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**PENNSYLVANIA CHILD WELFARE
RESOURCE CENTER**



"Providing Leadership in Child Welfare since 1938"

The University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work Child Welfare Resource Center (CWRC) is a national leader in training direct service workers, supervisors, administrators, and foster parents in providing social services to abused and neglected children and their families.

CWRC believes every child, youth, and family experiences a life rich with positive opportunities, nurturing relationships, and supportive communities.

National Recognition

- Received the 2012 Academic Excellence award by the American Public Human Services Association.
- Awarded the funding for the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) to assist in the development of Citizen Review Boards in three areas across the state.
- Recognized as model training program by the Administration for Children and Families during both Round One and Round Two of the Child and Family Services Review.
- Awarded funding to develop, enhance and deliver ongoing Direct Service Worker and Supervisor Certifications to all child welfare professionals in Pennsylvania



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Extensive Training Programs

The CWRC has delivered a total of 35,430 days of training across Pennsylvania throughout the past 20 years.

- A total of 8,024 individual caseworkers have been trained totaling 133,100 training participants.
- 1,751 Supervisors from County and Private Agencies have been trained totaling 29,799 participants.
- A total of 3650 individual resource parents have been trained totaling 10,899 training participants.
- 7,612 Caseworkers have been certified, with 1303 Supervisors certified, and 31 Administrators have received the Leadership Academy Certificate.
- 2,170 participants have completed online training

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Productive Partnerships

- Brought the enhanced Organizational Effectiveness Model to Pennsylvania in collaboration with the American Public Human Services Association in order to systematically improve child welfare practice.
- Developed, redesigned, maintain and host three statewide databases: PA State Tracking and Reporting System, PA Independent Living Outcome Tracking System, Early Developmental Screening for Young Children receiving Child Welfare Services.
- Coordinate the statewide Independent Living Youth Retreat for former and current foster care youth in PA. Over 520 older youth and alumni from the foster care have attended this event.
- Oversee the Pennsylvania Youth Advisory Board, which has led to an enhanced opportunity for older youth advocacy and leadership in the Pennsylvania child welfare system, including implementation of Fostering Connections legislation.

Innovative Educational Opportunities

- Currently a total of 23 courses are available online through the Child Welfare Resource Centers E-learn.pitt.edu site. These online courses allow distance learning, participant training credit, and ensure education about child welfare topics.
- In June 2012, the Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center released the Child Advocacy Studies (CAST) online training. This series of 15 modules, one comprehensive training, focuses on developing awareness and knowledge of current and future child advocates of the various factors that lead to child maltreatment.

