

2024 Forum on Pennsylvania's Children Schedule At-A-Glance

December 5, 2024 | Best Western Premier, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Time	Description	Room
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast	
8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks	
	Dr. Rick Azzaro, LCSW, Chief Executive Officer, Voce	
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Strengthening Collaborations for Well-Being: Engaging Youth and Families	
	Sandra Wilkie, Senior Fellow, & Hannah McIntire, Senior Associate, Annie E. Casey	
	Foundation	
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Morning Break	
9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Morning Learning Labs - Concurrent	
	Relationships Matter: How Connections Promote Resiliency and Healing	
	Dr. Dana Milakovic, Office for Safe Schools, Pennsylvania Department of Education	
	Working Toward Trauma Proficient Systems for Children with Complex Needs	
	Teri Pentz, MS, LPC, NCC, IMH-E®, UPMC Western Behavioral Health & Kimberly Blair,	
	PhD, Theiss Center for Child and Adolescent Trauma	
	Navigating Support: Working with Newcomer Immigrant Children to Access	
	Essential Services	
	Jennifer L. Spata, Esq., Voce, & Kelly Sagastume, Nationalities Service Center	
	Family-Centered Trauma Tools	
	Robert Cooper Jr., Founder, Young Men Becoming Men	
11:15 a.m 12:00 p.m.	Networking Lunch	
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Special Guest HEAL PA Leadership	
	Robert Reed, Executive Deputy Attorney General Office of Public Engagement, HEAL	
	PA Executive Steering Council Criminal Justice Reform	
12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Transition to Afternoon Learning Labs	



12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Afternoon Learning Labs - Concurrent
	Trauma-Informed Relationships: You Don't Need to Be a Therapist to be
	Therapeutic
	Gordon R. Hodas, MD & Caren Rosser-Morris, PhD, Pennsylvania Children's Bureau
	and the Pennsylvania Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
	Our Kids: Trauma-Informed Collaboration
	Kristen Hennesy, PhD, Licensed Psychologist, & Chief Charles Streightiff, Huntingdon Borough Police Department
	Building Resilience: Effective Coaching in Child-Serving Environments Colleen Cox, MSW, LSW, TPC, University of Pittsburgh's Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center
	Supporting Kids at Court: Trauma-Sensitive Strategies to Improve the Court
	Experience
	Alexandra Dolan, MSS, LSW & Beth Perez, LSW, Esquire, Support Center for Child
	Advocates
2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Afternoon Break and Refreshments
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Special Presentation: I'm Fine A statewide community project dedicated to sculpting mental health awareness, conversations, and support through art.
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Nothing For Us, Without Us: Learning from Youth as we Consider Child Prejudice and Reframe our Work/Life Practices
	Dr. Maryann McEvoy, Executive Steering Council, HEAL PA, Child Abuse Prevention
	Action Team, PA Chapter Prevent Child Abuse America & Jennifer DeBalko, Executive
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3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Closing Keynote Panel
4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks
	Dr. Rick Azzaro, LCSW, Executive Director, Voce