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# COUNTY CONNECTION



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The **Pennsylvania Family Group Decision Making Leadership Team** is pleased to invite you to attend the second Pennsylvania Statewide Conference on Family Group Decision Making, scheduled for April 22 and 23, 2014 at the Hershey Lodge, in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

This conference will bring together Judges, hearing officers, legal representatives, child welfare professionals, providers, probation officers and families from across Pennsylvania. This year's conference theme, **"Family Values, Value Families"** focuses on a cross-system approach to incorporating and sustaining Family Group Decision Making (FGDM).

Our keynote presenter is **Janine D'Anniballe**, PhD., Director of Access, Emergency, and Community Services Mental Health Partners in Denver, Colorado. Dr. D'Anniballe is considered to be a national expert on the biology of trauma, the effects of trauma on the children and families, and vicarious trauma. She will address the use of FGDM as a practice to reduce trauma for families.

Additionally, on the second day of the conference, you will have a choice of selecting from 21 workshops addressing FGDM from various levels and perspectives.

Registration is now open! Visit <https://www.jcjcjems.state.pa.us/CPLite/FGDMDefault.aspx> to create your account and register early for the best selection of workshops. Attendance is limited to the first 350 participants.

Please join us at this event which will provide you with an opportunity to learn, re-energize, build on your existing strengths, and share ideas with others.

The Pennsylvania Family Group Leadership Team looks forward to seeing you there!

"Be who you  
are and say  
what you feel,  
because those  
who mind  
don't matter,  
and those who  
matter don't  
mind."

— [Bernard M. Baruch](#)



## CWRC Needs Trainee Information

Submitted by: Wendy Unger

*The vision of the Resource Center is every child, youth, and family experiences a life rich with positive opportunities, nurturing relationships, and supportive communities.*

*“Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.”*

*- [Martin Luther King Jr., A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches](#)*

The Resource Center delivered over 1400 workshops in FY 2012/2013 to child welfare professionals throughout Pennsylvania. However, from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013, more than 500 trainees attended a CWRC training without receiving credit. So far in 2013, over 50 trainees attended trainings without credit. This is a lot of training!! We want to ensure trainees get credit and that our reports of the number of people served are complete. Many people on the no-credit list are private providers, resource parents or someone who attended a statewide event for the first time. They attended their first training prior to completing the required Demographic Form. Multiple attempts are made to locate information for the trainee and we are able to find some information after the training but it is easier to get information before or during training.

To receive credit from the Resource Center, a demographic form (<http://www.pacwrc.pitt.edu/Demoform.htm>) is needed to enter the person’s information into our database (Encompass). Without the necessary information to process trainings, CWRC staff do not know where to send trainee confirmation letters, pre-work, cancelation or rescheduling changes, and completion information and we do not have the necessary information to give the trainee credit for the training. Furthermore, access to online trainings is granted through completing the demographic form. Trainees/Training Liaisons need to complete an initial form to get into the system and then update the form as the information changes (promotions, address changes, emails changes, etc...).

How you can help:

- Trainee: Complete a Demographic Form and provide regular updates. Make sure you use your complete name on the form and the same name when you sign in for trainings. When you sign in, make sure we can read your handwriting. If you do not receive confirmation letters, pre-work or training certificates, contact the Resource Center to proactively prevent further processing issues.
- Trainers: Ask if anyone in your training is new to the CWRC and ensure they complete the Demographic Forms provided in your training box. Return the completed form to CWRC with your training packet after the training.
- Training Liaisons/Supervisors/Administrators: Register your staff through the Encompass system as soon as they start with your agency and provide regular updates.

If you have any questions regarding your trainee record, please contact a Resource Specialist (contact information listed at the end of this newsletter or on our website at <http://www.pacwrc.pitt.edu/>).

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