

PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

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COMMITTEES, WORKGROUPS, MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Benefits of PCCYFS membership include many opportunities for member agency staff exposure to committees, workgroups, meetings, and events that inform, educate and provide professional development. The opportunities offered are listed herein and scheduled activities can be found on our Calendar of Events at www.pccyfs.org. Participation enhances the value of membership!

COMMITTEES

Executive Committee - Meets as needed

Addresses responsibilities and duties as set forth in the bylaws.

Finance Committee - Meets as needed

Guiding function of the Council budget infrastructure.

Membership Services Committee - Meets as needed

Addresses membership support and Council activities.

Nominating Committee - Meets as needed

As designated by the Board of Directors, oversees Board elections.

Personnel Committee - Meets as needed

Addresses Council staffing benefits and patterns.

Strategic Planning AD-HOC Committee - Meets as needed

Develops recommendations for strategic directions and planning for the Council.

Public Policy Committee – Meets bi-monthly

Addresses activities related to influence the regulatory and legislative environment promoting the public policy agenda as established by the membership. The Public Policy Committee members designated four AD-HOC Committees:

1. Increasing Influence/Communications - To develop a communications and public awareness plan including an education and communications plan for use by the membership for their staff and Boards.
2. Litigation - To compile and review court action undertaken in other states/jurisdictions and to develop recommendations as to potential legal options for private providers in PA.
3. System Reform - To develop an overview of the proposed statewide or pilot county organizational structural changes needed to support consideration of privatization of the child welfare and juvenile justice systems in PA. This includes review of models of privatization operational in other states.
4. Legislation - To develop/refine draft legislation related to Act 30, true cost of services and/or appeals time lines. Also, create listings of key points of support within the legislature matched with members' locations.

STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL WORKGROUPS, MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Statewide and regional workgroups and meetings provide a forum for an exchange of information and dialogue on pertinent issues and topics of interest with colleagues from across the Commonwealth and from each perspective region. Regional events are open to all members.

Conference call participation is available for many scheduled events.

Statewide

Annual Spring Conference

Statewide Conference provides a cost effective, quality learning opportunity including CEUs and a forum to network with colleagues and partners from across the Commonwealth.

Behavioral Health - MA Funded Services Workgroup – Meets semi-annually or as needed

Statewide workgroup with focus on MA funded Behavioral Health services.

Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Workgroup - Meets as needed

CFOs meet to exchange information, dialogue on pertinent issues and address current challenges.

Children's Services Policy Days - Semi-annual event

Departmental staff within DPW present updated initiatives and changes to policy and regulation.

Conference Planning Workgroup - Meets monthly and as needed

Statewide workgroup, members coordinate and implement every detail of the annual spring conference.

Delinquency Services Workgroup - Meets bi-monthly

Statewide workgroup, focus is to increase dialogue and communication, promote understanding of issues, and promote solutions to problems mutually encountered by service providers and juvenile justice system officials.

Educational Services Workgroup – Meets tri-annually

Statewide workgroup providing participants the opportunity to discuss issues of interest and engage in dialogue with special guests (i.e. staff from the PA Department of Education, Educational Law Center, etc.

Fund Development Workgroup – Meets quarterly

Statewide workgroup providing mutual support in development efforts by examining creative ideas, discussing practices and challenges, and increasing skills and solutions.

Independent Living Workgroup – Meets Monthly

Statewide workgroup providing participants with the opportunity to discuss issues pertaining to independent living and supporting transition-age youth, including hearing from special guest presenters every other meeting. Ongoing project of creating “A Child's Passport to Independence: Life Skills Competency Continuum,” an independent living skills guidance tool. The “hard skills” portion is available to PCCYFS members, Workgroup members continue developing the “soft skills” portion.

Legislative Breakfast Events – Varied schedules in late winter and spring

Sponsored by PCCYFS and hosted by provider members, these events focus discussion on fiscal and environmental challenges and potential legislative remedies affecting service delivery to dependent, delinquent, and at-risk children, youth, and their families in Pennsylvania.

Marketing Workgroup – Meets quarterly

Statewide workgroup, members meet to share updates, discuss marketing options, and gather trade information from professional guest speakers. Topics addressed by speakers include branding, social networking, effective web design and marketing materials.

Outcome Measures Workgroup – Meets every 4-6 weeks

Statewide workgroup supporting the efforts of private providers in collecting, utilizing and reporting outcomes; includes reviewing and promoting use of the PCCYFS Outcome Measurements Database and Reporting System developed by the Workgroup.

Residential Treatment Facility - (RTF) Workgroup - Meets semi-annually or as needed

Statewide workgroup with primary focus on RTF services, practice and funding - maintains a high level of activity in response to regulatory issues.

Technology Workgroup - Meets bi-monthly on the second Wednesday of even months

Statewide workgroup providing participants the opportunity to engage in roundtable discussion of technology and related issues.

Southeast Region

Foster Parent Training Workgroup - Meets monthly

Staff from member agencies with the responsibility for foster parent training, plan and execute annual resource caregiver training conference. Throughout the year, participants share training resources through the “Foster Parent Training Exchange.”

Group Home Care Workgroup - Meets monthly

Comprised of directors and supervisors from member agencies that deliver group home services. Participants share information, invite representatives from children and youth agencies to discuss concerns, review and respond to program and contract requirements and changes.

In-Home Protective Services Workgroup - Meets monthly

Comprised of representatives from member agencies that deliver both general and specialty in home protective services. Participants share information, develop recommendations for improving policy and practice, and respond to proposed contract modifications.

Medical Foster Care Workgroup - Meets monthly

Comprised of representatives from member agencies that provide medical foster care, participants share information, develop recommendations for improving policy and practice, respond to proposed contract modifications, and advocate for reasonable reimbursement for services. Develop agenda for quarterly meetings with Philadelphia Department of Human Services.

Performance Based Contracting Workgroup - Meets monthly

Comprised of representatives from member agencies that deliver general foster care services under performance-based contracts with the Philadelphia Department of Human Services. Participants share information, identify barriers to achieving timely and successful outcomes and develop strategies to address barriers, propose contract changes, develop responses to DHS proposed contract modifications and advocate for reasonable reimbursement for services.

Prevention Services Workgroup – Varied meeting schedules

Comprised of representatives that deliver Diversion Case Management, Family Partnership, CASA Starts, and Truancy Prevention services. Participants meet regularly with Philadelphia Department of Human Services leadership to discuss trends, programming, and funding issues. The Truancy Prevention Services Workgroup also meets on its own to share resources and to develop joint strategies aimed at improving programming and service outcomes.

SE Region Council Meeting – Meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday

A monthly meeting of 12 member agency representatives (5 members of the PCCYFS Board of Directors and 7 other elected representatives from SE Region member agencies) charged with advancing members' interests in relationship to the five counties in the SE Region and representing the SE membership in meetings with county children and youth leadership and at family court. In addition, the SE Region Council provides guidance on the operation of the Southeast Region Professional Development and Training Institute.

SE Region General Membership Meeting – Meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday

A monthly meeting convened for all member agencies, where workgroups report on activities, information on changes in policy and practice is discussed, and special guests - including public children and youth leadership, family court judges, and other stakeholders are invited to discuss topical issues.

Supervised Independent Living Workgroup - Meets monthly

Comprised of representatives from member agencies that provide general and mother/baby Supervised Independent Living services, participants share information, develop recommendations for improving policy and practice, and respond to proposed contract modifications.

Treatment Foster Care Workgroup - Meets monthly

Comprised of representatives from member agency delivering treatment foster care services. Participants share information, develop recommendations for changes in practice and policy, respond to proposed contract modifications; and advocate for reasonable reimbursement for services. Develop agenda for quarterly meeting with Philadelphia Department of Human Services.

Western Region

Allegheny County DHS Meeting - Meets quarterly

Western Region members meet with County Deputy Director and staff from DHS to hear of changes within the county and share concerns/ideas.

Evidenced Based Practices Workgroup - Meets bi-monthly

Regional workgroup that looks at evidenced based models, on-going presentations and discussion.

Foster/Kinship Care Services Workgroup - Meets bi-monthly

Regional workgroups that looks at regulatory changes, changes in referrals, information sharing.

Human Resources (HR) and Training Workgroup - Meets bi-monthly

Regional workgroup that shares policies, information and changes within the HR arena that affect providers.

Western Region Membership Meeting – Meets quarterly alternately in Pittsburgh and Grove City
Western Region members meet to discuss updates on policy and practice and to review regional and statewide issues and concerns.

Westmoreland County Meeting - Meets quarterly

Western Region members meet with County staff from Children's Bureau, MH/MR and JPO to gather updates and share concerns/ideas.

Northeast Region

Human Resources (HR) and Training Workgroup - Meets monthly

Regional workgroup that shares policies, information and changes within the HR arena that affect providers.

Northeast Region Membership Meeting - Meets bi-monthly

Northeast region members meet to discuss updates on policy and practice and to review regional and statewide issues and concerns.

PCCYFS STAFF PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES

May also include member agency staff representation

Statewide

- ACT - Alternatives to Coercive Treatment Work Group
- All Sites Aftercare Initiative
- CAPTA - Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act Committee
- Child Abuse Prevention Month Planning Committee
- Child and Family Service Review (CFSR) – Steering Committee
Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) Committee
- Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)
 - Public Policy Committee – Mid Atlantic Region
 - State Associations – biweekly conference call while Congress is in session
- Child Welfare Training Program (CWTP)
 - Supervisory Training Advisory Group (STAG)
 - Central Steering Committee - CW Training Central Steering Committee
- Coalition for Low-Income Pennsylvanians (Previously Pennsylvania Welfare Coalition)
- Collaborative Efforts through joint meetings with OCYF, OMHSAS, OMAP and PCCJPO
 - Family Group Decision Making Implementation Team
 - OMHSAS Advisory Committee
 - PA Chiefs/Providers' Forum
 - Quarterly PCCJPO meetings
- Governor's Commission for Children and Families
- Integrated Children's Service Plan (ICSP) – Review Team
- MacArthur Foundation Models for Change Initiative
 - Mental Health / Juvenile Justice Committee
 - Family Involvement in Juvenile Justice Committee
 - All Sites Aftercare Initiative
 - Short Term Intervention and Crisis Management Committee
- National Governor's Association Initiative to Safely Reduce the Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care
- Ombudsperson Workgroup

- PA Child Welfare Practice Standards Committee
- PACTT - Pennsylvania Academic and Career Technical Training Initiative
- PCCYFS Member Providers Monthly Conference Call with DPW Deputy Secretary
- Pennsylvania State Resource Family Association
- Pennsylvania Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Committee
- POCC - Protect Our Children Committee
- Quality Improvement Initiative – Juvenile Justice collaboration with National Center for Juvenile Justice and the Chiefs Council
- Reaching Out/Covering Kids and Families Coalition
- SWAN Advisory Committee
- Youth and Family Institute Steering Committee

Southeast Region

Philadelphia – Convened by DHS/CBH/Family Court

- Family Court/ PCCYFS Leadership Meeting
- DHS/Provider Standing Meetings
- Performance Based Contracting – Foster Care
- Performance Based Contracting - Intake and Referral
- Treatment Foster Care
- Medical Foster Care
- Group Home and Institutional Care
- Supervised Independent Living
- Shelter Care
- In Home Protective Services Providers
- Children’s Roundtable Convened by Family Court
- Committee on Health Care Needs of Children in Substitute Care
- Cross Systems Training Institute
- Prevention Services Realignment Committee
- National Governor’s Association Case Review meetings

Western Region

- Allegheny County CYF Advisory Board
- Allegheny County Children’s Cabinet
- PRTC - Pittsburgh Regional Training Collaborative
- Western Region MCO Provider Forums
- Westmoreland County CASSP/ICSP
- Westmoreland County Child Death Review Team

National

- Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)
- National Organization of State Associations for Children (NOSAC)

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