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## **PCCYFS Human Resource Summit**

DATE AND TIME

LOCATION

PCCYFS will be hosting a Human Resource Summit on **November 19, 2024** at George Junior Republic in Grove City, PA. Tickets are still available.

[Get Your Tickets Today](#)

## Giving Tuesday

Less than 2 months away, consider joining PCCYFS and contributing in any way you can - whether it's volunteering your time, making a donation, or using your voice to make a difference in your local community. #GivingTuesday  
[Check it out](#)





## Read the latest PCCYFS Legislative Updates.

### Children First

Join Children First on October 25th at noon for an insightful webinar exploring the transformative potential of dyadic care models in improving mental health outcomes for children and families. Sally Kozak, Deputy Secretary of the Pennsylvania Office of Medical Assistance Programs, will open the event with remarks on the state's pivotal efforts to expand and integrate these models into Pennsylvania's healthcare system. Attendees will hear from leading practitioners who have successfully implemented dyadic care, showcasing diverse approaches and real-world impacts. This webinar will equip participants with valuable knowledge to inspire innovative thinking about the future of early childhood and youth mental health care

[Register Here...](#)

**CARING TOGETHER**  
MODELS FOR IMPROVING  
THE MENTAL WELL-BEING OF  
YOUNG CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

*Join us to explore how dyadic care models are transforming youth mental health and how you can bring these innovative solutions to your community.*



**Featured Speaker:**  
Sally Kozak, MHA, RN – Deputy Secretary, Office of Medical Assistance Programs, PA  
Department of Human Services

**Guest Speakers:**  
Alex Briscoe, MA – Principal, California Children's Trust  
Emma Golub, MPH – Policy Analyst at CHOP Policy Lab  
Natalie Minto, MD – Pediatrician, CHOP Primary Care at Cobbs Creek  
Abby Schlesinger, MD – Pediatric Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

**Friday  
October 25, 2024  
Noon to 1pm**

RSVP by October 22, 2024  
[www.childrenfirstpa.org/caringtogether](http://www.childrenfirstpa.org/caringtogether)



### Forum on Pennsylvania's Children Builds Connections to Heal Trauma

Registration is open for the annual Forum on Pennsylvania's Children, a gathering of multidisciplinary professionals seeking to advance trauma-informed care throughout the Commonwealth. Presented by Voce, the event will take place December 5 at the Best Western Premier, Harrisburg.

The cost to attend is \$200, including lunch and refreshments. Registration opens at 8 a.m. The program will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 pm. For more information and to register, visit [Voce Together](#)

# Enhancing County/Provider Contract Discussion

**November 12, 2024 9:00 am - 11:30 am**

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 OCYF, 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 8, 2024, to: [hbgoffice@pccyfs.org](mailto:hbgoffice@pccyfs.org)

To register: [Register Here](#)

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



## Behavioral Health Updates

### **PerformCare – Trauma 101 Training Update**

The most recent provider profiling year-end reports are now available on [PerformCare's website](#). These reports provide information for the calendar year 2023 (January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023) for the following levels of care, [view here](#).

The Office of Children, Youth and Families (OCYF) released Policy Clarification #3140-24-05, 3170-24-03: Foster Care Per Diem Structure. [Read more](#)

### **PerformCare – RTF Provider Meeting Invitation**

PerformCare is hosting a meeting for RTF providers on October 24. PerformCare would like

providers to include clinical staff (e.g., Clinical Directors, Program Directors) in this meeting. To register, please refer to the [RTF Provider Meeting](#) memo. For provider training and education information, visit [PerformCare's website](#).

## Free Trauma Training

The Office of Children, Youth and Families, in collaboration with the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, is pleased to be able to offer our PA child welfare community FREE Trauma Training facilitated by Lakeside Global Institute. As the colors of the leaves change, so can your organization's knowledge of applying trauma-informed care.

How do you get FREE trauma training? You may choose from a variety of trainings that are listed below ranging from workshops to intensive courses by clicking on the links below.

### [Training Descriptions](#)

This link has the workshops that are currently available: <https://register.lakesidetraining.org/pa-ocyf-workshops-2025/>

This link has the intensive courses that are available: <https://register.lakesidetraining.org/pa-ocyf-intensive-courses-2025/>

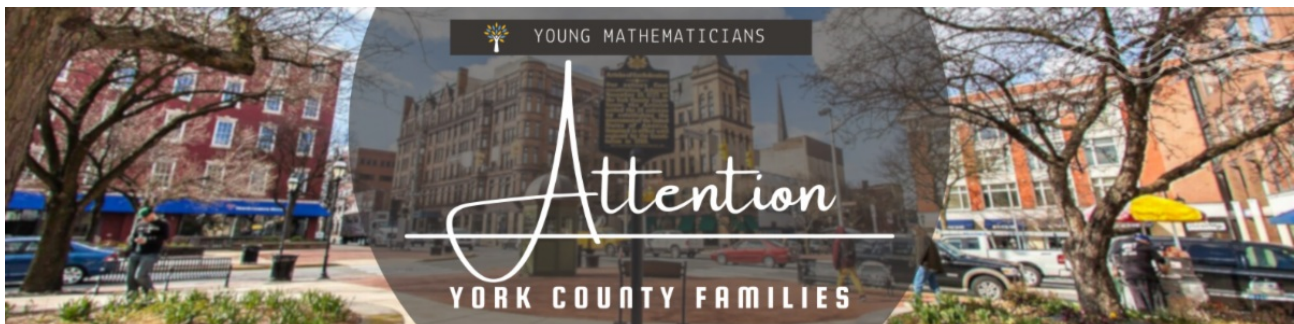
Questions relating to any of these trainings can be directed to this email address: [info@pacarepartnership.org](mailto:info@pacarepartnership.org).

## Alert!!!

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) is partnering with the Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) and the Council of State Governments Justice Center (CSG) to support a new statewide crisis intervention and response services assessment, gap analysis, and strategic planning initiative. It is essential to hear from stakeholders at the local and state levels across the behavioral health and criminal justice systems, including community members and people with lived experience, to identify assets, gaps, and challenges within the current crisis landscape. [Learn more...](#)

[Read More](#)

## Attention Families located in York County



Interested in building math confidence in your child? Young Mathematicians invites you to be a part of our Family Advisory Council. This is for York County families only. [Learn more](#)

## Upcoming PCCYFS Events

### **Human Resources Summit**

November 19

### **Regional Council Meetings** *(all meetings are from 10 am - 12 pm.)*

December 5 - *Central Council*

December 6 - *Western Council*

December 10 - *Southeast Council*

December 12 - *Northeast Council*

### **PCCYFS Board of Directors meeting**

January 22, 2025 - 10 am

See the full PCCYFS calendar of meetings and events and e-mail [hbgoffice@pccyfs.org](mailto:hbgoffice@pccyfs.org) with any questions.

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### **PCCYFS Newsletter Archive**

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**2025 PCCYFS Annual Conference**

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