

SAP CONNECTION

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY PA NETWORK FOR STUDENT ASSISTANCE SERVICES

This year's SAP articles will focus on the resources available on the PA Network for Student Assistance Services (PNSAS) website. PNSAS regularly updates documents and adds additional resources to the site. The SAP Connection articles will review available resources each month to assist SAP teams and other stakeholders.

Spotlight on SAP Teams Tab

At the heart of SAP are the SAP Teams—multidisciplinary groups working together to identify and support students facing barriers to learning and success. The SAP Teams tab on the PNSAS website is organized into four key sections:

- Guidelines / Best Practices
- Team Maintenance
- Sample Forms
- Collaborating with Parents

Each section offers practical tools and insights to strengthen team operations and student support strategies. Many of the sample forms can be tailored to meet the unique needs of your team.

Sample Forms: A Closer Look

One of the most useful areas is the Sample Forms section, which includes a variety of templates and checklists to streamline SAP processes.

These include:

- **SAP Team Meeting Forms**
 - [Team Meeting Agenda](#)
 - [Case Manager Checklist](#) (tool to assist in completion of case management tasks)
- **SAP Process Forms**
 - [Referral Form](#)
 - [Elementary School Staff Behavior Checklist](#)
 - [Secondary School Staff Behavior Checklist](#)
 - [Initial Parent Conversations Checklist](#)
 - [Initial Student Conversations Checklist](#)
 - [Student Conversation Questions](#)
 - [Action Plan](#)

These resources are designed to help teams stay organized, communicate effectively, and maintain consistency in their approach.

Stay tuned each month as we continue to explore the tools and updates available through PNSAS. Whether you're a seasoned SAP team member or new to the process, these resources are here to support your work in helping students succeed.

Please reach out to your [PNSAS Regional Coordinator](#) for assistance.

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Training Opportunities

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



Grants

For open PA
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PASAP Annual Conference



The Pennsylvania Association of Student Assistance Professionals (PASAP) is hosting their annual conference on February 22nd - 24th in State College.

Registration is open! Find more information at www.pasap.org.

Supporting Cross-Systems Youth Suicide Prevention Efforts

From June 2019 through June 2024, the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health Substance Abuse Services (DHS-OMHSAS) implemented a grant from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) focused on continuity of care for youth at risk of suicide. Based on the Zero Suicide Framework, members of the Pennsylvania Garrett Lee Smith (GLS) Youth Suicide Prevention Grant team worked with nine counties and one joinder county to create county-specific strategic plans. This [toolkit](#) is meant to be a resource for counties and suicide prevention task forces that are interested in improving local collaboration around youth suicide prevention.



Suicide Prevention



PSA Contest

The GLS Youth Suicide Prevention team is partnering with Prevent Suicide PA to run the 2026 PSA contest for Youth Suicide Prevention for high school students in the commonwealth. Please click this [link](#) for more information.

Students can create a powerful public service announcement to help spread awareness and show their peers that they are not alone.

Winning groups will receive a prizes of \$500, with an additional \$500 reward for their school to develop or improve student wellness and mental health initiatives.

There are two PSA categories:

- 18"x24" poster
- 30-60 second video

Submissions are due by January 9, 2026.



PAYS 1st Wednesdays at 1pm Webinar Series



Stay on top of the latest information about all things related to the PA Youth Survey (PAYS) by registering for the webinar series! By registering, you and your staff will have year-round access to PAYS experts, local PAYS users and the most up-to-date PAYS-related information delivered right to your desk or conference room.

Register to attend these webinars or access other PAYS Resources [here](#).

Pennsylvania Mental Health and Wellness Conference

The annual two-day event is an opportunity for peers, caregivers, advocates, and mental health professionals to experience a one-of-a-kind conference that will provide a platform to learn, share, and network. It will feature keynote presentations, workshops, resource tables, and networking. Continuing Education Credits will be offered. May 18th - 19th in Harrisburg.

Hosted by NAMI Keystone PA - more details [here](#).



Save the Date



The annual Services for Teens At Risk (STAR) Center Suicide Prevention Conference will be held on Friday, May 15, 2026.

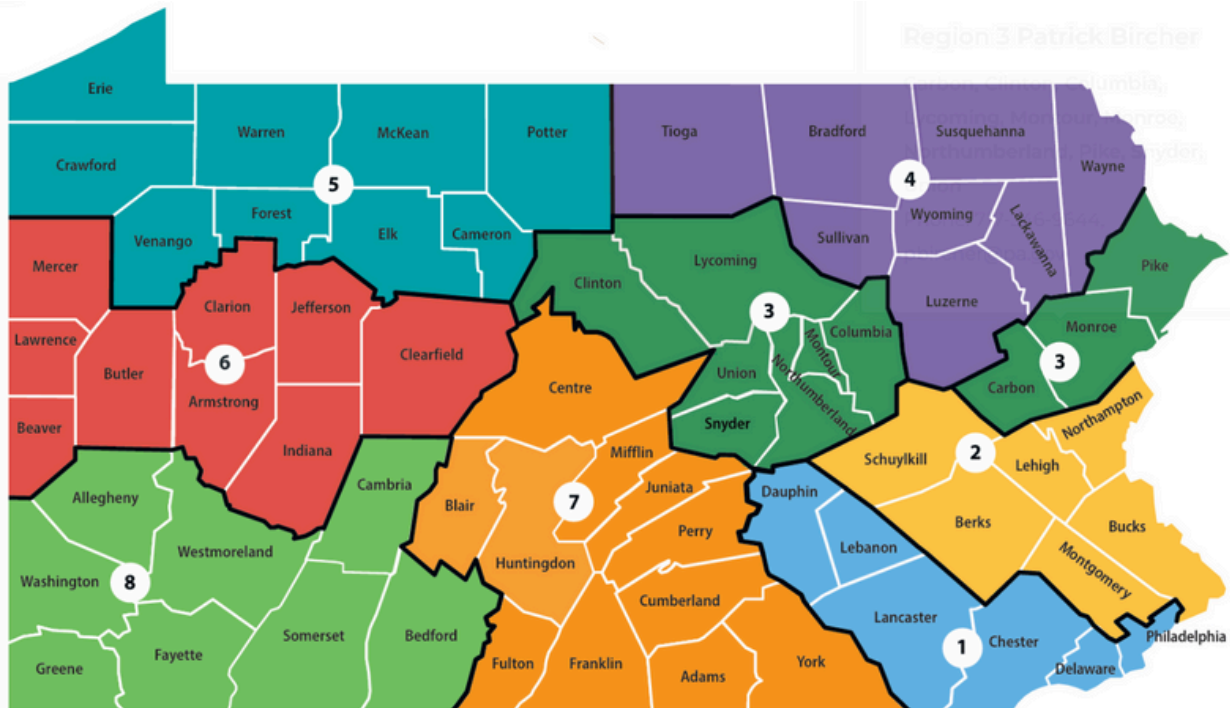
More details coming soon!

Find more information [here](#).

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