

The PA Blue Ribbon Champions Awards honor professionals and everyday heroes who #ProtectPAKids from abuse

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

The nomination period is open until October 15

Harrisburg, PA—Pa Family Support Alliance (<u>PFSA</u>), a nonprofit organization and the state leader in child abuse prevention is <u>currently accepting nominations</u> for its 2023 Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids Awards. The nomination period is open until October 15, and awards will be given 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 on April 4, 2023, in the Capitol Dome in Harrisburg. April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

According to the 2021 Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Annual <u>Child Protective Services</u> <u>Report</u>, there were 5,036 cases of substantiated child abuse. There were 58 fatalities and 136 near children that suffered near-fatal injuries.

"Our goal is to foster an environment in Pennsylvania in which all of our children can grow and thrive—free from abuse. To make that vision a reality, we need everyone to become a Champion for Safe Kids," said Angela Liddle, President, and CEO of PFSA. "If you know someone that has gone above and beyond the call of duty to protect children, please nominate them for our award. They deserve to be recognized and honored."

Nominating an individual for the Blue Ribbon Champions Awards is an easy process and it is free. An independent panel of judges will determine who the winners are.

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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 pa-fsa.org, or call 800-448-4906.