

SAP CONNECTION

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

“General SAP in PA” on the PNSAS website

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.

This month’s newsletter will highlight the resources available on the “[General SAP in PA](#)” section of the “About SAP” tab of our [PNSAS website](#).

One important resource located on this section of the website is the “[What is SAP?](#)” document. This document contains a variety of useful information about SAP in Pennsylvania, including the purpose of SAP, the roles and participants on SAP teams, and best practices for each phase of the SAP process. This document may be useful in explaining SAP to other school staff, school board members, parents, or other community members. The information contained on this document may also be useful in development of SAP brochures or websites explaining SAP.

On the “General SAP in PA” page, you will also find the newly revised [SAP logo](#) available for download. This logo can be used on your school or agency brochures, websites, and any other SAP forms or materials.

Additional materials on this page include a [History of SAP Infographic](#), as well as a document outlining “[Laws Pertinent to SAP](#)”. This document highlights laws that have a relevance or implication for SAP teams and gives available resources to learn more. This document was created for SAP training and is also useful for SAP teams and/or liaisons as they review their roles and any applicable laws governing SAP policies and procedures in their school or agency. Some of the laws discussed in this document include the laws mandating SAP (Act 211 and Chapter 12 of the PA School Code). There is also a section regarding confidentiality guidelines (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)). Consent laws affecting SAP and guidelines from Pupil Protection of Rights Amendment (PPRA) are also included as well as several other laws that impact behavioral health provision in PA.

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

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SAP Interagency

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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](#).



Virtual Suicide Prevention Webinars



The Pennsylvania GLS Youth Suicide Prevention KEY-PPLE grant team and partners are providing a range of suicide prevention trainings for mental health professionals working with youth across various settings. All training sessions are offered on Tuesdays from 12:00 – 1:00 pm (ET). Contact Sydney Waitz-Kudla at sydney.waitz-kudla@jefferson.edu with any questions.

Find more information and register [here](#).



SAP Refresher



PNSAS is pleased to announce that over 800 individuals have participated in SAP Refresher sessions! Trainings were held virtually statewide and covered topics including case management and sharing the SAP workload, summarizing SAP data, and action planning. If you are interested and were unable to register before sessions closed, please reach out to your [Regional Coordinator](#) to inquire about availability of additional local sessions.



Save the Date



The Pennsylvania Association of Student Assistance Professionals (PASAP) is hosting their annual conference on February 22nd - 24th in State College. Find more information at www.pasap.org - Registration will open soon!



SAP Liaison Connection Series



PNSAS is excited to announce that our previous SAP Liaison Networking Calls are now the SAP Liaison Connection Series!

This refreshed series will focus on training, professional development, and strengthening our liaison community. Each session is designed to support your growth and success in your role. Click [here](#) to visit our liaison page for more information!

Remaining SAP Liaison Connection Dates:

November 20 | 1:00–2:00 PM

February 12 | 8:00–9:00 AM

April 23 | 1:00–2:00 PM



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.

Create a powerful public service announcement to help spread awareness and show your 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:

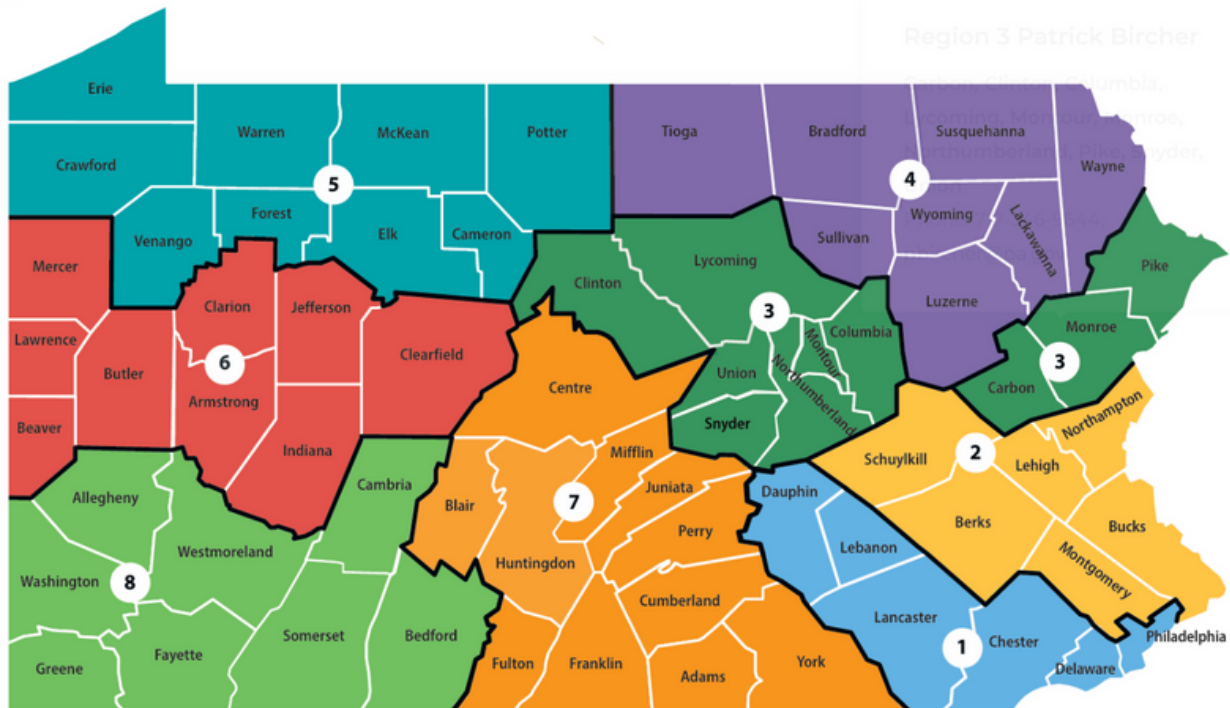
- 18"x24" poster
- 30-60 second video

Submissions are due by January 9, 2026.

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