



FAQ Corner

“Coordination and Collaboration Coming to a County Near You?”

Is your team identifying needs of students that can't be addressed and you need help to develop a plan to address them? Does your team feel isolated and alone? Does your district or team participate in SAP County Coordination/ District Council? The following are excerpts from the [SAP Frequently Asked Questions and Best Practice Document](#).

50. What are the benefits of participating in SAP County Coordination/ District Council?

Guidelines for Student Assistance Programs (SAP) Coordination Teams set forth five basic goals which support the benefit for schools in being a part of the meetings. These include:

- *Promoting communication, coordination, and collaboration of SAP services among schools (public and nonpublic), agencies, community, parents, and students;*
- *Identifying needs and gaps in SAP and SAP-related services in the county/county joinder and develop a plan(s) to address these;*
- *Identifying effective programs and ongoing training needs in order to develop a county/county joinder response to requests for SAP team development (e.g., additional training, county updates, team maintenance, and research-based programs);*
- *Promoting communication, feedback and conflict resolution among the child serving systems in the county/county joinder; and*
- *Promoting joint planning and collaboration among child serving systems for resource development and effective service delivery.*

Want to attend SAP County Coordination/District Council and not sure when they are or how to get an invite? Or maybe you want to start County Coordination/ District Council but are sure who to contact? Contact your [SAP Regional Coordinator](#) for assistance.



SAP Interagency

[Department of Drug & Alcohol Programs \(DDAP\)](#)

[PA Department of Education \(PDE\)](#)

[Department of Human Services \(DHS\)](#)



Training Opportunities

SAP Training - For upcoming training opportunities, click [here](#).

Pennsylvania Association of Student Assistance Professionals (PASAP) Annual Conference - To be held 2/25/24-2/27/24 in State College - click [here](#) for details.



Grants

For open PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) grant opportunities, click [here](#).



Liaison FAQ Corner

“How do Liaisons Fit In?”

The topic this month is SAP County Coordination. Find out how you fit in as a liaison in these meetings. The excerpts below are from the [Liaison Frequently Asked Questions](#).

15. What is my role with SAP County Coordination?

County Coordination is a team comprised of representations from SAP child-serving systems that meet regularly to provide the leadership, planning and coordination necessary to implement effective SAP services at the county or county joinder level. SAP Coordination Team membership can change from county to county. County Coordination Guidelines are available at: www.pnsas.org.

Each SAP County Coordination Team may have different expectations for liaisons. In some counties, there is one drug and alcohol and one mental health liaison represented, in other counties, only agency supervisors are represented on County Coordination Team. The role of County Coordination Team is to assure that questions, concerns, feedback, or suggestions are delivered to appropriate channels or services rendered. SAP County Coordination Guidelines are available at: www.pnsas.org. Reach out to your PNSAS Regional Coordinator to connect with your County Coordination Team.

16. What is my role in District Council or SAP Networking?

District Council is a team sharing and problem-solving forum. Networking can be associated with a training event, such as Networking Day. This generally is a professional development opportunity extended to SAP teams.

Each District Council or Networking may have different expectations for liaisons, but it is appropriate for liaisons to participate in these activities.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your [SAP Regional Coordinator](#).

Information

2023-2024 PDE4092 revised instructions are available. Visit the [Safe Schools website](#) to download the updated form and view the updated instructions.

PA Department of Education has released pre-recorded jokes, advice, and words of encouragement from PA students. Dial **(717) 772-4737** for the You've Got a Friend in PA Pep Talk Phone Line!

PSA Contest for Youth Suicide Prevention - Prevent Suicide PA has opened public voting for the 2024 PSA contest- view the finalists and vote [here](#) by February 23rd at noon.

Stop by and visit the PNSAS exhibitor booth at the PASAP Conference February 25th-27th or the Children's Interagency Conference on April 22nd-25th.

PNSAS staff are also presenting at both conferences! Come say hello and visit with Regional Coordinators and Interagency staff members.