



Pennsylvania Department of Human Services

You are invited to participate in the

Pennsylvania Department of Human Services' (DHS)

STATEWIDE POSITIVE APPROACHES & PRACTICES MEETING

Jointly hosted by

*The Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) and
the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP)*

*This quarterly meeting aims to provide the most recent research and resources for
people with mental health and behavioral challenges, intellectual disabilities, autism,
and other developmental disabilities to live an everyday life.*

Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Online – Zoom Webinar

MORNING SESSION: Best Practices: Maintaining Our Roots

SESSION DESCRIPTION: A depth of knowledge and experience in identifying the intellectual developmental disabilities and mental health best practices in everyday life and the necessity in the mission.

PRESENTER:

- **Tim Greusel** has been the Director of the Quality Enhancement Support Team (QEST) since 1994. QEST provides independent annual monitoring services for members of the Pennhurst plaintiff class in Philadelphia and Chester Counties.

Tim brings experience from previous roles at Temple University IOD and Therapeutic Concepts, Inc. He is a well-known speaker on the roots of Best Practices and an Everyday Life.

AFTERNOON SESSION: Youth and Family Training Institute: Carrying on the System of Care (SOC)

SESSION DESCRIPTION: The dedication to youth, families, and systems change has made a lasting impact across Pennsylvania. Although the PA System of Care grant is ending, the mission continues.

The **Youth and Family Training Institute (YFTI)** will carry forward the spirit of the PA System of Care and will discuss:

- Preserving and sharing the valuable resources developed through the PA Care Partnership.
- Offering ongoing training and webinars rooted in SOC values.
- Equipping the workforce with a SOC Toolkit to build skills and confidence in every role.

PRESENTERS:

- **Monica Payne** is the Executive Director of the Youth and Family Training Institute (YFTI) and an Adjunct Instructor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry. For twelve years prior to becoming Executive Director, she had been the Evaluation Director at YFTI and was responsible for the evaluation process for High Fidelity Wraparound and over twenty grants funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) and Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) to provide evaluation services and consultation. Monica obtained her degree in Clinical Psychology at Duquesne University, completing her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees, and ended her studies with a Ph.D. (All But Dissertation). She also obtained a Master of Arts degree in Teaching at the University of Pittsburgh. She has experience working in outpatient and in-home mental health services, providing secondary and undergraduate education, and coordinating longitudinal National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) funded research studies in the University of Pittsburgh Department of Psychiatry where she coauthored eleven trauma-related peer-reviewed articles in psychiatric journals.

- **Bryon Luke** is the Director of Program Implementation at the Youth and Family Training Institute (YFTI). Prior to joining YFTI in 2024, Bryon has worked in non-profit community-based children's behavioral health for the last 35 years in most levels of care, including Residential Treatment Facility (RTF), Family Based, and High-Fidelity Wraparound (HFW). He was involved in program development and leadership and was an early implementer of the HFW model, a Certified Peer Specialist (CPS) for Transition Age Youth and Young Adults (TAYYA), Transition to Independence Program (TIP) and First Episode Psychosis programs in the communities he served in southeastern PA. He is working to impact local systems of care to better serve families and youth and is passionate about elevating youth and family voice. Bryon is a licensed social worker and obtained his Master of Social Science (MSS) Degree from the Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research.

AGENDA

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| 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM | Welcome and Announcements |
| 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Best Practices: Maintaining Our Roots |
| 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Lunch |
| 1:00 PM - 2:55 PM | Youth and Family Training Institute: Carrying on the System of Care |
| 2:55 PM - 3:00 PM | Survey and End of Day Reflection |

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