



PNSAS SAP CONNECTION

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

Data Collection: Behavior Checklist and Other School Data

This year's SAP articles will focus on the four phases of SAP. The PA Network for Student Assistance Services has updated SAP training. These articles will review essential tasks in each phase and highlight any changes in the new training model. The four phases of SAP are: referral, data collection, action planning, and follow-up.

Data collection is an important part of the SAP process. Schools have a wide variety of data sources available that can be utilized in the SAP process including:

- Academic Records (grades, standardized test scores)
- Attendance Records
- Behavior Data
- Disciplinary Records
- Other School Records (IEP, 504)
- Progress Monitoring Data from Behavior and Academic Interventions
- School Nurse/Health Records
- Universal Screening Data

Behavior checklists are used to gather observable behaviors on the strengths and concerns of referred students. Checklists may be disseminated before, concurrently, or after written consent for SAP is obtained, depending on your school's policy. They should be sent to anyone who has a touchpoint with the student (teachers, coaches, bus drivers, school nurse, etc.). Sample behavior checklists are listed below.

- [Elementary School Staff Behavior Checklist](#)
- [Secondary School Staff Behavior Checklist](#)

Another important source of data are parent and student conversations. Next month's article will talk more about those sources of data.

Once teams have gathered all relevant data, the team can summarize the information to identify the strengths and concerns of the student. The team can also identify any gaps in data and work to obtain the missing data if needed. Teams should identify the top 2-3 concerns to focus on. Consulting with your SAP liaison may be helpful in this process. Once the top priorities are addressed, other identified concerns could be addressed.

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](#).



Announcements

Liaison Funding Opportunity

The Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Family Health is pleased to announce that the Request for Applications (RFA) opportunity for the Student Assistance Program (SAP) Support Services is opened today, October 17, 2024. The purpose of the RFA is to fund interim, non-clinical services and supports to middle and high school students, helping SAP agencies improve access to mental health resources, provide timely interventions, and promote healthier outcomes for adolescents.

The RFA for the Student Assistance Program Support Services can be found at the following link: [PA - eMarketplace \(state.pa.us\) - RFA 67-185](https://pa.eMarketplace.state.pa.us)

The deadline for applications is December 12, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. Late applications will not be accepted.

SAP Retraining & Refresher

PNSAS is pleased to announce that over 800 individuals have participated in SAP Retraining & Refresher sessions!

Trainings were held both statewide and locally.

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 sessions.

Save the Date! - PASAP Conference

The Pennsylvania Association of Student Assistance Professionals is hosting their annual conference on February 23-25, 2025 in State College. Find more information at www.pasap.org - registration will open soon!



2025 PSA Contest for Youth Suicide Prevention



Prevent Suicide PA is excited to announce the 13th annual PSA contest for high school students. This is a great opportunity to engage students in a dialogue around suicide prevention, the importance of positive messaging, and communicating effectively. The 2025 contest will be announced on Monday, September 16, 2024. All submissions are due by Friday, December 20th, 2024. This year we are introducing a deadline for students who would like feedback on their submissions. Students who would like our feedback on their PSAs before they are judged must submit their PSAs by Friday, December 6th, 2024. Contest rules and submission guidelines will be available on the PSA website soon.

We're introducing a [PSA Contest Toolkit](#). This toolkit includes updated rules and submission guidelines, tips on how to promote the contest, social media shareables, and a list of suicide prevention resources. All the winning and honorable mention PSAs from previous years are available for free public use including 2024 winners [here](#). These are great resources to use during Suicide Prevention Month (September) and throughout the year.



PNSAS Staff Announcements

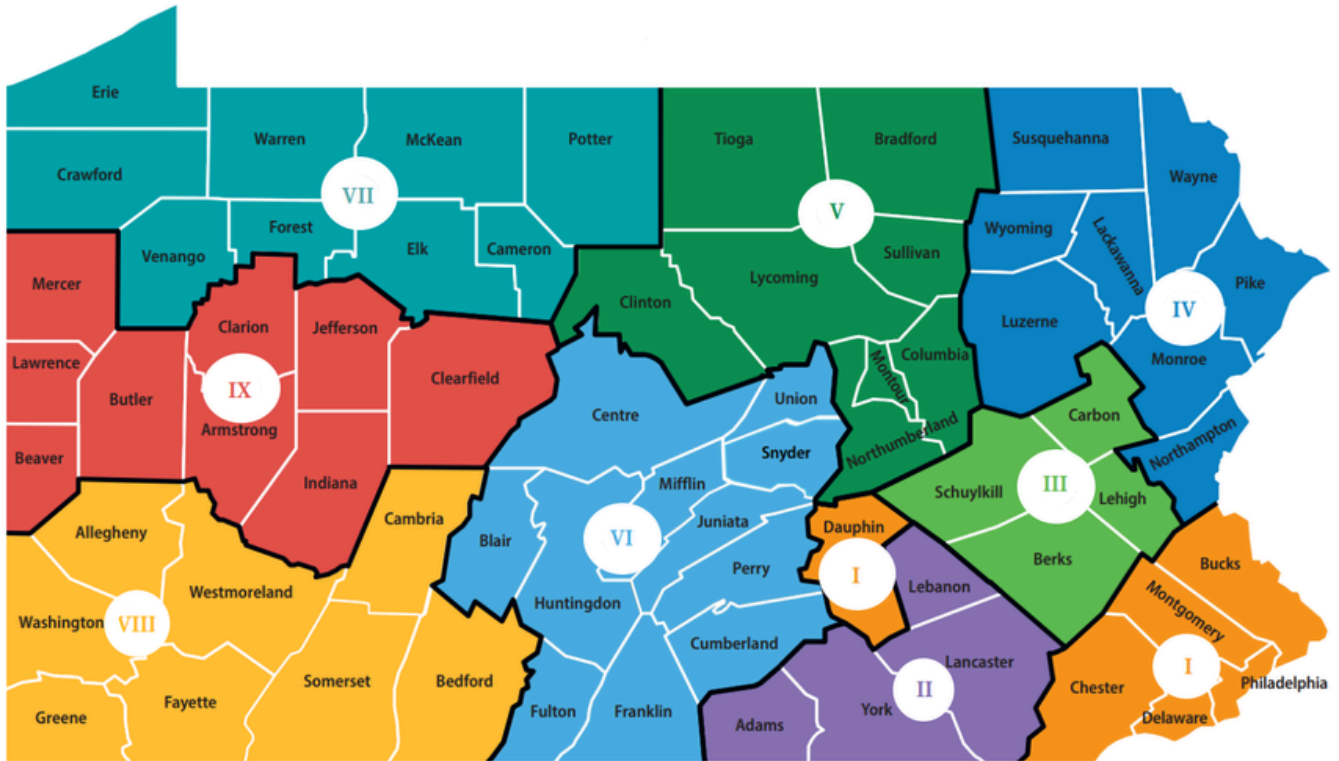


We are excited to announce that Christine Joy is the new Region III Coordinator! Her email address is joyc@iu29.org

Renee Urick (Region VIII Coordinator) has a new email address - c-reurick@pa.gov

For more information regarding Regional Coordinators check out the [PNSAS Regional Map](#)

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