



# Child Welfare Education for Leadership (CWEL)

September 2023

Submitted by: Laura Borish

County and OCYF staff interested in earning a Master's degree in Social Work through the Child Welfare Education for Leadership (CWEL) Program are invited to join the CWEL Team for one of two general information sessions. **Registration is not required.** Those attending an information session will learn about the application process, participating schools, and the benefits available to participants. Information sessions will be held via Zoom on the following dates:

## Friday, November 17, 2023

1:00-2:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/91860289631>

Meeting ID: 918 6028 9631

Dial by your location

- +1 267 831 0333 US (Philadelphia)
- 877 853 5247 US Toll-free

Meeting ID: 918 6028 9631

## Friday, January 19, 2024

9:00-10:00am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/97914634088>

Meeting ID: 979 1463 4088

Dial by your location

- +1 267 831 0333 US (Philadelphia)
- 877 853 5247 US Toll-free

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Additional information is available at:

<https://www.socialwork.pitt.edu/researchtraining/child-welfare-programs/child-welfare-education-leadership-cwel>

The CWEL Team is also available to provide presentations to County Commissioners, Advisory Boards, Agency Leadership Teams, and Agency Staff Members.

For more information and to schedule a presentation, please contact Laura Borish, CWEL Agency Coordinator at [lbb14@pitt.edu](mailto:lbb14@pitt.edu) or 412-334-9122.

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Save the date:

# CWEL Information Sessions

November 17, 2023  
1:00-2:00pm &  
January 19, 2024  
9:00-10:00am

Hosted by the  
University of Pittsburgh  
School of Social Work  
Child Welfare Education and  
Research Programs  
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information

# Let Your Voice Be Heard, South Central Pennsylvania!

*Submitted by: Kimberly Hine*

In partnership with the Department of Human Services Office of Children, Youth, and Families, the Resource Center is seeking parents to participate in an invitation only town hall style meeting with Deputy Secretary Laval Miller-Wilson. The Deputy Secretary's aim is to promote parents as leaders and strategic partners to inform policy and practice. To this end, he would like to meet with parents who have lived experience within Pennsylvania's child welfare system for an open discussion about their views on the successes of our system as well as areas for improvement.

The goal is to identify parents from across the state for quarterly in-person meetings. The first meeting will be held on November 14, 2023, at the Resource Center focusing on a small group of parents (about 10-15) in the south central part of the state.

Parents identified for participation in this meeting must have the following:

- Reside in Adams, Bedford, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, or York County;
- Past involvement with a Pennsylvania County Children and Youth agency including in-home and out-of-home placement in which reunification has occurred;
- The family's case must be closed with the County Children and Youth agency at the time of application; and
- The family cannot have connection to an open case with the County Children and Youth office through a family member.

Additional opportunities for advocacy may come as a result of this experience for interested parents. Attached is the flyer, which has more information about the event and how to register. If you know a parent who qualifies to participate, please share the flyer with them. If you know a parent that lives outside of the current target counties but meets the other criteria, you can also provide them with a flyer as their information will be taken for possible participation in future events. Please note that the goal of this project is to improve family engagement at all levels of Pennsylvania's child welfare system. Information learned during this town hall will not be used by the Office of Children, Youth, and Families to target corrective action toward a specific county agency.

Please direct any questions to Kimberly Hine, Family Engagement Project Manager at [PAParent@pitt.edu](mailto:PAParent@pitt.edu).

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This is your opportunity to partner with the Office of Children, Youth, and Families and use your voice to inform Pennsylvania's Child Welfare System.

- Has your family had involvement with one or more of Pennsylvania's county children and youth agencies?
- Did your lived experience help you develop insight that could inform Pennsylvania's child welfare system?
- Do you want to have the opportunity to share your insights, expertise, and perspectives?

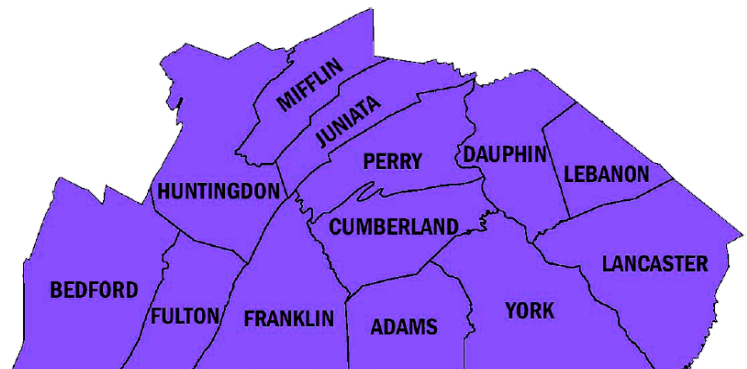
If so, please consider joining Laval Miller-Wilson, Deputy Secretary of the Office of Children, Youth, and Families for a conversation.

**Date:** November 14, 2023

*(time preferences will be selected during registration)*

**Location:** Mechanicsburg, PA

**Registration deadline:** September 30, 2023



***This event is by invitation only.  
Selected participants will receive a  
\$200 honorarium for time and travel.***

If you are not available on this event date or you do not live in south central Pennsylvania and you would like to be considered for future opportunities, please use the link or QR code to register your information.

If you know someone with lived experience that you believe would be interested in participating, please feel free to share this registration information with them.

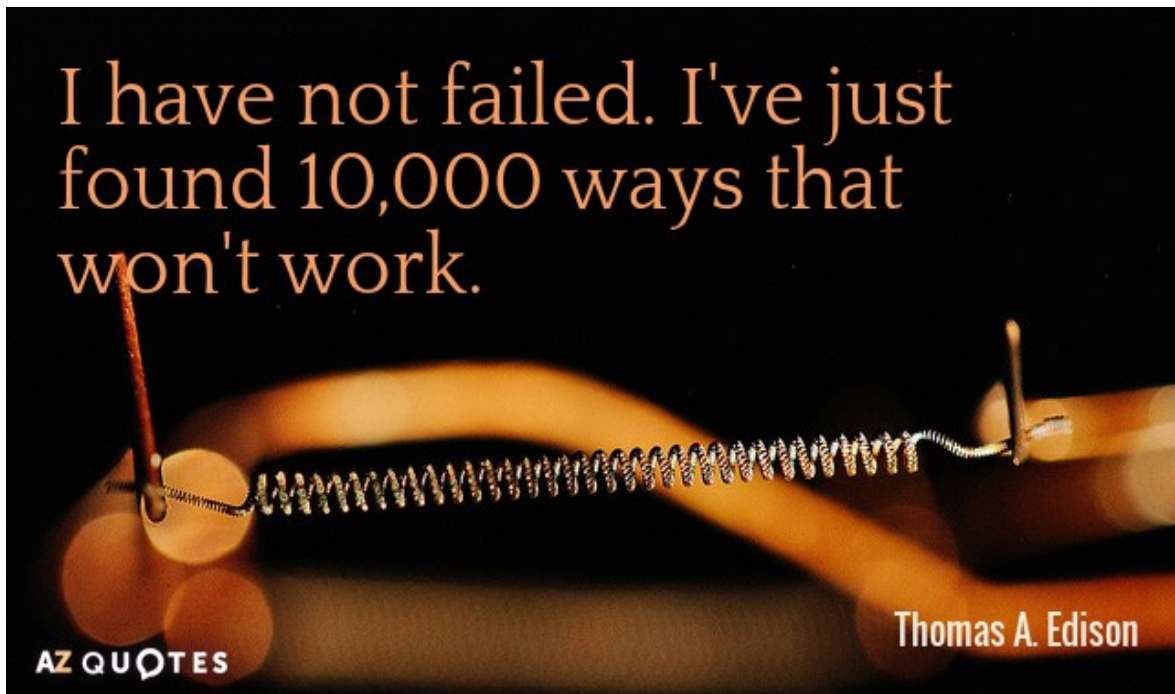
To register your information:  
Click [Here](#) or scan  
Please direct any questions to: Kimberly Hine, Family Engagement Specialist at [PAParent@pitt.edu](mailto:PAParent@pitt.edu) or 717-605-0230



# CWRC Curriculum Webpage Update

*Submitted by: Jenna Meister*

The curriculum materials page is no longer available on the public-facing CWRC website. Materials remain available for participants when they attend our trainings. Additionally, if a county would like access to materials for any courses, please reach out to Jenna Meister at [jem275@pitt.edu](mailto:jem275@pitt.edu).



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