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Pa Family Support Alliance Seeks Nominations to Honor Child Advocates with Awards

Nomination period open through October 20

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Pa Family Support Alliance (<u>PFSA</u>), a nonprofit organization and the state leader in child abuse prevention, is <u>accepting nominations</u> for its 2024 Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids Awards. The nomination period ends at 5 p.m., October 20, and awards will be given next year to individuals that have demonstrated exceptional contributions to the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Individuals that are nominated can be child welfare professionals, volunteers, media representatives, law enforcement officers, or others that have worked to keep children safe. Nominations for this recognition are welcome from schools, government agencies, community organizations, private practitioners, churches, and other concerned individuals and groups.

Awards will be given to recipients at a ceremony that will take place April 2, 2024, in the Capitol rotunda in Harrisburg. April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

According to the 2022 Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Annual Child Protective Services Report, there were 4,992 cases of substantiated child abuse. There were 60 fatalities and 138 children that suffered near-fatal injuries.

"Fostering environments in Pennsylvania in which all of our children are able to grow and thrive free from abuse is our goal, and we need everyone to become a Champion for Safe Kids," said Angela Liddle, PFSA President and CEO. "If you know of someone that has continually gone above and beyond the call of duty to protect our children, please nominate them for our award. They deserve to be recognized and honored, and they can help us to motivate others to prioritize our children's safety and wellbeing."

Nominating an individual for the Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids Awards is an easy, free process. Winners will be determined by an independent panel of judges.

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About Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance

<u>Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance</u> prevents child abuse and protects children from harm by helping parents learn positive parenting techniques, educating professionals and volunteers who work with

children to recognize and report child abuse, and helping community members learn how they can play a positive role in keeping children safe. To learn more about our programs, schedule training, or make a donation, please visit <u>pafsa.org</u>, or call 800-448-4906.