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PA COUNCIL OF CHILDREN
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

A UNITED VOICE FOR PROVIDERS

March 21, 2025

Welcome to PCCYFS

New Members

Pure Lux Homes

**Empowering
Young Women to
Thrive**

Pure Lux Homes serves teen girls aged 15-18 who experience instability and trauma, offering a structured, nurturing environment. Our mission is to empower these young women by providing them with the tools they need to overcome challenges, gain independence, and thrive. Our holistic approach focuses on emotional healing, education, and life skills development, facilitating their personal growth and transition into adulthood.

VISIT



Empowering Teenage Girls for a Brighter Future
Here at Taylor & Taylor Group Home for Girls, we are dedicated to providing a safe, nurturing, and empowering environment for young women in need. Our mission is to support their growth and development while focusing on emotional well-being, education, and life skills. We believe in the potential of every girl, fostering resilience and self-confidence as they navigate their individual journeys.

VISIT

PCCYFS Members Only Training

Supporting Providers as They Navigate Custody Issues

A Virtual Presentation for Pennsylvania Council of Children,
Youth and Family Services (PCCYFS) Members



Join Tucker Arensberg attorney [Marisa K. McClellan, Esq.](#), an accomplished child welfare leader and advocate for families, for an informative session tailored to foster and adoption agencies and placement providers serving children with special needs. This will be a question-and-answer session about custody laws in Pennsylvania.

Date & Time:
May 6, 2025, from 12:00 - 1:00 PM

To register and submit questions, click here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fwUF-FA0qSDqnArvPcbspjA or e-mail PCCYFS at hbaoffice@pccyfs.org.

Tucker Arensberg: A Full-Service Law Firm

Tucker Arensberg has over 85 attorneys serving clients across Pennsylvania and beyond. In addition to family law and child welfare, we provide services in general business law, mergers and acquisitions, labor and employment, insolvency and creditors' rights, health care, litigation, estates and trusts, school and municipal law, technology and intellectual property, energy, real estate, workers' compensation, employee benefits, banking, criminal defense, investment management, and fiduciary services.

About the Presenter:
Marisa K. McClellan, Esq.

With over 20 years of experience, Marisa represents clients in custody, divorce, and adoption matters and has served as court-appointed counsel and Guardian ad Litem in parental rights cases. Before joining Tucker Arensberg, she served as Administrator at Dauphin County Children and Youth, overseeing child welfare services, legal operations, and fiscal management. Marisa has been instrumental in implementing innovative programs for youth with special needs and advocating for statewide child welfare improvements.

For more information, contact Marisa K. McClellan, Esq. at mmcclellan@tuckerlaw.com or (717) 221-7961.

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The PCCYFS Legislative Advocacy Page is now LIVE!

This is where members can find all the up-to-date information on current advocacy efforts, bill tracking, PCCYFS advocacy wins, Public Policy Priorities, Public Policy Committee meetings, and more! Note that you must be logged in to review the bill tracker. Check it out [here!](#)

PCCYFS Insurance Survey

PCCYFS is ramping up for the legislative session with plans to advance legislation related to providers' liability insurance challenges. We know surveys are tough, but having up-to-date information and data from providers is critical to our success. Please take a few minutes and [fill out this survey](#). It is open to ALL providers and

both PCCYFS members and non-members are welcome to complete it and please share it with your networks. The deadline for completing [this survey](#) is COB March 21.

Congregate Care History Survey

PCCYFS is developing a resource that outlines a recent history of congregate care settings and the financial and policy-related decisions that have impacted their capacity to operate and are [issuing a survey to gather input from our congregate care providers](#). While general best practice encourages the use of community-based and home-like settings, the needs of the youth our systems serve have not changed and have, in fact, become increasingly more complex. Similarly, there are a number of conversations happening at the state level around complex cases and the barriers within the current service array to effectively support certain youth. As lawmakers and other state-level decisionmakers have this discussion, PCCYFS would like to put together a resource on behalf of providers that shares the “story of congregate care” and how we got to this point. **We are asking all congregate care providers to complete [this survey](#) to help inform how various policies have impacted your work. Please complete [the survey](#) below by COB April 4.** If you'd like to contribute to the project but would prefer a discussion rather than filling out the survey, contact us at hbgoffice@pccyfs.org to schedule some time with our staff.

REMINDER! Quarterly OCYF/PCYA/PCCYFS Fiscal Session - April 4th 10:00am

Reminder that the next quarterly fiscal session lead by OCYF will be on Friday April 4th from 10-11. These sessions are designed to create a forum between the state, counties, and providers to discuss current important information. Topics for these meetings are driven by county and provider input.

If you want to be added to the distribution list to receive these meeting requests, or you have questions you want to send in advance to be considered for discussion (must be received at least 10 days in advance of the meeting), please e-mail RA-OCYFContracts@pa.gov.

Communicating with Children Ages 0-5 who have Experienced Trauma

Presented by Kathryn Clark

Sponsored by First 5 Solano, the Solano County Resource Family
Association & Foster Kinship Care Education Program-Solano College

Via Zoom



This is an overview on the neurobiology of trauma, the impact of toxic stress on a child and adult and introduces the science of resilience and neuroplasticity.

Participants will walk away understanding the difference between a challenging behavior and trauma trigger. The training will guide caregivers of infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and early elementary-aged children to understand trauma as well as its impact on young children's brains, behavior, learning, and development.

The training introduces a range of trauma-responsive and resilience building teaching strategies caregivers can use with their children to create strengths-based environments that support children's health, healing, and resiliency.

"We've been fostering children for 18 years and we found this class VERY helpful in identifying different stages of trauma and how it applies differently to each child." -Solano County Resource Parents J. B. T.

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 from 06:30pm – 08:30pm

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 from 06:30pm – 08:30pm

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 from 06:30pm – 08:30pm

Registration Information

Register: Online [HERE](#). Registration is limited to 35 participants.

Fee: This training is FREE! Please plan to attend all 3 sessions to receive a certificate of completion.

Contact: Tyffany Wanberg at tyffanywanberg@gmail.com or 707-689-8866



The series begins Tuesday, March 25th from 6:30pm-8:30pm. It is a 3 part series, total of 6 hours training credit. If you've attended in the past, but need to make-up a session, please join us! Register [HERE](#)

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 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

Carelon – You’re Invited: Embracing the Power of Digital Transformation

[Click here](#) to register and join us for the first session of the “Carelon of PA Innovations for Building a Healthy Community Series” on March 21, 2025 1 -2 PM as we dive into the world of digital transformation. Discover how telehealth and digital engagement models are revolutionizing community health and connectivity.

Engage with experts and fellow community leaders to explore innovative solutions and share experiences. Together, we can harness technology to build stronger, healthier communities. Looking forward to your participation!

Community Behavioral Health (CBH) – Request for Information: Perinatal Supports

Issued: March 11, 2025

Due: April 17, 2025

CBH has issued an RFI to allow in-network providers the opportunity to inform CBH of their current programming, treatment options, and available supports for the perinatal population.

See RFI [HERE](#).

Shippensburg University - Job and Internship Fair



SPRING 2025
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Connect with top talent at our Spring Job & Internship Fair! Showcase your opportunities, meet motivated students, and network with the next generation of professionals ready to make an impact!



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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](#)

2025 Diversity Summit: Call for Proposals

Proposal-Request image

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.

Upcoming PCCYFS Events

PCCYFS Annual Conference

April 9/10

PCCYFS Board Meeting

April 9, 2025 5:00pm

PCCYFS Board Meeting

June 25, 2025 10:00am

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

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