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

Nomination period open through November 13

**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 2025 Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids Awards. The nomination period ends at 5 p.m., November 13, and awards will be given next year to individuals who have demonstrated exceptional contributions to the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Individuals who are nominated can be child welfare professionals, volunteers, media representatives, law enforcement officers, or others who 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, 2025, in the Capitol Rotunda in Harrisburg. April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

According to the 2023 Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Annual Child Protective Services Report, there were 4,720 cases of substantiated child abuse. There were 57 fatalities and 119 children suffered near-fatal injuries.

"Our mission is to create safe spaces across Pennsylvania where every child can flourish, free from harm, and this requires all of us to step up as Champions for Safe Kids," said Angela Liddle, PFSA President and CEO. "If you know someone who consistently goes the extra mile to safeguard our children, we encourage you to nominate them. They deserve recognition for their dedication, and their efforts can inspire others to prioritize the protection and well-being of our youth."

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.