

September is National Recovery Month!



Each September, there is a movement to raise awareness around recovery and to promote new treatment and recovery practices for those affected by substance use disorder (SUD).

While many treatment services are available, SUD still affects millions of Americans every day. The number of people within the recovery community who are actively supporting one another is also growing, and PFSA hopes to help increase that number each year with our Families in Recovery program.

The **Families in Recovery** program offers a unique opportunity to help bridge the gap between those who are in recovery and in a parenting/caregiving role. We know that these roles overlap and impact one another, creating an increased need for support and education.

This program is person-focused and family-centered, supporting individuals in exploring strengths, needs, and resiliencies. With a trauma-informed approach and the integration of the *Strengthening Families Protective Factors™*, our Families in Recovery program provides the education, tools, and skills necessary to navigate and balance the recovery and parenting processes.

PFSA provides quarterly training for this program (January, April, July, October) and offers community-based providers and organizations with the training and skills needed to implement this valuable program successfully.

Additionally, PFSA offers support, resources, and technical assistance to ensure a smooth

implementation and delivery of the program. To learn more, email PFSA's Prevention Services Manager, Justin Donofrio, at jdonofrio@pafsa.org.

To learn more about the Families in Recovery program, visit our **Families in Recovery** section on our website.

To learn more about Recovery Month and to find additional resources, visit the **SAMHSA Recovery Month website**.



September 19 Virtual Screening & Discussion: Our American Family

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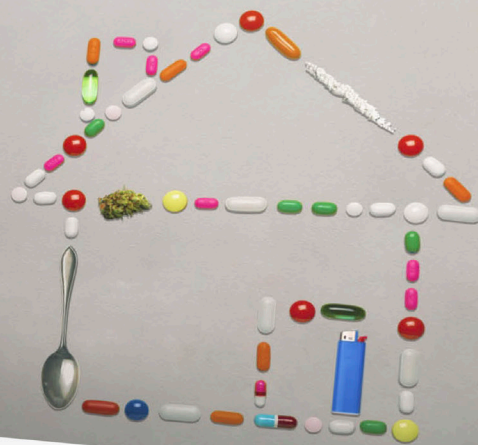
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AFTER ROCK BOTTOM



In honor of National Recovery Month, PFSA is also hosting a virtual screening of the powerful documentary titled, "Our American Family" – a radically honest portrait of five family members grappling with the legacy of generational addiction as they fight to heal resentments and pull each other out of the deepest depths. **The virtual screening will include a 30-minute discussion with two family members from the film.** Registration is currently open to the public.

All annual symposium attendees and current Families in Recovery facilitators will be pre-registered.

PA BLUE RIBBON CHAMPIONS for SAFE KIDS

Nominations Open! (Due Oct. 20th)



In recognition of **National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April**, Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance will honor individuals from across the commonwealth for exceptional contributions to the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

We want to recognize those professionals, volunteers, and everyday heroes among us who keep our children safe. Nominations for this recognition are welcome from schools, government agencies, community organizations, private practitioners, churches, and other concerned individuals and groups.

PA Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids award winners are shining examples of people working in Pennsylvania to prevent child abuse and neglect.

These awards are an opportunity to honor champions for children across the state who work tirelessly, often without fanfare or recognition, to improve the lives of our most vulnerable residents.

Individuals will be recognized in April as a Blue Ribbon Champion for Safe Kids. The nomination deadline is October 20, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.

**NOMINATE A CHAMPION
THAT YOU KNOW!**
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WELCOME TO OUR NEW ADDITION

Kim Cauley Eckel

CEO of Footbridge
for Families



We are excited to welcome Kim Cauley Eckel to our Board of Directors!

Kim is the CEO of **Footbridge for Families**, the Pittsburgh-based secure platform that she founded in 2019 to direct community donations to families facing short-term financial crises. *"It's an honor to join the PFSA board and to be part of an amazing organization that fights for Pennsylvanian children and families," Kim said. "I look forward to helping to make an impact across the commonwealth."*

PA Child Abuse PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM



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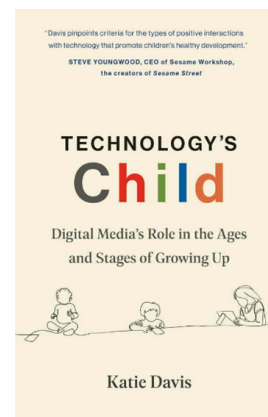
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CBCAP Network receives a 10% discount

PA Child Abuse Prevention Symposium: Register Now!

The PA Child Abuse Prevention Symposium will be held virtually on September 13, 2023. Presentations will include a variety of topics relevant to professionals and organizations that provide programs to children. Please join us for this valuable training offered to support PFSA's core mission — to promote child abuse awareness and prevention.



All registered symposium participants will receive a copy of the book *Technology's Child*. Special thanks to the **Dauphin County Library System** for providing copies of this book.

#ProtectPAKids

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 to donate!



UPCOMING PFSA TRAININGS

Families in Recovery 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 of the Families in Recovery (FiR) program 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 facilitators come together 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. FiR contracts include ongoing technical assistance, program development, facilitator calls, and assistance with data collection procedures.

Dates: October 18 & 19, 2023 (*virtual*)

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

Cost: Email Justin Donofrio, Prevention Services Manager, at jdonofrio@pafsa.org for the paperwork or to ask any questions.

Mandated Reporter Training

PFSA has several options for mandated reporter training for staff and volunteers. Certificates are provided to the participants, and, upon request, we will upload confirmation of your training to the Departments of State or Education for CE fulfillments under Act 31 and/or Act 48. CLEs are also available 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.

Dates: October 24 & 25, 2023 (*virtual*)
January 17 & 18, 2024 (*virtual*)

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

Cost: \$1,000 per trainer, entering into a three-year contract with PFSA. Email Haven Evans, Director of Programs, at hevans@pafsa.org for the paperwork or to ask any questions.