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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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Congratulations to PCCYFS Board Vice Chair Joe Birlì and his team at Bethany Children's Home for being named one of [Pennsylvania Business Central's Top 100 Organizations for 2025](#).

Philadelphia Connections FREE

3 CE Training Series - From Harm to Healing

Philadelphia Connections FREE CE Trainings are back!!! We are excited to offer FREE Seminars for ALL behavioral health workers!!

** *CE's through NASW-PA*. Pennsylvania State License Social Workers, LPCs, and Professional Counselors, other states may not accept NASW-PA Approval**

The next training will be "From Harm to Healing: Reimagining Justice Through Social Work" will be March 12th, 9am - 12pm at PMHCC, 1601 Market St, Philadelphia, 6th Floor.

This session will include:

- Understand Restorative Frameworks
- Apply Trauma-Informed Practices
- Foster Culturally Responsive Solutions
- Explore Practical Applications
- Evaluating Impact through Case Studies
- Build Capacity for Sustainable Change

Registration is limited so sign up NOW!

To RSVP please click the link [Harm to Healing RSVP](#)

PHILADELPHIA CONNECTIONS
TRAINING WORKSHOP
Series
From Harm to Healing:
Reimagining Justice
Through Social Work
Wednesday, March 12th
09:00-12:00 pm
1601 Market St.
Philadelphia, Pa
Ken Peeples
MPH, MSW
3 FREE CES | REGISTER HERE
NEXT SESSION MARCH
20TH
SOCIAL WORK WITHOUT
BORDERS: EXPLORING THE
SCOPE OF INTERNATIONAL
SOCIAL WORK
For more information contact
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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.

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

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](#)



The image shows the logo for the PCCYFS Annual Conference 2025. The logo features the text "PCCYFS" in a large, white, serif font, with a stylized tree icon integrated into the letter "Y". Below this, it reads "PA COUNCIL OF CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES" and "A UNITED VOICE FOR PROVIDERS". The main title "Annual Conference 2025" is in a bold, white, sans-serif font, with a subtitle "for Child Welfare, Children's Behavioral Health, Juvenile Justice & Education Professionals" underneath. To the right of the text is a colorful tree icon. Below the main title is a row of sponsor logos, including CAI, Bethanna, PRESSLEY RIDGE, Blockhouse, binti, GJR, HISTORIC RIVER HEALTH SERVICES, The Children's HOME of Allegheny, enkompass, and Bethany Children's Home.

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.](#)

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](#)!

Behavioral Health Updates

Community Behavioral Health (CBH) – Request for Information: Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS)

Re-issued: February 19, 2025

Due Date: March 27, 2025

CBH is seeking additional insight and feedback from in-network providers who currently provide Regionalized IBHS. This RFI allows interested, qualified organizations to inform CBH of their interest in expanding their IBHS programs. See RFI [HERE](#).

Community Care Behavioral Health (CCBH) – Provider Alert # 4: Provider Rate Setting

The purpose of this provider alert is to inform HealthChoices Northeast providers about a revision to the previous Rate Setting Policy established by Northeast Behavioral Health Care Consortium, Inc.

See the provider alert [HERE](#). See Policy and Procedure Manual [HERE](#).

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...](#)

Shippensburg University - Job and Internship Fair

SPRING 2025

JOB & INTERNSHIP FAIR

Connect with top talent at our Spring Job & Internship Fair!
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network with the next generation of professionals ready to make
an impact!



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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

You're Invited!

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

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](#)

The Office of Children, Youth and Families (OCYF) released Bulletin 3800-25-01, entitled "Act 114 Of 2024 – Pregnant, Laboring, Or Postpartum Children In Facilities". This Bulletin contains the most current information regarding pregnant, laboring, or postpartum children in Chapter 3800 Child Residential and Day Treatment Facilities, Youth Development Centers, and Youth Forestry Camps, and rescinds and replaces OCYF Bulletin 3800-10-01. See the bulletin and changes [here](#).

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 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 with any questions.



PCCYFS Newsletter Archive

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