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## **Local Ephrata Borough Resident Receives Blue Ribbon Champion for Safe Kids Award**

*The award is given to individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to protect children*

**Harrisburg, Pa.**— [Pa Family Support Alliance](#), the state's leader in child abuse prevention, has awarded Robin Boyer with the Blue Ribbon Champion for Safe Kids Award. This award is given to four individuals that have gone above and beyond the call of duty to support and protect Pennsylvania's children.

Boyer is the Director of Intake Services at Lancaster County Children and Youth Agency. In her role, she leads the county's Plans of Safe Care Committee and ensures that pregnant mothers navigating the challenges of substance abuse disorders are connected with an intake worker.

Boyer advocated for the process of "safe care" which enables intake workers to meet with mothers during the course of their pregnancy, rather than waiting until after the child is born to receive support services. This structure has decreased stigma and enabled mothers to receive care and treatment faster.

"Robin was nominated for this award because of her compassion and ability to innovate," said Angela Liddle, President, and CEO of Pa Family Support Alliance. "Not only did Robin have the courage to speak up when she saw that a minor change can make a big difference in the lives of mothers and infants, but she understands that education and meeting families where they are—is the first step in preventing child abuse and neglect."

In honor of this accomplishment, Pa Family Support Alliance is debuting a video on its Facebook page today which features Boyer talking about receiving the award. Her video can be found [here](#).

As part of the month-long awareness campaign, Pa Family Support Alliance is debuting video messages featuring the Department of Human Services Acting Secretary Meg Snead, State Senators Judy Ward and Maria Collett, as well as State Representatives Sheryl DeLozier and Pamela DeLissio.

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### **About Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance**

[Pa Family Support Alliance](#) 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 a training, or donate, please visit [pa-fsa.org](http://pa-fsa.org), or call 800-448-4906.