

22nd Annual Pennsylvania Permanency Conference
FINDING FUTURES

July 9 - 11, 2014 • Lancaster, PA



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Conference at-a-Glance

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Matching Brunch / Exhibit Area Opens

12:00 p.m.
Conference Registration Begins

1:00 p.m.
Child / Teen Care Begins

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Conference Opening / Welcome and Keynote Address /
SWAN Advisory Committee Award

3:15 – 4:45 p.m.
Workshop Session 1

4:45 – 5:15 p.m.
Break / Networking Time

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Pre-Banquet Reception for Honorees

6:00 p.m.
Recognition Banquet / Exhibit Area Closes

8:30 p.m.
Child / Teen Care Ends

THURSDAY, JULY 10

8:00 a.m.
Conference Registration / Exhibit Area Opens

8:30 a.m.
Child / Teen Care Begins

9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Institute Session 1

OR

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Workshop Session 2

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Workshop Session 3

12:15 – 2:00 p.m.
Lunch (On Your Own)

2:00 – 5:15 p.m.
Institute Session 2

OR

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Workshop Session 4

3:45 – 5:15 p.m.
Workshop Session 5

5:30 p.m.
Exhibit Area Closes, Child / Teen Care Ends,
Family Picnic

FRIDAY, JULY 11

8:00 a.m.
Conference Registration / Exhibit Area Opens
Child / Teen Care Begins

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Workshop Session 6

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Hotel Checkout Break

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Conference Closing and Keynote Address

12:00 p.m.
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12:30 p.m.
Exhibit Area Closes / Child / Teen Care Ends

General Information

Purpose

The 22nd Annual Pennsylvania Permanency Conference, *Finding Futures*, focuses on ways families and professionals from all aspects of the child welfare system can support one another and work together to achieve permanent connections for all children and youth.

The conference serves as a forum to train participants who will prepare children and families for their journey through the child welfare system towards permanency. The conference is designed to educate and support current and prospective foster and adoptive families, kinship care providers, permanent legal custodians, attorneys, child welfare professionals and others with a vested interest in permanency for children. The conference is a focal point for networking and sharing information to increase the knowledge base for children and youth issues in special needs adoptions and permanency. Waiting families are welcome to meet directly with agency workers who are looking for families for the children they represent during our Matching Brunch. The "Matching Room" has long been a huge success and it focuses on children waiting for families and families who are still waiting for children. Additional support resources are on display as well throughout the Matching Room.

Audience

The conference is designed for current and prospective foster and adoptive families as well as families providing other permanency options, such as kinship care or permanent legal custodianship, attorneys, mental health professionals, independent living professionals, public and private agency professionals and the children on behalf of whom they work.

Session Descriptions

Each session is described in this brochure. The targeted audience for the workshop and its expected knowledge or skill level is listed below for each session.

Knowledge / Skill levels are:

- Basic
- Experienced

Targeted Audiences are:

- Families
- Advocates
- Permanency Professionals
- Child Welfare Workers
- Legal Professionals
- Independent Living Professionals

Continuing Education Credits, Continuing Legal Education Credits and Certificates of Training

Approval is pending for continuing education credits for social workers through the University of Pittsburgh and continuing legal education credits through the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board. Certificates of training will also be available.

Help with Permanency

Do you have a permanency-related question or problem? Staff from the Office of Children, Youth and Families, OCYF, will be available to assist you.

Hotel Information

Accommodations

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center by calling (800) 233-0121. Special rates have been arranged for conference participants. Mention that you are attending the PERMANENCY CONFERENCE to receive the flat rate of \$119/night (plus applicable taxes) single or double and \$129/night (plus applicable taxes) triple or quadruple. Check in time at the Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center is 3:00 p.m. Check out time is 11:00 a.m.

Accessibility

Because we want each participant to have the most enjoyable and accessible experience possible, please let us know what you need before you arrive by completing the special needs section of the registration form.

Registration Information

Conference Registration

To register for the conference, please complete the registration form included in this brochure or register online at www.diakon-swan.org. **The last day for Early Bird Registration is June 9, 2014.** Any registrations postmarked after June 9, 2014 will receive the regular registration rate. Pre-registered attendees will receive a name badge, banquet and picnic tickets, a program and other materials at the registration area. Confirmation emails will be sent to those whose registrations are received by June 23, 2014. **Last day to register is June 23, 2014. Walk-in registration is accepted on site.**

Registration at the conference will be held in the lobby on:

Wednesday, July 9	12:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Thursday, July 10	8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Friday, July 11	8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Cancellations received after June 9, 2014 will be assessed a \$25 processing fee.

Any session may be cancelled or rescheduled because of unforeseen circumstances. Schedule changes and cancellations will be posted at the registration area and noted in the conference program distributed at the conference.

Conference Questions

If you have questions about registration, child care, accessibility, directions or other logistical considerations, please contact:

Beth Duzey	Conference Coordinator, Diakon/FDR
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Keynote Presenters Conference Opening



William Kellibrew IV

William Kellibrew IV is an international motivational speaker whose goal is to inspire and empower many through his powerful presentations on issues including trauma, victimization, mental health and leadership.

At age six an adult neighbor violently sexually assaulted him, and at age ten, he watched helplessly as his mother and 12-year-old brother were fatally shot in their living room by his mother's ex-boyfriend. Their killer took his own life, but not before he made Kellibrew beg for his life at gun point.

Kellibrew's passion to protect and serve the often voiceless victims of childhood violence and sexual abuse grew out of a need to save himself from the detrimental effects sexual assault, substance use, physical violence and bullying had on his life from early childhood to his young adult years. It was after a failed suicide attempt that he realized things could not continue the way they were or he would die young.

With the help of school officials, mental health experts, family and others, he made a commitment to seek out help and make positive changes in his life. Through hope, healing and recovery, Kellibrew worked diligently to rebuild his life. During his recovery he realized that his life had purpose, and he could use his experiences to help others. He considers his work in advocacy and service a calling.

Kellibrew has been featured on the Oprah Winfrey Show, MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell Reports, CNN In Session, CNN HLN Newsmakers with Robert Traynum, BBC Worldwide, The Daily Beast, Washington Post, Sunderland Echo and various news and media publications and outlets throughout the world. Kellibrew studied business at the University of the District of Columbia and University of Sunderland in England. He enjoys tennis, singing, reading, traveling and credits his grandmother and others for helping to save his life. Follow Kellibrew at WillKelli on Instagram and Twitter.

Conference Opening

Wednesday, July 9, 2014, 1:30 p.m.

Breaking the Cycle of Violence

Victimization. Violence. Sexual assault. Bullying. Poverty. Adoption of a trauma-informed system of care means breaking these violent cycles. Through this powerful presentation, William Kellibrew motivates and helps attendees break down the barriers to healing and recovery. He uses his own journey and experiences to deliver a dynamic presentation that gives attendees a new understanding of trauma and how professionals, providers, advocates and others can truly start addressing it. After this presentation, participants see a paradigm shift from "What's wrong with you?" to one that asks "What happened to you?"

Workshop

Wednesday, July 9, 2014, 3:15-4:45 p.m.

Trauma-Informed Care: A Change in Perspective

"Moving from Control to Collaboration"

Trauma-informed care (TIC) is an approach to engaging people with histories of trauma that recognizes the presence of trauma symptoms and acknowledges the role that trauma has played in their lives. Kellibrew introduces and shares tools for implementing a trauma-informed approach across a broad range of systems, programs and services including families, community, child welfare, foster care, mental health, victim assistance, substance use, housing, adult and juvenile justice, vocational or employment support, domestic violence, sexual assault and peer support to ultimately support resiliency.



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Conference Closing



Eric Tyler Anderson

After being given up for adoption at birth, Eric Tyler Anderson was lucky to be adopted at the age of two. This is where Eric's story begins!

Because Eric was being abused he was removed from his adoptive home and placed back in California's child welfare system. From there he lived in numerous foster homes and group homes until he was 18-years-old. During this time in his life he was going through some serious personal challenges. However, Eric was able to focus on a gift given to him before he was placed back in foster care.

When Eric was 5-years-old his adoptive father taught him a simple magic trick. Magic gave Eric something positive to focus on while he was being shuffled from home to home. *The Art of Magic* saved Eric's life!

After serving a brief stint in the United States Air Force and working a few odd jobs, Eric decided to make his dream come true. Eric's goal was to travel the world entertaining audiences with his unique brand of magic. So he bought a one-way ticket on a Greyhound Bus from San Diego to Atlanta and said "I'll figure it out when I get there."

With hard work, Eric turned *The Art of Magic* into a profitable business entertaining at high profile events around the world. He performed at the

1996 Centennial Olympics, Super Bowl XXXII, Super Bowl XXXIV and his list of corporate clients reads like a list of Who's Who in Corporate America.

For years he was living his dream when a friend suggested he share his personal story with his audiences. After asking her why, she said, "When people see your show they will have a lot of questions about how you're able to do some of things you do. I think you should tell your story and explain *why* you do what you do."

One of the things Eric learned is sometimes our goal(s) will lead us to our real goal. And that's exactly what happened. That's when Eric became known as *The Magician with a Message*. Magicians are known for keeping secrets. Eric loves to share one of life's greatest secrets - regardless of your background and what you have gone through, with *The Magic of Attitude* you can take the cards you are dealt and live a magical life. Currently Eric resides in Atlanta, Georgia with his family.

Conference Closing

Friday, July 11, 2014, 10:30 a.m.

The Magic of Attitude

The Magic of Attitude showcases a powerful motivational message merged with world class illusions. Combining motivation and miracles, the audience is taken on a roller coaster ride of illusion, motivation and celebration. During this presentation Anderson illustrates his foster care story while sharing powerful lessons learned along the way. In addition to sharing powerful yet practical success strategies, the audience is entertained throughout the entire presentation.

Special Conference Features & Events

Recognition Banquet

Guest mistress of ceremonies is Valerie Pritchett, with abc27 News in Harrisburg. Valerie anchors abc27 News Live at Five and abc27 News at 7:00 p.m. In addition to her anchoring duties, Valerie also reports.

A project close to her heart is Val's Kids, that features children in foster care who through the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network, are looking for permanent homes.

Recognition awards will be given during the banquet on Wednesday, July 9, at 6:00 p.m. for:

- Permanency Professional
- Permanency Teamwork
- Independent Living Professional
- Permanent Family
- Permanency Advocate
- County Collaborative
- Philanthropy



Matching Room

Are you looking for a child to add to your family? At the Matching Brunch on Wednesday, July 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., caseworkers will talk about their waiting children with families. Families can learn more about children in Pennsylvania in need of permanency by visiting exhibit booths that highlight children's photos, posters and multi-media presentations.

The Matching Room also includes resource and vendor tables. All exhibits will be on display during the entire conference. Please stop by and visit!

Family Picnic

On Thursday evening, July 10, starting at 5:30 p.m., a family picnic will feature food, games and fun for everyone. Use the registration form to confirm that you are coming, and don't forget to purchase extra tickets for guests, friends or children who are not registered for the conference or child care.

W-WK1 Trauma-Informed Care: A Change in Perspective

Level - Basic, Experienced **Audience** - All

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William Kellibrew IV, Keynote Presenter

W-WK2 Yours, Mine and Ours: Helping Your Child Search

Level - Basic **Audience** - Families, Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals, Child Welfare Workers

Recent changes to Pennsylvania's adoption laws encourage openness. During this session families become familiar with the law and how search could support their child's well-being and identity development. Techniques and strategies for families to support their children and themselves are explored.

Helen Blair Schuler, Montgomery County Orphans' Court, **Nancy Johnson**, Lackawanna County Children and Youth, **Scot Hines**, Family Design Resources

W-WK3 Working for Change: Power of a Personal Story

Level - Basic **Audience** - Families, Advocates, Child Welfare Workers

This curriculum helps parents explore advocacy, why changing systems is important and how to use the power of their personal story to create change. System change is about improving access to services and supports for children with disabilities.

Kathy Stocki, Parent Education Network

W-WK4 Statewide Child Specific Recruitment (CSR) Swap Meet

Level - Basic, Experienced **Audience** - Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals, Advocates, Child Welfare Workers, Legal Professionals

Are you a CSR worker who wants to learn about different recruitment activities? Come and learn a variety of activities available for our waiting children. CSR workers across the state will share ideas and activities. New strategies will be shared!

Jon Douglas and **Dianne Ott**, Diakon / Family Design Resources

W-WK5 One to Another

Level - Basic, Experienced **Audience** - Families, Advocates

This workshop is an open forum, designed to encourage permanency families to participate in a discussion relevant to their adoptive, foster, kinship or mentoring experience. The agenda consists of topics and issues related to providing a permanent home to children and youth.

Pam Wagner, Diakon / Family Design Resources

W-WK6 Diligent Search: Why and How is it Done?

Level - Basic, Experienced **Audience** - Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals, Child Welfare Workers, Legal Professionals

This workshop provides an opportunity to explore the 2013 Diligent Search packet. Participants learn how to use the tools in the packet and how to assist county agencies in complying with Federal and State legislation and Department of Public Welfare, DPW, bulletins. **Continuing Legal Education credits are pending approval.**

Lorelei Johnson and **Tricia Mix**, Diakon / Family Design Resources

W-WK7 Crossing Borders - Immigration Issues in the Child Welfare System

Level - Basic, Experienced **Audience** - Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals, Advocates, Child Welfare Workers, Legal Professionals

Immigrant children and their families represent one of the largest, fastest-growing populations in the United States. Children in immigrant families may face greater risks of maltreatment due to the stress and pressure experienced by their families. Difficulties accessing services and benefits may increase risk in immigrant families as well. As the immigrant population grows, child welfare agencies need to respond to immigrant families' unique needs. This session explores some of the legal, policy and practice issues faced by child welfare agencies striving to serve immigrant families. **Continuing Legal Education credits are pending approval.**

Rachel Meaker and **Ilene Dubin**, Diakon / Family Design Resources

Workshop Session 2 • Thursday, July 10, 2014 • 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

TH-WK1 Age-Appropriate Freedoms for Older Youth in Care

Level - Basic **Audience** - All

Professionals and families who work with older youth in care often find themselves needing to address age-appropriate freedoms. This workshop addresses different age-appropriate freedoms and why they are important to youth in care. Participants walk away with resources and discussion guides for setting these freedoms while maintaining individuality and independent living standards.

Barbara Huggins and Greta Weiss, University of Pittsburgh, The Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center

TH-WK2 5th Annual Statewide Child Prep Swap Meet

Level - Basic, Experienced **Audience** - Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals

Child preparation workers are always searching for innovative child preparation activities. Come and discover creative ideas from workers across the state. Child preparation activities are demonstrated for children with various permanency goals. Guaranteed you will learn some awesome activities!

Dianne Ott, Diakon / Family Design Resources

TH-WK3 Change "Just Say NO!" to "Just Say KNOW!"

Level - Basic **Audience** - Families, Advocates, Child Welfare Workers

Comprehensive Sexuality Education is about much more than abstinence. This presentation is designed to help parents and professionals learn how to talk to children about topics such as sexual identity, safer sex, intimacy and relationships.

M. Cynthia Loftus-Vergari and Megan Velo-Zorzi, Loftus-Vergari & Associates, Inc.

TH-WK4 Where O Where Art Thou?

Level - Experienced **Audience** - Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals, Child Welfare Workers

Interactive workshop for professionals for exploring recruitment and support activities for agency resource families.

Colleen Slebodnik and Annette Gross, Wesley Spectrum

Workshop Session 3 • Thursday, July 10, 2014 • 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

TH-WK5 Keeping the "Family" in Family Finding

Level - Experienced **Audience** - Families, Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals, Advocates, Child Welfare Workers

This workshop is an interactive session looking at how Family Finding can be implemented throughout the life of a case to enhance not only family participation in FGDM but also in the everyday lives of our youth. Dauphin County Children and Youth has recognized the need for family in every step of their case process and has worked diligently to integrate it at the front end, in their in-home as well as their out-of-home services.

Curin Haines-Yoder and Eva Domalski, Dauphin County Children and Youth

TH-WK6 Adult 411: What Youth Should Know Before Discharge

Level - Experienced **Audience** - All

Transitioning youth are usually surprised by what they don't know. "Things People Never Told Me" and other essential publications to share with youth are discussed. Youth presenters share their experiences. The audience is encouraged to share resources used in their programs.

Steve Eidson and Greta Weiss, University of Pittsburgh, The Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center

TH-WK7 The Power of Support Groups

Level - Basic **Audience** - Families, Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals, Child Welfare Workers

Come and learn from the experiences of child welfare professionals, families and teens in the child welfare system about their involvement in educational and supportive groups run by Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services. We will cover the basics of what is needed to start a supportive group, discuss barriers and how to overcome them, and have a panel discussion with those who have been directly involved and benefitted from the process.

Laurie Boucher, Frank Gerlach, Ann Marie Smell and Nell Sokalski, Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services and Panel.

TH-WK8 Stop the Violence! Managing Anger in Children

Level - Basic, Experienced **Audience** - All

When violence involves youth, families and communities, we as professionals struggle to find answers. How do you know what will work for a child, presenting with anger and aggressive behavior? Explore root causes of anger and effective therapeutic approaches. Discussion will focus on what works and the role of discipline, positive guidance and therapy.

Kevin Masturzo, TSW Consulting and **Lisa Moore**, W.D. Kelley Elementary School, Philadelphia

- TH-IN1 Improving the Future State of Dependent Children with Incarcerated Parents: A Collaborative Approach**
Level - Basic Audience - All
 This presentation includes a panel of systems professionals discussing the work of the Pennsylvania State Roundtable's Dependent Children of Incarcerated Parents Workgroup including collaborative efforts, recommendations and the recently released training video for judges and legal professionals. In addition to workgroup members, the panel features a parent and youth with experience in the subject matter. **Continuing Legal Education credits are pending approval.**
The Hon. Kim Clark, Allegheny County Children's Court - Fifth Judicial District, **Angela Sager**, Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts and **Stephanie Mannering**, Diakon / Family Design Resources
- TH-IN2 Advocating for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) Youth**
Level - Basic Audience - All
 This institute assists resource families in being aware of the needs of LGBTQ youth in their programs and how to address those needs. Focus is on creating awareness of existing attitudes and beliefs about LGBTQ youth, and how to turn that awareness into action, in order to help youth in their care cope with challenges they face.
June Fisher, University of Pittsburgh, The Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center
- TH-IN3 Abraham's Wife: The Impact of Infertility on Permanency**
Level - Basic, Experienced Audience - Families, Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals, Child Welfare Workers
 The issues of infertility are far-reaching. This institute examines the impact of infertility on the permanency process. First it explores the history of infertility and adoption. It examines how each stage of the adoption process is impacted by infertility and how the issues of infertility may be manifested as families move forward. Finally it describes techniques that workers can use to assist families dealing with infertility and improve the family's chances of success as they provide permanency.
Brenda Lawrence and Pam Wagner, Diakon / Family Design Resources
- TH-IN4 Addiction and the Family**
Level - Experienced Audience - Families, Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals, Advocates, Child Welfare Workers
 Chemical dependency, including alcohol and prescription medications, has a severe impact on families, loved ones and other individuals close to the person who is chemically dependent. The most effective way for family members to be responsive and supportive of their loved one is to develop a strong understanding of the disease and recovery processes. This institute provides an understanding of the consequences of addiction, family dynamics and techniques that promote self-care.
Pat Gadsden, Pennsylvania Recovery Organizations Alliance (PRO-A)
- TH-IN5 Adoption Search - Completing the Story**
Level - Experienced Audience - Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals, Child Welfare Workers, Legal Professionals
 Helping individuals "complete their story" through adoption search is specialized practice. Designed for professionals facilitating search, this session explores the current realities of search practice post-Act 101. The session discusses the emotional impact on triad members and professionals.
Helen Blair Schuler, Montgomery County Orphans' Court, **Nancy Johnson**, Lackawanna County Children and Youth and **Scot Hines**, Family Design Resources
- TH-IN6 Eliminating Barriers to Finding Educational Futures**
Level - Basic, Experienced Audience - All
 Panelists share how they have partnered to ensure the educational futures of dependent children and youth. New and experienced resource families, and child welfare and legal professionals learn strategies for ensuring school stability, timely enrollment, proper educational placements and support, and graduation and post-secondary educational planning. Participants also learn about the research, laws and policies that support those strategies.
Continuing Legal Education credits are pending approval.
Alyssa Cowan and Heather Britton Diakon / Family Design Resources, **Samantha Murphy**, Allegheny County Department of Human Services, **Nicole Anderson**, Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3, **Patricia Welle**, Allentown School District, **Pamela Buehrle**, Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services and **Sarina Bishop**, Dauphin County Children and Youth
- TH-IN7 Preparing Families Better: A Family Prep SWAP**
Level - Basic, Experienced Audience - Families, Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals, Advocates, Child Welfare Workers
 The reality of sitting in a training with no identified child compared to the reality of having a child that was just placed in your home standing in front of you is vastly different. Family preparation that is thorough and done well is crucial to the success of any placement. Hear from families on what we have done well and what we can do better. A portion of the session is devoted to sharing ideas from multiple agencies on what they are doing to better prepare their families. Come ready to share!
Bethany Leas, Project STAR at the Children's Institute, **Alanna O'Dean and Brandi Rathgeber**, Wesley Spectrum and **Cheryl Longstreet**, Family Hope Connection

Workshop Session 4 • Thursday, July 10, 2014 • 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

TH-WK9 SWAN Post-Permanency Services – What Are They?

Level - Basic **Audience** - Families, Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals

This workshop is designed to help families understand SWAN's post-permanency services. How do I access them? What does family-driven mean? What services are available? What is a Family Support Plan and why is it important? Join us and get your questions answered.

Sue Zola, Diakon / Family Design Resources

TH-WK10 Learning Circles, Learning Organizations and the Child Welfare Information Gateway

Level - Basic, Experienced **Audience** - Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals, Advocates, Child Welfare Workers, Legal Professionals

Join a learning circle to learn how Child Welfare Information Gateway can support child welfare agencies towards becoming learning organizations. Information Gateway maintains a library of more than 75,000 documents and a comprehensive user-friendly website that links to resources on all aspects of child welfare and adoption. Bring your laptop or tablet and get an interactive, hands-on experience using the website.

Phyllis Charles, Child Welfare Information Gateway

TH-WK11 Parenting from the Inside-Out and Outside-In

Level - Basic **Audience** - Families

This presentation is geared toward parents who want to learn how to better parent children with special needs and enhance their relationship with their child.

Megan Velo-Zorzi, Loftus-Vergari & Associates, Inc.

TH-WK12 The Times They Are a-Changin'

Level - Experienced **Audience** - All

Pennsylvania has had an unprecedented number of child welfare public policy reforms over the past several years... some of which are only beginning to take effect. Come hear a brief overview of key legislative changes and learn the potential they have to impact child and family outcomes.

Continuing Legal Education credits are pending approval.

Todd Lloyd, Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children

Workshop Session 5 • Thursday, July 10, 2014 • 3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

TH-WK13 Sexuality in Children: What is Normal?

Level - Basic, Experienced **Audience** - Families, Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals, Advocates, Child Welfare Workers

This workshop helps parents and professionals identify "normal" sexual development, behaviors that warrant concern and factors that may contribute to problematic sexual behaviors. Empower yourself with education, awareness and ways to manage these behaviors in children.

Krista Welter, Valliere and Counseling Associates

TH-WK14 Lessons Learned by Birth Parents: What Works

Level - Basic, Experienced **Audience** - All

As a birth parent involved in the child welfare system, what worked for them and what were the challenges? Our birth parents are often overwhelmed and unsure how to navigate the system. Birth parents will share their experiences and what helped them to be successful.

Denise Hoffman, University of Pittsburgh, The Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center and Georgiann Unger, Diakon / Family Design Resources

TH-WK15 It's Underneath

Level - Basic **Audience** - Families

This workshop discusses how things important to a child can be covered up by adults' perceptions. Children view their world as they see it. We as adults, caseworkers and parents need to listen carefully to what the child sees, hears and says!

Lee Anne Rauch, Lycoming County Children and Youth Services

TH-WK16 Protecting Your Positive Attitude

Level - Basic **Audience** - All

While it has become well-known that a positive attitude is good for you, it might not be well-known that there are specific things that can sabotage a positive attitude. Learn how to recognize those things as well as strategies to use to protect the positive attitude you have worked so hard to develop! We will also role play to practice strategies that can help.

Kathy McQuillan, ResCare Workforce Services

- TH-IN8 Bodies and Brains: Behaviors We Thought Love Would Cure**
Level - Basic Audience - Families, Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals, Advocates, Child Welfare Workers
 Attachment rich, connecting techniques provide a foundation of safety and trust between a child who communicates through challenging behaviors and their caregiver; in turn developing the ability to co-regulate their emotions and manage behaviors such as lying, stealing, sexually acting out, food and toileting issues.
Meghan Nagle and Jami Lyn Duane-Brady, Three Rivers Adoption Council
- TH-IN9 Understanding Adoption Assistance**
Level - Basic Audience - Families, Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals, Child Welfare Workers
 It can be difficult to obtain information about adoption assistance for children with special needs in Pennsylvania. This course provides essential information concerning adoption assistance, including what it is, who is eligible, how to negotiate rates and much more. **Continuing Legal Education credits are pending approval.**
Lauren Cummings and Tara Hines, Department of Public Welfare, Office of Children, Youth and Families
- TH-IN10 Permanency and the Arts**
Level - Basic Audience - Families, Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals, Child Welfare Workers
 This institute covers the theoretical perspectives for using arts techniques with foster/adoptive children, as well as practical examples, personal stories and arts activities to use in the Child Prep setting and in the home for foster/adoptive families.
Ginene Szczepanski, NorthEast Treatment Centers
- TH-IN11 Hot Topics in Child Welfare Law**
Level - Experienced Audience - Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals, Advocates, Child Welfare Workers, Legal Professionals
 Come and discuss current issues in child welfare law with a panel of experienced attorneys who handle child welfare and termination of parental rights cases from the child's, parents' and agency's perspectives. Focus is on hot topics, including important recent court decisions and changes in child welfare law. The most interesting part of the institute is the chance to discuss your current cases and tricky legal issues with colleagues, so bring all your legal questions and answers to this lively session. **Continuing Legal Education credits are pending approval.**
Benjamin Drinen and Ilene Dubin, Diakon / Family Design Resources, Marissa McClellan, Dauphin County Children and Youth and Kathleen Creamer, Community Legal Services
- TH-IN12 An Overview of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)**
Level - Experienced Audience - All
 The Compact oversees placement of dependent and adoptive children across state lines. Agencies utilizing matching practices that involve searches for resources outside of Pennsylvania or in matching PA resources with children in other states would need to utilize the Compact prior to placement. This training assists public and private agencies in complying with compact requirements. **Continuing Legal Education credits are pending approval.**
Jason McCrea and Wendy Lautsbaugh, Department of Public Welfare, Office of Children, Youth and Families
- TH-IN13 The Right P.A.C.E. - A Technique to Improve Parent/Child Relationships**
Level - Basic Audience - Families, Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals, Child Welfare Workers
 Parenting a child with a traumatic history can be as challenging as it is rewarding. Using the P.A.C.E. method developed by Dan Hughes, parents learn a new technique to help improve the parent/child relationship and ultimately improve attachment.
Lea Moyer, Diakon / Family Design Resources and Heather Gillette, Diakon Adoption and Foster Care
- TH-IN14 Is There a WRAP in Your Future?**
Level - Basic Audience - Families, Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals, Advocates, Child Welfare Workers
 WRAP is a structured self-management program for chronic conditions designed to help people manage a variety of long-term illnesses. It emphasizes holistic health, wellness, strengths and social support. It's use in teaching recovery skills to people who experience mental health challenges, to their family members and to health care providers has been studied and reviewed, and is listed in the National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.
Laurel Yates, Department of Public Welfare, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and Sue Becke, Early Intervention

F-WK1 The Impact of Incarceration on Children and Families

Level - Basic **Audience** - All

Children are separated from their biological families due to various difficult circumstances. One of the most difficult of circumstances is when children are placed in alternate living arrangements due to their parent's incarceration. This creates numerous hardships and trauma that child must endure. This workshop takes a close look at the growing issue of children and incarceration and provides caregivers resources and strategies to utilize in helping children through the grieving and healing process.

Bob Brinker, ParentWISE Program of Family Services of Western Pennsylvania

F-WK2 Transitioning Youth: What Resource Parents Should Know

Level - Basic, Experienced **Audience** - Families, Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals, Advocates, Child Welfare Workers

Helping youth transition to adult lives is complicated. This session gives resource parents practical tips on essential things that youth need to know and how they can access services and supports.

Todd Kline and Rebecca Maguire, Clarion County Children and Youth

F-WK3 Helping Children with Trauma Heal

Level - Basic **Audience** - All

New research on brain development and the brain's plasticity, has provided insight and hope for families who have children who have been exposed to trauma. Join us as we explore ways to help our children heal through relationships, integration and attunement.

Leonette Boiarski and Diana Bramble, Madison Adoption Associates

F-WK4 Promote Children's Development with the Early Learning GPS

Level - Basic **Audience** - Families, Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals, Advocates, Child Welfare Workers

Supporting a young child's development sets the path for a bright future, but where do you start? Tour the Early Learning GPS (Guiding Parents Smoothly), a free online quiz with simple tips and reliable resources to help young children grow.

Kelly Swanson, Pennsylvania's Promise for Children

F-WK5 The SSI Safety Net

Level - Basic, Experienced **Audience** - All

This session explains the legal requirements for a successful SSI claim in addition to strategies for gathering evidence and submitting applications promptly to reduce the gap between a child or youth's discharge and the receipt of benefits. **Continuing Legal Education credits are pending approval.**

Benjamin Drinen, Diakon / Family Design Resources

F-WK6 Starting a Family Profile "Toolbox"

Level - Basic, Experienced **Audience** - Permanency Professionals, Independent Living Professionals

Verbal interviewing can only go so far in getting to know and assessing a family. Come and learn some activities that can be completed with families during the homestudy process to assess multiple facets of the family unit and structure.

Jordan Shoenerger and Nichole Turnbull, Three Rivers Adoption Council



Join us for Fun at the Family Picnic!

Thursday, July 10, 2014 • 5:30 p.m.



Conference Registration Form

To register for the conference, please complete this form or register online at www.diakon-swan.org. Please note the dates for Early Bird and Regular Registrations. Pre-registered persons will receive a name badge, banquet and picnic tickets, a program and other materials at the registration area. Confirmation emails will be sent to those whose registrations are received by June 23, 2014. For questions about completing the form, please call Beth Duzey at 1-888-793-2512 ext. 1227. **Last day to register is June 23, 2014. Walk-in registration is available.**

****Please type or print clearly. Please complete one form per person.**

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Professional Title
Agency Affiliation		Department	Email
Address (agency participants use company address)		City	State
			Zip Code
Daytime Phone		Evening Phone	Cell Phone

Please check all that apply: I am a Child Welfare Worker Advocate Legal Professional Permanency Professional
 Family Independent Living Professional Other _____

Special Needs: We want each participant to have the most enjoyable and accessible experience possible. Please let us know your special need in advance.

Specify needs: _____

Specify dietary restrictions: _____

Workshop Session Selection: To help us determine space requirements, please mark your preferred sessions in the appropriate spaces. Any session may be cancelled or rescheduled because of unforeseen circumstances. Schedule changes or cancellations will be posted at the registration area and noted in the final conference program that will be distributed at the conference.

Wednesday, July 9 (Choose one)

Workshop 1 • 3:15 - 4:45 p.m.

W-WK1 W-WK2 W-WK3 W-WK4 W-WK5 W-WK6 W-WK7

Thursday, July 10 Morning (Choose two workshops - one from Workshop 2 **AND** one from Workshop 3 **OR** one Institute)

Workshop 2 • 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

AND

Workshop 3 • 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

TH-WK1 TH-WK2 TH-WK3 TH-WK4

TH-WK5 TH-WK6 TH-WK7 TH-WK8

OR

Institute 1 • 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

TH-IN1 TH-IN2 TH-IN3 TH-IN4 TH-IN5 TH-IN6 TH-IN7

Thursday, July 10 Afternoon (Choose two workshops - one from Workshop 4 **AND** one from Workshop 5 **OR** one Institute)

Workshop 4 • 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

AND

Workshop 5 • 3:45 - 5:15 p.m.

TH-WK9 TH-WK10 TH-WK11 TH-WK12

TH-WK13 TH-WK14 TH-WK15 TH-WK16

OR

Institute 2 • 2:00 - 5:15 p.m.

TH-IN8 TH-IN9 TH-IN10 TH-IN11 TH-IN12 TH-IN13 TH-IN14

Friday, July 11 (Choose one)

Workshop 6 • 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

F-WK1 F-WK2 F-WK3 F-WK4 F-WK5 F-WK6

Registration Options

Please complete one form per person

July 9, 10 and 11 (entire conference) (Includes two continental breakfasts, two afternoon breaks, Recognition Banquet, Family Picnic, opening and closing keynote general sessions and up to six concurrent workshops)

EARLY BIRD (postmarked on or before June 9, 2014)

- \$180.00 – Agency-affiliated or other professional
- \$100.00 – Parenting couple (2 parents from the same family)
- \$75.00 – One parent

REGULAR RATE (postmarked after June 9, 2014)

- \$200.00 – Agency-affiliated or other professional
- \$120.00 – Parenting couple (2 parents from the same family)
- \$95.00 – One parent

will **will not be attending the banquet on Wednesday.**

will **will not be attending the picnic on Thursday.**

Wednesday, July 9 ONLY (Includes: opening keynote general session, afternoon break, one workshop and Recognition Banquet)

EARLY BIRD (postmarked on or before June 9, 2014)

- \$100.00 – Agency-affiliated or other professional
- \$45.00 – Parenting couple (2 parents from the same family)
- \$35.00 – One parent

REGULAR RATE (postmarked after June 9, 2014)

- \$120.00 – Agency-affiliated or other professional
- \$65.00 – Parenting couple (2 parents from the same family)
- \$55.00 – One parent

will **will not be attending the banquet on Wednesday.**

Thursday, July 10 ONLY (Includes: continental breakfast, afternoon break, Family Picnic and up to four concurrent workshops)

EARLY BIRD (postmarked on or before June 9, 2014)

- \$100.00 – Agency-affiliated or other professional
- \$45.00 – Parenting couple (2 parents from the same family)
- \$35.00 – One parent

REGULAR RATE (postmarked after June 9, 2014)

- \$120.00 – Agency-affiliated or other professional
- \$65.00 – Parenting couple (2 parents from the same family)
- \$55.00 – One parent

will **will not be attending the picnic on Thursday.**

Friday, July 11 ONLY (Includes continental breakfast, one workshop and closing keynote general session)

EARLY BIRD (postmarked on or before June 9, 2014)

- \$80.00 – Agency-affiliated or other professional
- \$25.00 – Parenting couple (2 parents from the same family)
- \$15.00 – One parent

REGULAR RATE (postmarked after June 9, 2014)

- \$100.00 – Agency-affiliated or other professional
- \$45.00 – Parenting couple (2 parents from the same family)
- \$25.00 – One parent

I have enclosed _____ child care/teen registration forms with payment. (See page 15 for Child/Teen Care Registration Form.) Child care/teen program registrations **INCLUDE** Thursday's Family Picnic (in addition to other meals and snacks listed on the Child/Teen Care Registration Form).

Extra meal tickets may be purchased for guests not registered for the conference or child care/teen programs. In order to help us anticipate space and meals, if you are purchasing additional tickets please indicate how many below:

ADDITIONAL BANQUET TICKETS _____
(\$20.00/adult)

ADDITIONAL PICNIC TICKETS _____
(\$20.00/adult and \$10.00/child)

Payment Options: Complete **one form per person** and attach check or money order made payable to:

Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries, or complete credit card information and mail to: **Conferencing, Diakon/FDR, 471 JPLwick Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111**

Credit Card Information:

Mastercard VISA American Express Discover

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Authorization code (3-4 digits on back of card) _____

Cardholder Name _____

Cardholder Address & Phone Number _____

Authorized Signature _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE: \$ _____

TOTAL CHILD CARE/TEEN REGISTRATIONS: \$ _____

ADDITIONAL BANQUET AND PICNIC TICKETS: \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

Child/Teen Care Program Information

Child Care and Teen Registration

We are pleased to provide on-site child care, as well as activities for older children. Additional forms and payments are required if you are requesting child care. A child/teen care form (included below) must be completed for EACH child and teen who is participating in the sponsored activities. **Child/teen care is offered on a first-come basis. The deadline for child/teen care registration is June 6, 2014.** All child/teen care registrations received before June 6, 2014 will receive an informational confirmation packet. Permission forms from this packet must be filled out and brought with you to the conference. **Drop-in care is NOT available.** Children and teens must be pre-registered to receive care.

Child Care and Teen Activities

Ages infant through 11: Child care will be available for the first 100 children registered. The rate is \$50 per child for the entire conference.

Ages 12 through 17: This supervised program will include a workshop and other special activities. The teen program is limited to the first 50 youths registered. Teens

must be no older than 17 at the time of the conference. The rate is \$50 per youth for the entire conference.

Meals: Daily snacks, Wednesday dinner, Thursday breakfast, lunch and picnic and Friday breakfast will be provided. Parents whose children are unable to eat table food must provide food (i.e. formula, baby food, bottles, special diets, allergies, etc.).

Activities: On-site activities will be provided for children and teens. Swimming will be available for children ages 8 to 17. Participation in off-site activities (i.e. bowling, miniature golf, etc.) requires written parental permission and appropriate clothing.

Medications: Parents are responsible for administering medications to children. **Child care staff will not administer medications.**

No walk-ins will be accepted for either group. Children and teens are required to attend all activities while their parents or caregivers are at the conference.

Child/Teen Care Registration Form

Please complete **one form per child/teen**. Photocopy the form for additional children/teens if necessary.

FEE: \$50 per child or teen includes daily snacks, meals and activities for the duration of the conference.

Parents must provide food for children who are unable to eat table food (i.e. formula, baby food, bottles, special diets, allergies, etc.).

Child/teen care staff will **NOT** administer medications.

THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER CHILDREN/TEENS IS JUNE 6, 2014.

Child care for children ages infant through 11 years **OR** Teen program for children ages 12–17 years

Child's Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____
First Middle Initial Last

Parent/Guardian Attending Conference _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone (in the event of an emergency) _____

Email _____

Dates care is needed: Wednesday, July 9 Thursday, July 10 Friday, July 11

Please describe any accommodations your child will need to fully participate in child care activities:

Please list any dietary restrictions your child may have:

Please disclose any medical conditions. Failure to disclose this information could result in removal from the child/teen care program:

Please list anything that would be helpful for the child/teen care staff to know about your child (likes, dislikes, fears, allergies, medications, etc.):

For child/teen care registration to be complete:

Complete form. **One per child/teen.** To secure a space for your child, all registrations **must** be accompanied by payment.

Attach payment. **NOTE:** Make check payable to: *Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries.* Enclose form and payment with your completed conference registration form.

Confirmation information will be forwarded to you if the completed child/teen care registration form(s) and payment are received by June 6, 2014. You will need to complete the forms in the information packet and bring them with you to the conference. No child/teen care registrations will be accepted after June 6, 2014.

