

# PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

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## ***Benefits of Membership in PCCYFS include but are not limited to:***

### **Advocacy Efforts on Behalf of Children and Families and Private Providers:**

- Influencing funding, practice and regulatory requirements affecting the ability of the private provider community to deliver services to children, youth and families
- Representing concerns and issues to elected officials and administrative offices
- Supporting a united voice on behalf of children and families in policy advocacy discussions
- Developing background information, talking points, draft legislation to support advocacy efforts by member agencies

### **Information:**

- Providing timely “need to know” information to support providers delivering child welfare, juvenile justice, behavioral health and education services
- Using various mediums and venues - Monday Morning Update, Weekly Digest, Timely Alerts, Workgroups, Committees, Regional Meetings, Personal Contacts, Legislative Breakfasts, Conferences, Trainings, and other events – to disseminate “need to know” information
- Posting resources and information to the PCCYFS website.
- Providing "heads up" and running interference to respond to provider members experiences and concerns

### **Supportive Membership Activities:**

- Providing member access to the PCCYFS Outcome Measurements Database and Reporting System that enables agencies to monitor internal performance, compare to statewide information and generate outcomes reports to comply with county contract requirements
- Supporting continued refinement of the PCCYFS Independent Living Passport - A tool for professionals, parents, and caregivers to support youth life skills development.
- Maintaining relationships with public sector colleagues and working to improve system effectiveness through conference calls, meetings and special events
- Representing providers’ issues and concerns with public sector colleagues at local, regional and state levels
- Collecting and using data to support positions developed on behalf of provider members
- Focusing concerns on effective and efficient methods of service delivery
- Providing comparative data - salary and economic impact studies - which support agency decision-making and positioning.

### **Opportunities for:**

- Networking to address shared challenges, strategies, solutions and responsive business practices
- Regional meetings to address local challenges and concerns.
- Professional development opportunities through service specific and functional workgroup meetings – both regional and statewide
- Collaboration and coordination of providers’ responses to draft legislation and regulations

**PCCYFS directs 100% of effort, 100% of the time  
to supporting the ability of the private provider community to deliver  
quality and responsive services to children, youth and families**