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## New Supporting Member: BI Collaborative

*A warm welcome from PCCYFS!*



From their web site:

The BI Collaborative exclusively serves Human Services Providers — IDD, Behavioral & Mental Health, Children & Youth, and Addiction Service Providers — helping them turn data into actionable information to create efficiencies, optimize quality, and drive cost and revenue improvements.

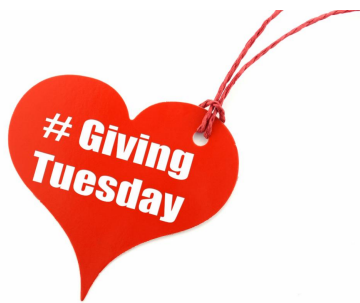
The BI Collaborative's mission is to "Create Fact-Based Decision-Making Organizations." We do this through Technology, Consulting, Education and Collaboration, and our **business intelligence platform** is the enabling technology for organizational performance improvement and foundational to compete in a Value-Based Reimbursement world.

Learn more [here](#).



Schedule a demo

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## Giving Tuesday November 28

This year, PCCYFS is taking part in Giving Tuesday - November 28, with a donation campaign! We've set a goal of **\$10,000** to support our efforts of advocating for a strong children's services system in PA!

Keep an eye out for updates from PCCYFS as we continue the countdown to November 28, and get started by joining us with a 'Like' and 'Share' on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [LinkedIn](#).

Donate to PCCYFS here!

## CBS 21 News Story: PCCYFS President & CEO Terry Clark Quoted

High turnover in County Children and Youth Agencies is directly impacting families

## in the system

by Elise Person - CBS21 November 2, 2023

Staffing within the child welfare system can have direct impacts on the children and families within it. As counties are seeing high turnover rates and losing experienced caseworkers, they're quickly trying to onboard new ones. However, sometimes counties will have to bring in a large number of caseworkers with only years, or even months of experience.

Pennsylvania Council of Children, Youth and Family Services president and CEO, Terry Clark said when counties have a high number of caseworkers with less than two years of experience, families will sometimes not receive the correct level of service.

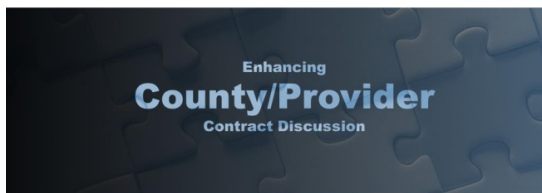
Read the full story [here](#).

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## US Department of Labor Proposes Overtime Threshold Increases

As previously announced, the US Department of Labor (DOL) [proposed a rule to](#) increase to the Fair Labor Standards Act's (FLSA's) annual salary-level threshold to \$55,068 from \$35,568 for white-collar exemptions to overtime requirements. The Department also proposed automatic increases every three years. PCCYFS submitted comments to USDOL on behalf of its membership, a copy of which is [available here](#).

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November 15, 2023  
10:00 am - 12:30 pm

The annual presentation and discussion will be held by Zoom Meeting, available to any interested partner and/or any others that may be interested. Together counties and providers, with support from OCF, will present the history of the Rate Methodology Task Force 2019 Recommendation and information on opportunities to enhance the contracting process and create a collaborative environment. A discussion will be focused on the timing, negotiation, and financial forecasting for the Needs Based Plan and Budget, as well as include an overview of the Provider Needs Based Plan and Budget Tool. This event is mainly developed for county fiscal staff and decision makers as well as placement and community-based service providers contracting for ACT 148 services, however, any other interested member may attend.

To attend the session via Zoom Meeting, please register at the link below. Please submit any questions or feedback to be addressed at the training session by November 9, 2023, to: [hbqoffice@pccyfs.org](mailto:hbqoffice@pccyfs.org)

To register: [Register Here](#)

Sponsored by PA Council of Children, Youth & Family Services (PCCYFS) and Pennsylvania Children and Youth Administrators (PCYA)



## Annual PCCYFS / PCYA Enhancing County/Provider Contract Discussions Training

The annual Enhancing County/Provider Contract Discussions training has been scheduled for Wednesday November 15 from 10 am to 12:30 pm. Historically, this annual training has been held in the spring, but due to requests, this FREE training opportunity has been moved to near the end of the calendar year.

PCCYFS is collaborating with PCYA and other partners to continue providing this opportunity to increase the understanding of, and collaboration on, the contracting process for child welfare and juvenile justice services. This training focuses on building a collaborative environment for the financial planning and contracting process by reviewing important timelines, discussing challenges from all perspectives, evaluating how data can

play an important role, and outlining opportunities for technical support.

For more information, please navigate to the Resources area of the PCCYFS website for more details and helpful resources. Use link <https://pccyfs.org/enhancing-county-and-provider-contract-discussions/>

Please register by [clicking here](#).

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## PCCYFS: Report Examines Strengths, Challenges of PA Congregate-Care Settings for Teens

November 8, 2023 – Danielle Smith, PNS

For young people with serious behavioral health challenges, a new report showed Pennsylvania’s congregate-care settings may be the best option.

The report’s authors surveyed 20 providers of congregate care, in facilities housing from about a dozen kids to almost 300.

Jaclyn Kreshock, director of children’s behavioral health services for the Pennsylvania Council of Children, Youth and Family Services and the report’s co-author, said there is a growing movement to transition youth to more community-based and homelike settings. But feedback from the survey shows many young people still require the more comprehensive help that congregate care can offer.

“One of the key findings is that all of the services that the youth can access are located within that congregate care setting,” Kreshock explained. “If it’s not within that congregate care setting, the staff in that setting set services up with outside providers.”

Read the full story [here](#).

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## PCCYFS Hires Director of Membership Growth

Greg Stelluti is an entrepreneur and seasoned business leader with over 25 years of expertise in spearheading sales operations, managing high-impact marketing strategies, and guiding complex project management initiatives across various industries. His entrepreneurial spirit is further evidenced by the successful inception and growth of three start-up enterprises under his guidance.



His leadership in sales is demonstrated by his ability to lead national teams to consistently exceed quotas, revitalizing underperforming areas into lucrative sectors. His ability to forge strategic partnerships and drive sales has significantly marked his career.

At the helm of Next Phase Rugby, Greg plays an instrumental role in expanding the sport's footprint in the USA by strategically connecting high school student-athletes with collegiate

rugby programs nationwide.

Greg Stelluti's passion for rugby, stemming from his days on the USA Rugby League national team, led him to found the Berks County Rugby Club in 2016, focusing on youth and high school players.

Beyond his professional achievements, Greg is a dedicated family man, sharing his life with his wife and their three children.

Greg Stelluti's journey reflects professional achievements, family commitment, and community involvement. His efforts not only drive business growth but also nurture future leaders, making a lasting and meaningful impact aligned with his core values.

Greg can be reached at [GregS@pccyfs.org](mailto:GregS@pccyfs.org) or 717-344-5719.

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## The 2024 Everyday Lives Conference

The Pennsylvania Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) invites you to register for the 2024 Everyday Lives Conference, January 9-11, 2024! The Everyday Lives Conference is a training conference aimed at empowering people with disabilities, their families, and the professionals that support them. The Everyday Lives Conference returns to an in-person format for 2024 at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Please click on this [LINK](#) for more information and to register.

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## Dual Diagnosis Professional Conference Series

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) and the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) present the next topic in their Dual Diagnosis Conference Series titled, *Medical Experts Sharing Perspectives of Supporting Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism*. Topics such as agitation in individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), history and the future of healthcare for people with IDD, and polypharmacy in people with IDD will be discussed by the presenters. This presentation will take place via zoom on 11/30/23 from 1pm-4pm. Please view the [attachment](#) for more details and for registration information.

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## Temple University Survey of CPS Workers

**PCCYFS is asking members and affiliates to please complete this survey if it applies to you. If it does not apply, please forward it to folks you know that are CPS workers.**

The Temple University Mental Health Services Lab is conducting a nationwide study that aims to understand child protective service and child welfare workers' views on mental illness and providing parents with a mental illness with referrals and services.

We are currently reaching out to child protective service workers to complete a brief online survey. For the purpose of this research, child protective service workers include workers at public and private agencies who have direct contact with families and are not in leadership or management positions. Workers must be 18 or older, understand English, and have worked at a child welfare agency for at least two months.

The nts with a mental illness. For completion of the online survey, you may be entered into a raffle for the opportunity to win an electronic gift card. There will be one \$100 gift card and two \$50 gift cards prizes.

To access the survey, please click [here](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Irene Casey at [irene.casey@temple.edu](mailto:irene.casey@temple.edu).



## Behavioral Health Updates

### **Community Behavioral Health (CBH) – Request for Information: Suicide Loss**

#### **Bereavement Support Services**

The purpose of this RFI is to give qualified organizations the opportunity to inform CBH and DBHIDS of their interest in providing specialized treatment services to individuals who have lost loved ones to suicide. Organizations responding ...

[Read more](#)

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# PCCYFS/2024 Conference

for Child Welfare, Children's Behavioral Health,  
Juvenile Justice & Education Professionals



## Sponsorship Opportunities

[kimberlyy@pccyfs.org](mailto:kimberlyy@pccyfs.org) or 717-460-6813

APRIL 10 & 11, Best Western Premier, Harrisburg

## Upcoming PCCYFS Board of Directors Meetings

January 24, 2024 – 10 am

April 10, 2024 – 5 pm

June 26, 2024 – 10 am

Any members with questions about these meetings may e-mail [hbgooffice@pccyfs.org](mailto:hbgooffice@pccyfs.org).

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