

# Pennsylvania Council of Children, Youth and Family Services

## COMMITTEES, WORKGROUPS, MEETINGS AND EVENTS

*Benefits of PCCYFS membership include many opportunities for member agency staff exposure to committees, workgroups, meetings, and events that inform, educate and provide professional development. The opportunities offered are listed herein and scheduled activities can be found on our Calendar of Events at [www.pccyfs.org](http://www.pccyfs.org). Participation enhances the value of membership!*

### COMMITTEES

A *Committee* is defined as a group of persons designated by the Board of Directors to propose action and/or make recommendations to the Board in an area as defined within the Council bylaws. There are two types of Committees in the Council's organizational structure - *Standing Committees* and *Ad Hoc (Task Force) Committees*. Participation in committee activities is open to staff designated by the Directors of Provider Agency Members.

Executive Committee - Meets as needed

Addresses responsibilities and duties as set forth in the bylaws.

Finance Committee - Meets as needed

Guiding function of the Council budget infrastructure.

Membership Services Committee - Meets as needed

Addresses membership support and Council activities.

Personnel Committee - Meets as needed

Addresses Council staffing benefits and patterns.

Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee - Meets as needed

Develops recommendations for strategic directions and planning for the Council.

Public Policy Committee – Meets bi-monthly or as needed

Addresses activities related to influence the regulatory and legislative environment promoting the public policy agenda as established by the membership. The Public Policy Committee members have designated four ad hoc subcommittees:

1. Increasing Influence/Communications - Developed a communications and public awareness plan including an education and communications plan for use by the membership for their staff and Boards. Monitor plan implementation.
2. Litigation - Compiled and reviewed court actions in other states/jurisdictions and developed recommendations as to potential legal options for private providers in PA.
3. System Reform - Developed an overview of the proposed statewide or pilot county organizational structural changes needed to support expanded privatization of the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. This included review of models of privatization operational in other states. Currently promoting options.
4. Legislation - Developed draft legislation related to Act 30. Successful in legislative advocacy regarding legislation. Now monitoring task force activity.

## **STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL WORKGROUPS, MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

*Statewide and regional workgroups and meetings provide a forum for an exchange of information and dialogue on pertinent issues and topics of interest with colleagues from across the Commonwealth and from each perspective region. Statewide and regional events are open to all members and participation in workgroup activities is open to staff designated by the directors of provider agency members. Conference call participation is available for many scheduled events.*

### **Statewide**

#### **Annual Spring Conference**

Statewide Conference provides a cost effective, quality learning opportunity including CEUs and a forum to network with colleagues and partners from across the Commonwealth.

#### **Behavioral Health - MA Funded Services Workgroup** – Meets semi-annually or as needed

Statewide workgroup with focus on MA funded Behavioral Health services.

#### **Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Workgroup** - Meets as needed

CFOs meet to exchange information, dialogue on pertinent issues and address current challenges.

#### **Children's Services Policy Days** - Semi-annual event

Staff from the state Department of Public Welfare offices (i.e. Office of Children Youth and Families, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, etc.) and other state offices or stakeholders (i.e. Office of Children and Families in the Courts, Juvenile Court Judges Commission, Department of Education, Juvenile Law Center) present updates on initiatives and changes to policy and regulation.

#### **Conference Planning Workgroup** - Meets monthly and as needed

Statewide task-focused workgroup, members plan, coordinate and implement every detail of the annual spring conference.

#### **Delinquency Services Workgroup** - Meets bi-monthly

Statewide workgroup, focus is to increase dialogue and communication, promote understanding of issues, and promote solutions to problems mutually encountered by service providers and juvenile justice system officials.

#### **Educational Services Workgroup** – Meets tri-annually

Statewide workgroup providing participants the opportunity to discuss issues of interest and engage in dialogue with special guests from the PA Department of Education, Educational Law Center, etc.

#### **Fund Development Workgroup** – Meets quarterly

Statewide workgroup providing mutual support in fund development efforts by examining creative ideas, discussing practices and challenges, hearing presentations on topics of interest sharing resources and knowledge, and increasing skills and solutions.

#### **Independent Living Workgroup** – Meets bi-monthly

Statewide workgroup providing the opportunity to discuss issues pertaining to independent living and supporting transition-age youth, including hearing from special guest presenters on topics of interest. The Workgroup created “A Child's Passport to Independence: Life Skills Competency Continuum,” an independent living skills guidance and tracking tool which is available to PCCYFS members as a benefit of membership.

#### **Outcome Measures Workgroup** – Meets quarterly

Statewide workgroup supporting the efforts of private providers in collecting, utilizing and reporting outcomes through presentations and discussion of pertinent issues.

Residential Treatment Facility - (RTF) Workgroup - Meets as needed

Statewide workgroup with primary focus on RTF services, practice and funding - maintains a high level of activity in response to regulatory issues.

Technology Workgroup - Meets quarterly

Statewide workgroup providing participants the opportunity to engage in roundtable discussion of technology and related issues.

## **Southeast Region**

Family Empowerment Services Workgroup - Meets quarterly

Comprised of representatives from member agencies delivering Family Empowerment Services. Participants share information, develop recommendations for changes in practice and policy, and respond to proposed contract modifications.

Family Reunification Services Workgroup – Meets as needed

Comprised of representatives from member agencies that provide Family Reunification Services. Participants share information, invite representatives from children and youth agencies to discuss concerns, review and respond to program and contract requirements and changes

Foster Parent Training Workgroup - Meets as needed

Staff from member agencies with the responsibility for foster parent training, plan and execute annual resource caregiver training conference. Throughout the year, participants share training resources through the “Foster Parent Training Exchange.”

Group Home Care/Shelter Workgroup - Meets quarterly

Comprised of directors and supervisors from member agencies that deliver group home services. Participants share information, invite representatives from children and youth agencies to discuss concerns, review and respond to program and contract requirements and changes.

In-Home Protective Services Workgroup - Meets bi-monthly

Comprised of representatives from member agencies that deliver both general and specialty in home protective services. Participants share information, develop recommendations for improving policy and practice, and respond to proposed contract modifications.

Medical Foster Care Workgroup - Meets as needed

Comprised of representatives from member agencies that provide medical foster care, participants share information, develop recommendations for improving policy and practice, respond to proposed contract modifications, and advocate for reasonable reimbursement for services. Develop agenda for quarterly meetings with Philadelphia Department of Human Services.

Mother/Baby Provider Workgroup – Meets quarterly

Comprised of representatives from member agencies delivering mother/baby services. Participants share information, develop recommendations for changes in practice and policy, respond to proposed contract modifications and advocate for reasonable and consistent reimbursement for services. Develops agenda for monthly meeting with Philadelphia Department of Human Services.

Performance Based Contracting Workgroup - Meets quarterly

Comprised of representatives from member agencies that deliver general foster care services under performance-based contracts with the Philadelphia Department of Human Services. Participants share information, identify barriers to achieving timely and successful outcomes and develop strategies to address barriers, propose contract changes, develop responses to DHS proposed contract modifications and advocate for reasonable reimbursement for services.

School and Family Engagement Workgroup – Meets as needed

Comprised of representatives from member agencies that provide School and Family Engagement prevention services. Participants share information, develop recommendations for changes in practice and policy, and respond to proposed contract modifications.

SE Region Council Meeting – Meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

A monthly meeting of 12 member agency representatives (5 members of the PCCYFS Board of Directors and 7 other elected representatives from SE Region member agencies) charged with advancing members' interests in relationship to the five counties in the SE Region and representing the SE membership in meetings with county children and youth leadership and at family court. In addition, the SE Region Council provides guidance on the operation of the Southeast Region Professional Development and Training Institute.

SE Region General Membership Meeting – Meets monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

A monthly meeting convened for all member agencies, where workgroups report on activities, information on changes in policy and practice is discussed, and special guests - including public children and youth leadership, family court judges, and other stakeholders are invited to discuss topical issues.

Supervised Independent Living Workgroup - Meets quarterly

Comprised of representatives from member agencies that provide general and mother/baby Supervised Independent Living services, participants share information, develop recommendations for improving policy and practice, and respond to proposed contract modifications.

Treatment Foster Care Workgroup - Meets quarterly

Comprised of representatives from member agencies delivering treatment foster care services. Participants share information, develop recommendations for changes in practice and policy, respond to proposed contract modifications; and advocate for reasonable reimbursement for services. Develop agenda for quarterly meeting with Philadelphia Department of Human Services.

Truancy Prevention Provider Workgroup - Meets as needed

Comprised of representatives from member agencies delivering truancy prevention services. Participants share information, develop recommendations for changes in practice and policy, and respond to proposed contract modifications.

**Western Region**

Allegheny County DHS Meeting - Meets quarterly

Western Region members meet with County DHS Director, Deputy Director and staff from DHS to hear of changes within the county and share concerns/ideas.

Aftercare workgroup – A new workgroup in Allegheny County to explore new methods of delivering services to children and youth who have been discharged from placement.

Foster/Kinship Care Services Workgroup - Meets bi-monthly

Regional workgroup that looks at regulatory changes, changes in referrals, information sharing.

Human Resources (HR) Workgroup - Meets bi-monthly

Regional workgroup that shares policies, information and changes within the HR arena that affect providers.

Southwestern Region Counties Meeting - Meets as needed

Western Region members meet with staff from multiple Southwestern regions from the Children's Bureau, C&Y, MH/MR and JPO to gather updates and share concerns/ideas.

Western Region Membership Meeting – Meets quarterly alternately in Pittsburgh and Grove City  
Western Region members meet to discuss updates on policy and practice and to review regional and statewide issues and concerns.

## **Northeast Region**

Human Resources (HR) and Training Workgroup - Meets monthly  
Regional workgroup that shares policies, information and changes within the HR arena that affect providers.

Northeast Region Membership Meeting - Meets bi-monthly  
Northeast region members meet to discuss updates on policy and practice and to review regional and statewide issues and concerns.

## **PCCYFS STAFF PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES**

*May also include member agency staff representation*

### **Statewide**

- CAPTA - Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act Committee
  - Children’s Justice Act Workgroup
  - Citizens Review Panel Workgroup
- Child Abuse Prevention Month Planning Committee
- Child and Family Service Review (CFSR) – Steering Committee
  - Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) Committees
- Child Welfare Emergency Planning Workgroup
- Child Welfare Resource Center (CWRC)
  - Central Steering Committee - CW Training Central Steering Committee
- Collaborative joint meetings with OCYF, OMHSAS, OMAP and PCCJPO
  - OMHSAS Planning Council Committee
  - PA Chiefs/Providers’ Forum – Quarterly Meetings
  - Quarterly PCCJPO meetings
- Educational Success & Truancy Prevention Workgroup – Subgroup of the Statewide Roundtable of the Administrative Office of PA Courts (AOPC) Office of Children & Families in the Courts (OCFC)
- Health Care Sponsor Group – Convened by DPW to make recommendations for improving health outcomes for children in placement.
- Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) Provider Workgroup
  - Balanced and Restorative Justice Implementation Committee (Chiefs’ Council)
- Ad Hoc Committees of the Chiefs’ Council
  - Behavioral Health / Juvenile Justice Committee
  - Family Involvement in Juvenile Justice Workgroup
- Juvenile Justice Restitution Subcommittee of the PA Restitution Task Force
- PACTT - Pennsylvania Academic and Career Technical Training Initiative Executive Steering Committee
- Pennsylvania Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative State Leadership Team
- Office of Children, Youth and Families Advisory Cabinet
- Pennsylvania State Resource Family Association
- Pennsylvania Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative Advisory Committee
- SWAN Advisory Committee
- Youth and Family Training Institute Steering Committee
- PA Emergency Management / OCYF Emergency Planning Workgroup

## **Southeast Region**

Philadelphia County – Convened by DHS/CBH/Family Court

- Bucks County Annual Meeting with PCCYFS
- Committee on Health Care Needs of Children in Substitute Care
- Delaware County Children and Youth Meeting
- DHS/Provider Leadership meetings
- Family Empowerment Services
- Family Reunification Services
- Group Home and Institutional Care
- In Home Protective Services Providers
- Medical Foster Care
- Performance Based Contracting – Foster Care
- Performance Based Contracting - Intake and Referral
- School and Family Engagement
- Supervised Independent Living
- Treatment Foster Care
- Truancy Prevention

## **National**

- Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)
- National Organization of State Associations for Children (NOSAC)
- National Alliance for Children & Families

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