The Pennsylvania Family Center Network is comprised of Family Centers throughout the Commonwealth. It is led by a Steering Committee of regional members that provides strategic direction, collects and disseminates information, promotes best practices, and advocates for Family Centers. The Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning administers and provides oversight of the Family Centers, which are operated by nonprofit agencies.

At a Glance
- Types of Members: Community-Based (54), School-Based (3)
- Funding Sources: Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (Federal), Family Center Line Item (State)
- Network Structure: Public Funder-Coordinated

Network Functions
- Connecting Members
- Systems Change/Policy or Advocacy
- Marketing/Public Awareness Activities

Member Service Areas
- Parenting Support
- Access to Resources
- Child Development Activities
- Family Economic Success Activities
- Education Activities
- Health/Wellness Activities
- Intentional Multiple Family Member Engagement Activities
- Community Development Activities

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Pennsylvania Family Center Network
Mission: The Pennsylvania Family Center Network collectively raises awareness and facilitates communication, advocacy, and best practices across all programs toward strengthening families, nurturing children, and building communities.

2010
Year Founded
57
Members
2,989
Families Served
Pennsylvania

Highlight

• In 2018-2019, the Governor approved an additional $5 million to expand home visiting services for families with Opioid and Substance Use Disorder. Thirteen Family Centers are participating in the pilot program, “Families in Recovery,” a parenting and group-based curriculum for families with a history of OUD or SUD.

Outcomes

• An evaluation of 25 Family Support Centers was conducted by Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago for the Allegheny County Department of Human Services in 2015. Results from this analysis showed that neighborhoods in the Pittsburgh region with centers had significantly lower rates of child abuse and neglect investigations than similar neighborhoods without them.

Standards of Quality Implementation

5 Standards Trainers

11 Certification Trainings

282 Certified Individuals