



PA COUNCIL OF CHILDREN  
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

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February 21, 2025

## Welcome to PCCYFS

New Members



Concilio strengthens the quality of life in our diverse communities, enhancing the standard of living through services and programs advocating for children, youth and adults, while promoting our community's heritages, histories, and cultures.

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### FAITH HOPE & CHARITY FOSTER CARE AGENCY

We are a community-based organization focused on helping make the world around us a better, happier place. by keeping our kids safe and finding temporarily housing With the help of our tireless staff, we need more able parents, who will be willing to share there homes with our children.

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## Economic Impact of Pennsylvania Nonprofits Survey

PANO is developing the first Economic Impact of Pennsylvania Nonprofits Report, partnership with **Fourth Economy**. This report will provide data for all of us to use in telling the story of how nonprofits invest in our communities and residents - supporting health, culture, education, emergency services, worker support,

economic opportunity, and so much more. And today, we need to tell this story more than ever before. Please tell your impact story through this **12-minute survey**. We recommend having someone from your organization who is familiar with your budget and operations complete the survey on behalf of the organization. All information will be anonymously reported. All of the questions should be answered with your best estimates, including a few that cover the calendar year 2024 and a few that look to the future.

- Please **complete the survey** by Friday, February 21, 2025
- Please share with any nonprofits your network to help us establish the most comprehensive impact report ever!

## Take the survey

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### Budget Updates

It has been a few weeks since Governor Shapiro gave his budget address ([Governor Shapiro 2025-26 Budget Address - PCCYFS](#)) and budget hearings in the Senate and House have begun.

[Click here to see upcoming Senate & House Budget Hearing Schedules](#)

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### Scholarship Opportunity for Foster Children

The First Community Foundation Partnership of PA is announcing a scholarship available to students who have been in foster care at some point in their lives. Please pass along this information to anyone who might be eligible.

**Taylor J. Ertel Scholarship for Foster Children** has been created for:


- PA resident who has been placed in foster care by a child welfare agency at some point in their lives
- Admitted to a program of study: training may range from short vocational courses such as cosmetology, data entry or welding, through college and graduate study

Additionally, Scholarship opportunities can be viewed [HERE](#) and students may apply from this page. The application portal where students can create an account and complete a universal application can be found [HERE](#). For step-by-step instructions to apply, click [HERE](#)

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## ANNUAL CONFERENCE





Join us for the PCCYFS Annual Conference, a premier two-day event offering valuable opportunities



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**2025** for Child Welfare, Children's Behavioral Health,  
Juvenile Justice & Education Professionals



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for professional development. Attendees can earn CEU credits while engaging in a variety of enriching activities, including a networking mixer, a captivating murder mystery event, and much more. Don't miss this chance to connect with industry professionals and advance your knowledge in the field.



[Read the latest PCCYFS Legislative Updates.](#)

## Behavioral Health Updates

### Community Behavioral Health (CBH) – Provider Notice: 2025 CBH Personnel Roster Template

CBH Compliance has released the [2025 Provider Personnel Roster Template](#). The completed roster must be submitted to CBH by February 28, 2025. Failure to submit the completed roster by the deadline may adversely affect your credentialing status or result in an event of default of your CBH Provider Agreement. See provider notice [HERE](#).

### Carelon – Cultural Competency in Behavioral

# Healthcare

The Carelon Behavioral Health national team will be hosting a training on Cultural Competency in Behavioral Healthcare on Wednesday, February 26th at 3 PM. This 1.5-hour webinar will explore the importance of cultural competence and cultural humility in behavioral healthcare. Topics to be discussed include the ways in which culture affects behavioral health, how providers and healthcare staff can increase recognition of their own implicit biases, and the use of culturally relevant and responsive evidence-based practices with patients / members. No CE credit or certification is associated with this training.

## **PCCYFS Media: Easing tough transitions: PA organizations help teens exit foster care**

Transitioning to adulthood can be difficult for teens leaving foster care. Over 390,000 of them, including 15,000 in Pennsylvania, are in the system. Organizations in the state are offering life skills resources to support these transitions.

[Read on...](#)

## **Dual Diagnosis Professional Conference Series Revolutionizing Care: How Telehealth and Assistive Tools are Changing the Game for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD)**

March 12, 2025, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

In this presentation, Dr. Maulik Trivedi will explore how specialized telehealth and assistive technologies are transforming healthcare for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). The presenter will discuss how these tools work, their real-world benefits, and how they can enhance health outcomes, support direct support professionals (DSPs), individuals and families and improve efficiency for agencies. You'll also learn how these solutions are easy to implement and what the future holds for technology-driven IDD care. Whether you're a provider, caregiver, or advocate, this session will offer insights and practical strategies to help integrate these innovations into daily care.

REGISTRATION LINK: [Dual Diagnosis Professional Conference Series](#)

The session will be offered virtually, via the Zoom® platform. To participate, you will need access to a computer that meets the Zoom system requirements. Read about [Zoom Technology Requirements](#) to be able to participate in the session.

For questions on registration, email: [patraining@columbusorg.com](mailto:patraining@columbusorg.com)



The "Zoom in on Practice" series of virtual trainings offered by the SWAN Prime Contractor will focus on a wide variety of topics centered on permanency.

These sessions are being offered through March 2025. Please sign up!!  
Click on the name of the session for more information and to register.

1. February 26, 2025 - [Post-permanency Support Group](#)
2. March 7, 2025 - [Behavioral Interviewing and Strengths-Based Writing](#)
3. March 14, 2025 - [SWAN and Permanency: A Collaborative Journey](#)
4. March 18, 2025 - [Recruitment Strategy Review: Tips/Techniques for Finding Permanency](#)

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## The Office of Children, Youth and Families (OCYF) Updates

[Quarterly Information Sessions](#)

[Quarterly Fiscal Meetings](#)

[Chapter 7 - Medical Assistance Policy](#)

[Reimbursement of Administrative Costs of Independent Legal Representation of Children, Youth, Parents and Relative Caregivers in Dependency Proceedings](#)

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## 2025 Diversity Summit: Call for Proposals

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The Summit provides relevant diversity training that improves mental health service delivery and educational services. This free event is for providers and parents alike.

Workshop presenters will present 75-minute interactive workshops, using the Teams Webinar platform. Presenters will be supported with optional training in the platform prior to the webinar and will have the support of a Sarah Reed staff person acting as a proctor during the session.

Visit our [2024 Diversity Summit Recap](#) to orient yourself to the Summit.

Workshop Proposals are due by March 31, at 5 PM EST. The Diversity Summit is June 11, 2025.

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## Upcoming PCCYFS Events

### PCCYFS Behavioral Health Workgroup

March 18, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

### PCCYFS Public Policy Committee

March 19, 2025, 2:00PM – 3:30PM

See the full [PCCYFS calendar of meetings and events](#) and email [hbgooffice@pccyfs.org](mailto:hbgooffice@pccyfs.org) with any questions.

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