Our mission is to provide comprehensive mental health and educational services to adults and children. We believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to develop a treatment process that best supports their physical, mental, and social well-being. We provide a range of behavioral health services for abused and troubled children, youth, adults, and their families.

Celebrate Father’s Day
June 16, 2016

Father's Day is a celebration honoring fathers, paternal bonds, and their influence in society. Father figures can include fathers, step-fathers, fathers-in-law, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, other male relatives, male mentors and friends. Please take this time to honor the important male role models in your life. Also, acknowledge program participants who are fathers. Give them encouragement and help them connect with the positive aspects they play, may have played or can play in their children’s lives.
26th Annual Resource Caregiver Conference
Saturday, June 8, 2019, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Colket Building, 3501 Civic Center Drive
The keynote will be delivered by Philadelphia Department of Human Services (DHS) Deputy Commissioner of Child Welfare Operations, Kimberly Ali. Free parking will be available and, as always, the day will offer resource parents an opportunity to earn six training credits. For questions about the workgroup or ways to get involved in the day, e-mail Julie Kselman at juliek@pccyfs.org.

Juneteenth Parade and Festival
June 22, 2019
Juneteenth is the oldest celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. It was on June 19th, 1865 (two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was in effect) that the Union soldiers landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. The celebration carries the connotation that until we’re all free, none of us are free. Held annually by the Pennsylvania Juneteenth Initiative, it is not only a celebration of freedom, but culture as well. A special ceremony will take place at the festival, renaming 52nd Street to Muhammad Ali Way. Learn more at http://juneteenthphilly.org/.

New Philadelphia Photo ID Card Available to Residents
The city will issue the cards for people who don’t have other forms of identification, such as driver’s licenses. Anyone who is age 13 or older can get a PHL City ID. The card will display the cardholder’s name, address, date of birth and self-identified gender. The cards will be available in multiple languages and can be used as an ID within the city and to access city buildings, city recreation centers and for other situations requiring identification. For more information, go to the City of Philadelphia website https://www.phila.gov/programs/phl-city-id/

June is AIDS Education Month in Philadelphia
June 2019 will mark the 25th year of AIDS Education Month (AEM) hosted by Philadelphia Fight. AEM is a series of educational events throughout Philadelphia promoting HIV/AIDS education. For a full list of June activities, go to https://fight.org/programs-and-services/aids-education-month/.

Foster Parent College - Online Training Resource for Foster Parents
Foster Parent College (www.fosterparentcollege.com/) is a nationally recognized training resource for adoptive, kinship, and foster parents. The multimedia, interactive training courses are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and are taught by child welfare experts.

Pennsylvania New Biennial Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Plan
The PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency has released its biennial juvenile justice and delinquency prevention plan which contains recommendations to support greater coordination of the annual state dollars that are allocated to the various state agencies. The Plan also supports a more stable funding source for the juvenile justice system and amendments to the Human Services Code that include both juvenile justice and child welfare goals, consistent with the statutory mandates of the Juvenile Act. The 2019 Plan will be posted on the PCCD website in June 2019 and may be accessed then at www.pccd.pa.gov.

“It is not your job to save everyone. Some people are not even ready to be helped. Focus on being of service to those who are, and be wise and humble enough to know when the best service you can offer is to guide them toward help in another direction.”

- Anna Taylor

The temptation to transform into a superhero social worker is inviting, yet unrealistic. Piles of paperwork list names, dates, and difficult situations, but not all can be attended to in one day. Sometimes it’s best to just ask for help.
“Be the change you wish to see in the world.”
- Mahatma Gandhi

Best Practices, Policy and Research

The Great Life Mentoring Program has been rated effective. This is a one-on-one mentoring program in which youth referred from a community mental health agency receive support from adult volunteers with whom they spend 2 to 3 hours weekly on positive community activities. The program is rated Effective. The intervention was shown to be associated with a statistically significant increase in global functioning and a lower likelihood of an unplanned and client-initiated ending of treatment. For more information, go to [https://www.crimesolutions.gov/ProgramDetails.aspx?ID=646&utm_source=eblast-govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=csreleases](https://www.crimesolutions.gov/ProgramDetails.aspx?ID=646&utm_source=eblast-govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=csreleases).

Child Trends Brief: How to Implement Trauma-Informed Care to Build Resilience to Childhood Trauma


SAMHSA’s new brief, Older Adults Living with Serious Mental Illness: The State of the Behavioral Health Workforce, describes the state of the behavioral workforce for older adults living with serious mental illness (SMI). Population projections show that Americans are living longer, and that women typically outlive men. The population of adults that are 65 years old and over is becoming more diverse. Of the 49.2 million adults over 65 years old, 1.4 to 4.8 percent suffer from SMI. This brief provides a broad-based overview of workforce issues to consider when addressing the needs of older adults living with SMI. This brief provides a broad-based overview of workforce issues to consider when addressing the needs of older adults living with SMI. This brief includes information on: the changing demographics of the aging population, challenges faced by a provider workforce, workforce issues, and ideas for strengthening the geriatric workforce to address SMI.


SAMHSA has released two new Tips for Teens and updates specifically designed for teens, addresses the risks, statistics, and myths about various substances that teens may use.

Tips for Teens: Opioids to help teens get smart on the short- and long-term effects and the signs of opioid use.
Tips for Teens: E-Cigarettes to get answers to questions on e-cigarette use teens might be hesitant to ask others.
Tips for Teens fact sheets:
- Tips for Teens: Marijuana fact sheet reflects new research about the effects of marijuana on brain and physical health. It also discusses the potential for long-term consequences of youth marijuana use, including mental health.
- Tips for Teens: Tobacco fact sheet reflects new research about the effect of tobacco on teen brains and bodies, including the impacts on lung functioning.
- Tips for Teens: Steroids fact sheet reflects new research about the effect of steroids on teen brains, bodies, and physical health.

Download tips at [https://store.samhsa.gov/series/tips-teens](https://store.samhsa.gov/series/tips-teens).
Professional Development

One Child, Many Hands: A Multidisciplinary Conference on Child Welfare
June 5–7, Philadelphia, PA
University of Pennsylvania
Participate in three days of learning, featuring compelling Keynote Speakers, cutting-edge Plenary Panels, a variety of Workshops presented by national and international experts, and two Networking Luncheons. Get more information at https://fieldcenteratpenn.org/one-child-many-hands/

Tobacco Education Training for Early Childhood Educators
June 7, 2019 workshop, 9:30 - 11:30 AM
123 South Broad Street, 6th Floor, Conference Room C, Philadelphia PA
Light breakfast * Stress reduction tools * Walmart gift card. The Health Federation of Philadelphia (https://healthfederation.org/) is offering a free training class designed specifically for early childhood educators in Philadelphia on the effects of tobacco use. PQAS Credits Available. Seating is limited! Reserve your place by e-mailing Monica Sullivan, Training Director at msullivan@healthfederation.org

Catalyst Center’s Nonprofit University 2019
Monday, June 10, 2019
Bucks County Community College, Newtown PA 8:00-4:00pm
Participate in a full-day educational conference hosting a variety of workshops covering leadership, fundraising, communications and sustainability. Participants will have the opportunity to choose from 16 available workshops led by top professionals sharing their knowledge and insights. Workshops are divided into four tracks covering management/leadership, fundraising/sustainability, marketing/communications and compliance. For more information and registration, go to http://www.catalystnonprofit.com/our-services/training-events/nonprofit-university/

Drexel 4th Annual Urban Health Summer Institute
June 24 to June 30, 2019
Dornsife School of Public Health
The Drexel Urban Health Collaborative is hosting its annual Summer Institute. Nine courses are being offered and as half-day classes over the course of one week or over a weekend. Courses focus on social media, community-based participatory research, crisis and risk communication, health impact assessment, GIS, data visualization, system dynamics, multilevel analysis, and Bayesian analysis. Go to https://drexel.edu/uhc/events-workshops/summer-institute/ to register.

Trauma Courses Offered for Those Who Work with Children
The Health Federation of Philadelphia has announced its latest schedule of trauma trainings for those who work with children that include the following:

Building Executive Function Skills
Monday, June 3, 2019, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon, at 123 S. Broad St., Suite 650, Philadelphia, PA
Reserve your place by e-mailing Monica Sullivan, Training Director at msullivan@healthfederation.org

Promoting Positive Parenting
Thursday, June 6, 2019, 1:00 – 4:00 PM at Lansdale Public Library

Sensory Supports to Build Regulation Skills
Saturday, June 22, 2019, 9:00 – 12:00 noon at 123 S. Broad St., Suite 650, Philadelphia, PA
Reserve your place by e-mailing Monica Sullivan, Training Director at msullivan@healthfederation.org
Licensed BSCs
A licensed professional as a Psychologist, Social Worker, Clinical Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapy, or a Professional Counselor OR Pennsylvania Licensed Behavioral Specialist Consultant in good standing. Requirements include:

- Master's Degree or higher in school, clinical, developmental or counseling psychology, special education, social work, speech therapy, occupational therapy, professional counseling, behavioral analysis, nursing or another related field.

- Verification of substantial relationship of major to behavioral specialist practice: school, university or program must verify that major course of study that has a substantial relationship to the practice of behavioral specialist.

- Specific Coursework: 90 hours of evidence-based coursework 3 hours of professional ethics 16 hours of assessment coursework or training 8 hours of crisis intervention 5 hours of family collaboration 18 hours of autism-specific coursework/training 16 hours of instructional strategies & best practices, 8 hours of co-morbidity & medications, and 16 hours of addressing specific skill deficits training.

- At least two (2) years verified post-master’s experience providing behavioral health treatment to children (at least one of which is experience using behavior analysis/modification techniques).

Non-Fidelity Case Managers
This role assists individuals in making full use of natural community supports, in addition to all available mental health and drug and alcohol services which will enable the individual to live a stable, healthy and safe life in the community of their choice.

This will be accomplished by assessing the individual’s needs, developing a personal goal plan with the individual, linking the individual to agreed upon services and ongoing monitoring of these services and supports. Minimum requirements for a Case Manager:

- Bachelor’s degree with major coursework in sociology, social work, psychology, gerontology, anthropology, political science, history, criminal justice, theology, counseling, education.

- Minimum of one (1) year experience (paid or unpaid) in a human service field. This experience must involve direct contact with the individual receiving services (i.e. coaching, teaching, case management, etc.)

- A valid PA driver’s license and an operating car are required.

- All Case Managers must also show proof of current insurance with minimum limits of $100,000 per occurrence and $300,000 aggregate.

For additional information contact Nakida Coleman, Non-Fidelity Act Supervisor at 215-473-7033 ext 7167