



SAP CONNECTION

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

Collaborating with Families

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.

PNSAS provides several documents and resources on the “Teams” Tab of the [PNSAS website](#). This article will focus on the “[Collaborating with Parents](#)” tab. It is our hope that this information will assist SAP teams in working more effectively with parents/guardians and improve parent permission and participation in SAP. These resources can help teams customize their approach to be responsive to the needs of parents/families.

[Guidance for Effective Conversations/Engagement with Students & Families](#) highlights the stages of change model as it applies to SAP. It then provides several different approaches and tips in working with parents/families at the various stages of change.

[Sample SAP Parent Phone Call](#) is a sample script for school SAP Team members to use in making phone calls to parents/guardians. This helps team members prepare for conversations and to stay on track. It also provides some tips in approaching the conversations to optimize the outcome.

[Initial SAP Parent Consent Template](#) is particularly helpful if you are starting a new team or updating old forms. It is recommended to update your forms every couple of years. It is best practice to make sure your school solicitor approves of the consent form and process for obtaining parent/guardian consent for SAP.

[Sample Screening Consent Form](#) is utilized to obtain consent prior to the SAP liaison conducting SAP screening. Collaboration between liaison agencies and schools in the development and approval of the screening consent form should occur prior to the start of the school year. Make sure you have the consent procedures and form and included in the Letter Of Agreement between the Liaison agency and the Local Education Agency.

[Could the Student Assistance Program \(SAP\) Help Your Child?](#) is a 1 hour recorded webinar that is available through a partnership between the PA Parent and Family Alliance and PNSAS. This joint training provides information for parents and families about supportive services offered through SAP. For more information on the various resources PA Parent and Family Alliance offers to families click [here](#). This is a great resource to share with families who may need peer support and information for families.

Please reach out to your [PNSAS 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](#).



Grants

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

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2024-2025 SAP Data Infographics



PNSAS provides infographics highlighting statewide SAP data collected annually on the “[Data](#)” tab of our website.

The 2024-2025 PDE4092 infographic summarizing school SAP data is available [here](#). The 2024-2025 SAP Liaison Annual Reporting Infographic is available [here](#). A 2024-2025 SAP Training recap is also available [here](#).

PA Youth Advocacy Series

Do you know a high school student interested in strengthening their advocacy skills? Are they passionate about mental health topics? Are they looking for ways to turn ideas into action? This opportunity is for those students!

The PA Youth Advocacy Network is hosting an six-week, virtual series for high school students across Pennsylvania to learn advocacy skills and work in teams to advance a youth-led policy agenda. This year, the series will close with a virtual round table with changemakers, where participants will put their learning into practice sharing advocacy recommendation on real Pennsylvania priorities and programs.

The series will take place over 6 weeks, every Tuesday 4-5:30 PM (February 3rd - March 10th). No previous advocacy experience is required. \$150 stipend available for each participant who completes the program and attends all sessions

Learn more about the PA Youth Advocacy Network [here](#).

The application is due by January 16th, 2025. Feel free to reach out to payouthadvocacy@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.



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.



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](#).

PAYS 1st Wednesdays at 1pm Webinar Series

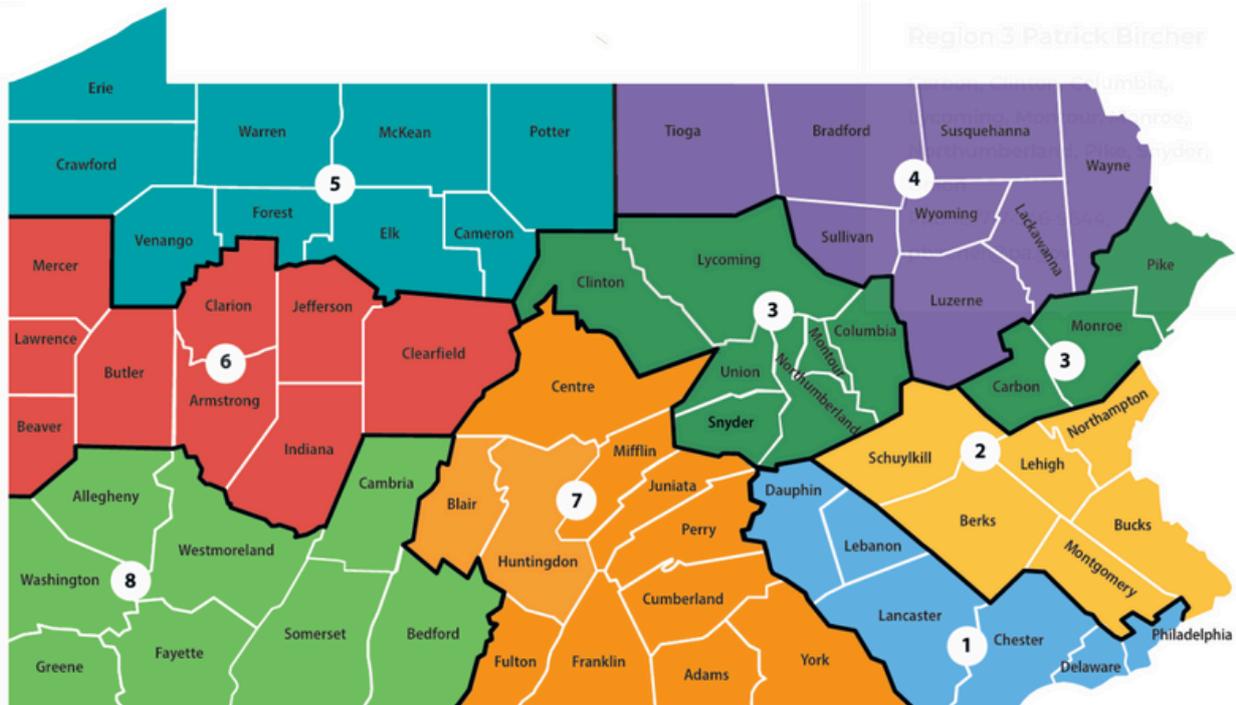
Stay on top of the latest information about all things related to the PA Youth Survey (PAYS) by registering for the webinar series! By registering, you and your staff will have year-round access to PAYS experts, local PAYS users and the most up-to-date PAYS-related information delivered right to your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

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

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