

January 23, 2026

Dear Families,

The 34th Annual Pennsylvania Permanency Conference will be held **June 17-19, 2026**, at the Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in Pocono Manor, PA. The Permanency Conference is sponsored by the Department of Human Services, Office of Children Youth and Families, the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN) and Independent Living Services. This annual event brings resource families and child welfare professionals together to foster teamwork and collaboration in achieving permanent connections for all children and youth.

The conference offers over 40 workshops covering various permanency-related topics, inspiring keynote presentations, an awards ceremony and a Family Fun Night.

A Matching Reception is also scheduled for **June 16, 2025, at 5:30 PM**. During the reception, families meet with agency caseworkers to learn about Pennsylvania children waiting for permanency.

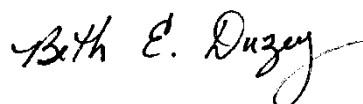
We are thrilled to be able to provide a limited number of family scholarships for this event. Families who meet the following criteria are welcome to apply:

- **First-time recipients only;**
- A resident of Pennsylvania;
- A current foster, kinship or permanent legal custodianship family; or
- A prospective or current adoptive family.

The scholarship includes the conference registration fee, conference meals, overnight accommodations and child/teen care. Scholarship recipients must make their own travel arrangements.

To be considered for a scholarship, you may complete the 2026 Family Scholarship Application found online at www.diakon-swan.org under "Publications" or submit the included application along with a brief explanation of your request to the SWAN prime contractor by **February 20, 2026**. Please contact me at 717-756-6252 or conferencing@vocetogether.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Beth Duzey
Voce Conferencing Manager

Enclosure

2026 FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The 34th Annual Pennsylvania Permanency Conference is a great opportunity to meet other families and learn from experts. We offer a child care recreation program, a teen program, informative workshops, a family fun night and *much more*.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

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*Individuals and families who are employees of county or affiliate agencies, prime contract staff or those who work for the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services are **not** eligible to apply.*

Please attach a brief explanation of why you are requesting a scholarship. Applications will not be considered without this explanation.

Parent 1 _____
First Name Last Name

Parent 2 _____
First Name Last Name

Home Address _____ City State Zip Code

Primary Phone Number _____ Cellphone Number Email Address

Foster Care/Adoption Agency you work with _____ Agency Contact Person (i.e. caseworker) Agency Contact Person's Phone Number

Check boxes that apply

Have you received a scholarship in the past? ☐ Yes (What year? _____) OR ☐ No

☐ Current Foster Family ☐ Adoptive Family ☐ Kinship Family ☐ Prospective Foster/Adoptive Family ☐ Other _____

Registration ☐ One parent OR ☐ Two parents **Hotel stay:** Evenings of June 17 & 18, 2026

Will you be bringing children with you for enrollment in the Child/Teen Care program? The Child Care program is for ages infant to 11 years old. The Teen program is for ages 12 to 17. (Only those children listed will be eligible for the scholarship.)

1. Child/Teen Name _____	Date of Birth _____	Age on June 17, 2026 _____
2. Child/Teen Name _____	Date of Birth _____	Age on June 17, 2026 _____
3. Child/Teen Name _____	Date of Birth _____	Age on June 17, 2026 _____
4. Child/Teen Name _____	Date of Birth _____	Age on June 17, 2026 _____
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How did you learn about this scholarship opportunity? ☐ Mailing ☐ Website ☐ Agency ☐ Social Media ☐ Other _____

Mail completed form and explanation of request to: Conferencing/Scholarship, SWAN Prime Contractor,
200 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 100B; PO Box 959; Camp Hill, PA 17011.

Application Deadline is February 20, 2026

Questions? Email conferencing@vocetogether.org or Beth Duzey at 717-756-6252