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September 29, 2023

PCCYFS Annual Business Meeting Materials

On September 22, 2023, the PCCYFS board and leadership held the PCCYFS Annual Business Meeting. The meeting covered accomplishments from the 2022-2023 membership year and included topics such as 1) Organizational Developments 2) Public Policy Priorities 3) Financial Overview 4) the PCCYFS Strategic Plan Update 5) Training and Professional Development and 6) PCCYFS In the News.

The presentation is available for [download here](#).

A recording of the meeting is [accessible here](#).

All Sessions Eligible for CEU's!

PCCYFS 2023 Education Summit

October 17 • Child Welfare Resource Center, Mechanicsburg • 10am to 2pm



SPECIAL GUESTS



Laval Miller-Wilson
Deputy Secretary
for the Office of
Children, Youth &
Families in the PA
Dept. of Human
Services



Dr. Carrie Rowe
Deputy Secretary
for the Office
of Elementary
& Secondary
Education in
the PA Dept. of
Education



Maura McInerney
Legal Director,
for the Education
Law Center

FEATURING SESSIONS ON:

advocacy efforts
child welfare legislation
educating children in care

RELEVANT FOR:

county child welfare agencies, private provider agencies,
schools, colleges/universities, court personnel or anyone who
works with youth/students involved in the child welfare system



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Supporting Crossover Youth Involved with Child Welfare and Juvenile Court Systems

October 5, 2023

8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

The Hintz Family Alumni Center on
Penn State's University Park campus

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FEATURED SPEAKERS



Denise C. Herz, Ph.D.

Director, California State University –
Los Angeles, School of Criminal Justice
and Criminalistics, Professor of Criminal
Justice and Criminalistics, Research Director,
City of Los Angeles, Gang Reduction and
Youth Development Office



Joseph P. Ryan, Ph.D.

Professor, School of Social Work,
Director, Child and Adolescent Data Lab,
University of Michigan



Macon Stewart, MSW

Senior Deputy Director, Center for Juvenile
Justice Reform, Georgetown University,
McCourt School of Public Policy

Additional speakers listed on Conference Website

solutionsnetwork.psu.edu/conferences

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PA DHS OMHSAS & ODP Statewide Positive Approaches & Practices Meeting Information

The Department of Human Services' (DHS) Office of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) and the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) host a quarterly Statewide Positive Approaches & Practices Meeting. This meeting aims to provide the most recent research and resources for people with mental health and behavioral challenges, intellectual disabilities, autism, and other developmental disabilities to live an everyday life.

Date: Thursday, October 12

Time: 10 am - 2:30 pm

Location: Zoom Webinar

TOPIC: NAVIGATING CRISIS INTERVENTION IN HUMAN SERVICES

MORNING SESSION DESCRIPTION: The Bradley Center follows the Sanctuary® Model of trauma-informed care and is a certified Sanctuary provider. Developed in 1985 by psychiatrist Dr. Sandra Bloom, the Sanctuary® Model promotes children's safety and recovery from adversity by actively creating a trauma-informed community all around them. This includes advocating for trauma awareness and its effects among their families, teachers, therapists, and health care providers. Melanie Karpinski, Director of Residential Services, will provide information about the Sanctuary® Model and how The Bradley Center has successfully implemented the model.

PRESENTER: *Melanie Karpinski*, Director of Residential Services, The Bradley Center.

AFTERNOON SESSION DESCRIPTION: As Human Services Professionals, we must provide staff with the critical skills needed for crisis prevention and de-escalation. Strategies and techniques focus on the care, welfare, and safety of individuals served and staff with evidence-based de-escalation approaches that are person-centered, trauma-informed best practices. This session is a panel of two direct professionals who are certified trainers who will talk about the benefit and pride in working with individuals and staff to decrease the trauma of restraint and calling law officials.

PRESENTERS:

Christina Blausen, Risk Management Lead/ODP QM Certified/Certified Investigator, ODP. Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) Certified Instructor- Nonviolent Crisis Intervention with Advanced Physical Skills.

Jeff Hyson, Director, Development & Family Services, Shared Supports. Certified MANDT trainer.

TO REGISTER:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FlsdrvNSTcWVzBOXHxAa_w

The Zoom link for joining the session will be sent to the email you used to register.

Questions? Email: PATraining@columbusorg.com



PARENTING TEENS WITH CONNECTION

A trauma-focused approach.

The Salvation Army Children's Services, in conjunction with the HALO project, is pleased to offer this 8-week parenting group. Facilitated by a TBRI practitioner and adoptive mother of teens.

Over the course of 8 weeks we will:

- ♥ Discuss how trauma impacts brain growth and youth development.
- ♥ Examine attachment styles, both our own and our children's, and how we can work toward earned secure.
- ♥ Learn new skills for connection and healthy interactions.
- ♥ Problem solve current challenges.
- ♥ Connect with a supportive group of parents who have similar lived experiences.

**Thursday evenings, 6-8pm,
September 21 - November 16 (no class on October 19)
FAITH Church: 6528 Hamilton Blvd, Allentown, PA 18106**

Post Perm funds can be utilized to cover support group costs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER EMAIL LAURA OURSLER:
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PCCYFS Member DCM Requests Participation in Partnership Survey

Dennis C. Miller, in collaboration with R&J Strategic Communication, is launching a national survey on nonprofit CEO and Board Chair partnerships. They ask you to participate in this survey [here](#).

All participants will receive a copy of the survey results. The deadline for submissions is October 18.

Mercer County Juvenile Probation Department

Social Development Strategy Training

On October 2 (9am - noon) and October 3 (9 am -11am) they will offer a free 2-day workshop to explore the Social Development Strategy.

The Social Development Strategy (SDS) is a simple and easy to use strategy for communities to expand opportunities for pro-social involvement with youth and ultimately see more positive youth outcomes. The process involves:

- Providing youth meaningful and developmentally appropriate opportunities to engage in a new activity
- Teaching youth the skill(s) necessary to be successful with the opportunity
- Recognize the youth in some way (effort/improvement/achievement/etc)
- Opportunities, skills, and Recognition lead to bonding (which can occur in any domain of a young person's life)
- Bonding creates the pathway where youth are more likely to adhere to the clear standards set by the group and ultimately see more healthy behaviors and fewer problem behaviors across the community

In this 2-day workshop we will explore what The Social Development Strategy is, take a deep dive into each of the components which make SDS work, introduce the tools for strategic planning, and begin creating a strategic plan for each participant to put SDS into use in their own community. Anyone who works with youth can benefit from this information and is welcome to attend.

For registration & more information on SDS please visit: [Social Development Strategy | EPIS \(psu.edu\)](#)

Direct link to this workshop

registration: https://pennstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3WC8LxGCKZkHH3o

If you have any questions, please send them to me at jah6989@psu.edu!

Joshua J. Leskovac, M.S.
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer
Mercer County Juvenile Probation Department



Governor Shapiro has proclaimed October 1-7, 2023 as Juvenile Justice Week

Please send stories of the positive work you do and any appreciation events you are holding during this time to abigailw@pccyfs.org.

[Read more](#)



Behavioral Health Updates

Community Behavioral Health (CBH) – Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disability Services (DBHIDS) Provider Diversity and Inclusion Data Collection Form

In support of the City of Philadelphia's ongoing diversity and inclusion efforts, our partners at DBHIDS promote the economic development of minority, women, and disabled-owned business enterprises (MWDSBEs) through its registration program, contract review, monitoring activities, and ongoing interaction with other City departments.

- As a part of this initiative, DBHIDS is requesting Providers to submit diversity demographic data about your organization's composition, including ...

[Read more](#)

PCCYFS 2024 Annual Conference

Save the Date!
April 10 & 11, 2024
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