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COUNTY CONNECTION

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Bridge Update
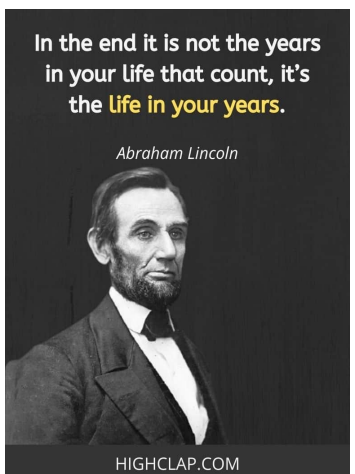
Submitted by: Kari Giles

New to Bridge

- As of June 10, 2022, the room reservation process will exclusively be through Bridge to ensure a streamlined process for all our room reservations including trainings, meetings, and events. To reserve a room at any of our regional locations, all approved vendors must create a user profile in Bridge (if you do not already have one). If you do not currently use Bridge or have a user profile, please let us know and we can assist you in creating one and ensuring that your agency is added. Once your user profile has been created, please reach out to Sarah Milletics at smm307@pitt.edu for next steps in the room reservation process.
- Effective June 13th, we will be automating virtual events registration/ confirmation in Bridge, i.e., when a workshop's delivery method is set as either virtual or in-person, Bridge will email trainees the Zoom or Teams information and registered trainees will be able to access the Zoom or Teams information, the appropriate handouts, and course pre-requisites via the event details screen in Bridge. These notifications from Bridge are replacing the confirmation email/invites that are sent out one week prior from confirm@pitt.edu.

Reminders

- An email will be sent to trainees after they have been registered for the Foundations track. The email contains a link that will direct them to the **Consent to Participate** form. When trainees complete the form, they are then automatically enrolled into Mod 1 in E-Learn. If someone is registered prior to their email address being activated, please have them reach out to BridgeHD@pitt.edu and the information can be resent to them once their email address is active. Typically, if someone says they do not see Mod 1 in E-Learn, it is because they did not complete the form.

In the end it is not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years.

Abraham Lincoln

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Please ask the trainee to search their email for "**Foundations Consent Form**" and if they do not see it, have them email the helpdesk at BridgeHD@pitt.edu.

- Please ask your staff to **double check their demographics** to make sure they are using an agency email address and the rest of their demographics are up to date.
- When a trainee receives a workshop evaluation in Bridge, they will receive an email notifying them of the evaluation. If the trainee does not complete the evaluation within 4 business days, they will be sent a reminder email. If the trainee does not complete the evaluation within 7 business days, it will be removed from their queue in Bridge.
- We have received numerous requests over the past few months to insert signatures on series/ certification certificates that were awarded prior to the rollout of Bridge (January 2021). **It is our policy to not supply these legacy signatures** through the system that pre-date the Bridge release.
- Please make sure to check your approval queue on a regular basis. **We continue to see large amounts of certifications awaiting approval in the approval queue.** Even if the staff is no longer with your agency, we would still like to see their certification approved so these historical records are intact and accurate. If you have any questions, please contact our help desk at BridgeHD@pitt.edu.
- For anyone who would like to set up a one-on-one Bridge training via Microsoft Teams, please contact cwtpreg@pitt.edu. This training can be for new liaisons or for anyone who may need a refresher. We would also love to hear any feedback, suggestions, and ideas you may have about Bridge via our online form at http://forms.cwrc.pitt.edu/BridgeFeedback/. If you have any technical issues or questions, please email the Bridge team at BridgeHD@pitt.edu.

IL Site Visit Youth Friendly Brochure

Submitted by: Shayla Jones

IL Site Visit Youth Friendly Brochure:

YAB has created a youth friendly brochure providing an overview of what an IL site visit is and what a youth's role in the visit would look like. Please use this with any youth you may invite to participate in your IL site visit.
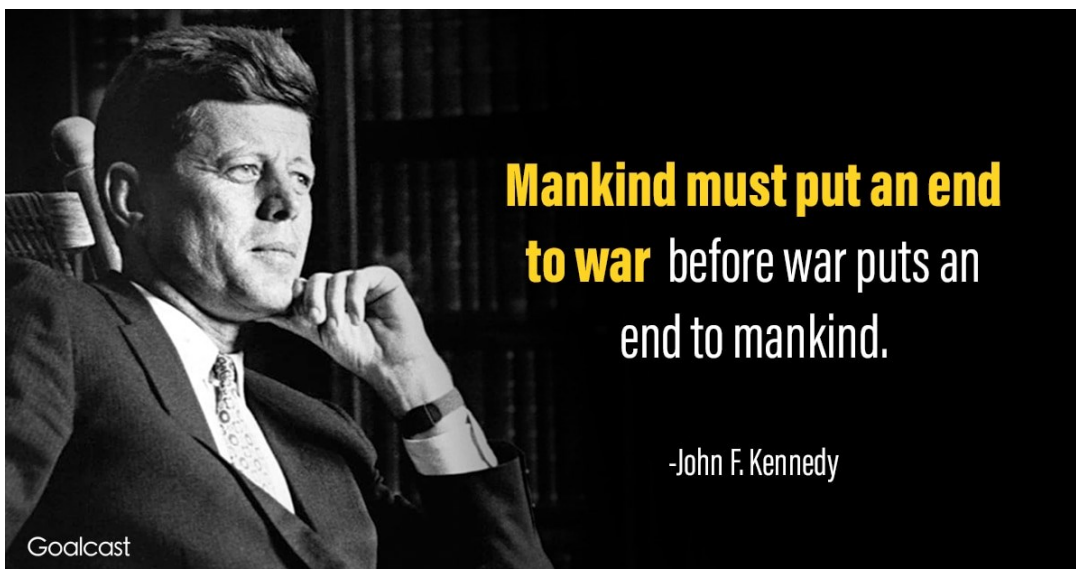
http://www.payab.pitt.edu/files/ILBrochure.pdf

Bill of Rights Coloring Book

Submitted by: Shayla Jones

Bill of Rights Coloring Book:

The Pennsylvania Youth Advisory Board created the Bill of Rights coloring books to support children ages 5-7 and 8-10 and youth with intellectual disabilities in foster care. The coloring books are intended to help educate children about their rights in an informative, but highly interactive way. The activities in the books address some of the experiences children can expect while in care, such as visits with siblings, going to court, and most importantly, children will learn about all the people involved to support them. This resource can be utilized by caretakers and those working with this population including resource families, SWAN affiliates, Guardian Ad Litems, child advocates, and child welfare professionals. We encourage you to have open and honest discussions with your youth and be available for any questions or opinions they may have as they navigate through the coloring book.

We will be sending a limited number of coloring books to each county based upon their number of youths in care. We have also included links that will allow you to print copies of the coloring book for your convenience at the YAB website, www.payab.pitt.edu. There are currently a limited number of printed books available. As a reminder, they are intended to be used as a resource for children currently in care.   If you are interested in receiving additional copies of the coloring books, please contact Sherri Krodel at slk114@pitt.edu.

Mankind must put an end to war before war puts an end to mankind.

-John F. Kennedy

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