to the women who continue to lead the charge in child welfare and social work, despite the ongoing impact and limitations imposed by the pandemic.

This March, we invite you to celebrate the women you work alongside in your organization for their contributions, achievements, and positive impacts on those we serve. **PFSA thanks all women for providing healing and promoting hope, this month and always.**

CBCAP MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

A Child's Light

PFSA is excited to have **A Child's Light** as a member of the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Network!

A Child's Light (ACL), located in Malvern, PA, provides immediate mental health support for children and adolescents, ages 2 to 18, who have experienced severe trauma.

Working with many community partners, ACL offers a solution to the range of challenges inherent in local systems. ACL seeks to expedite support and overcome financial and accessibility roadblocks.

With specially trained, trauma-informed therapists throughout Chester County, ACL is able to reach more children — and more quickly — to help them on their journey to heal. ACL invests in children by putting them, and the local community, on a path toward a healthier and more stable society.

Welcome to the CBCAP Network!

Learn more about the organization at www.childslight.com





Virtually – throughout the month of April!

PFSA invites you to join us in April for our PA Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids virtual event!

In recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, PFSA will virtually honor Blue Ribbon Champions from across the commonwealth who have gone the extra mile to protect PA children. Additionally, PFSA will host a variety of virtual activities and events throughout April to raise awareness and educate others about child abuse prevention in Pennsylvania.

**VIRTUAL EVENT:
SPOTLIGHT SPEAKER SERIES**

PFSA is excited to bring back our virtual expert speaker series from last year, titled the Spotlight Speaker Series! This virtual activity throughout April hosts expert speakers who provide relevant and timely presentations on topics that cover child abuse prevention from a variety of viewpoints.

The purpose of this series is to raise awareness of the importance of child abuse prevention across systems while educating other professionals on the impact that child abuse prevention efforts can have on individuals, organizations, systems, and communities.

Speakers will share their expertise from the field, highlighting detailed information, evidence, and data related to the topics.

Speaker details and registration will be made available soon on **PFSA's website** — stay tuned!

Please consider attending this event and engaging in our other activities throughout National Child Abuse Prevention Month! Visit our website at **pafsa.org** for more details on how you can join us in April to **#ProtectPAKids!**



UPCOMING PFSA 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 with each other to share program implementation experience,

ideas, and insights following initial training. All organizations interested in implementing the Families in Recovery program are required to enter an agreement contract with PFSA and participate in the evaluation requirements of the program.

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

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

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

Register: You must pre-register for this training. Email Justin Donofrio, Program Services Manager, at jdonofrio@pafsa.org for contract paperwork, registration information, and program details.

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

Cost: \$30

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

TRAIN-THE-TRAINER

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: March 23 & 24, 2022 (virtual)
May 12 & 13, 2022 (virtual)
July 19 & 20, 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 hevens@pafsa.org for the paperwork or to ask any questions.



Did You Know?

PFSA has educational resources available in our **online store**. You can find informative materials covering a wide range of topics designed to assist caregivers, parents, and professionals in an effort to protect children. Please visit pafsa.org to learn more!

We Are Thankful for Your Support!

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!