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Good morning,

Please see below and attached for information and resources relevant to your work with older youth.

- American Industries Scholarship
- Temple University Youth Employment Project
- The SchoolHouse Connection Scholarship
- Center for Schools and Communities
- Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth

**The SchoolHouse Connection Scholarship:**

**A quick refresher about the scholarship to share with students you work with:**

- \$2,500 scholarship award, plus monthly stipends of up to \$100 throughout college
- One-on-one support from SchoolHouse Connection staff
- Three all-expenses-paid trips
- Peer support from other SchoolHouse Connection scholars
- Opportunities for students to engage in state and federal policy advocacy

**Important:** Our program begins working with students one year before they start college to provide intensive college readiness support.

**Eligibility highlights include:**

- Currently reside in the United States. Undocumented students are eligible.
- Born on or after June 2, 2007.
- Experienced homelessness within the last six years.
- Starting college for the first time in the 2027–2028 academic year at a four-year college or university, community college, or trade school. This includes:
  - High school juniors
  - High school seniors planning to take a gap year
  - Students earning a GED who plan to start college in 2027–2028
  - *Note:* This does not include dual-enrollment courses.

**Steps to Apply + FAQs** 

<https://schoolhouseconnection.org/program/scholarship?emci=4fe3eb32-25f2-f011-8194-000d3a11f903&emdi=ceaab3f7-ccfa-f011-8d4c-0022482d279b&ceid=11618211>

**Center for Schools and Communities:**

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January 2026



Leading the way in lifelong learning through research-based educational solutions that strengthen family-school-community partnerships.

## CSC Spotlight



## Supporting Families Through a Screen-heavy Season

2025 was a year marked by uncertainty and unexpected change. Constant media coverage amplified these challenges, contributing to heightened anxiety for many individuals and families. As we move into 2026 and colder weather encourages more time indoors, many families may naturally turn to electronic devices for entertainment and connection. While this can feel like a practical and low-effort solution, increased reliance on screens and social media can unintentionally intensify family stress, limit meaningful interaction, and deepen feelings of disconnection among family members.

[Read the January Family Support News Brief for tips to support families and screen time.](#)

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## Center for Safe Schools Offers Services that Align with PCCD Grants

With the release of the [School Safety and Mental Health grants](#) through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), now is the perfect time to choose a trusted partner to support you as you strengthen your school community. Center for Safe Schools (CSS), a program of Center for Schools and Communities, has supported schools, families and community partners for more than 25 years through high quality services and a strong record of partnership.

CSS provides tailored, comprehensive support to help you meet and exceed state safety guidelines and standards. Our mission is to empower your school with practical resources, expert training, and responsive technical assistance. Backed by experienced staff and a statewide network of researchers and practitioners, we offer services that include:

- [Bullying Prevention](#)
- [Comprehensive Assessments](#)
- [CSS Subscriptions](#)
- [I Can Problem Solve](#)
- [Stronger Connections Conference](#)

[Visit the CSS website.](#)

## **Pennsylvania's Children's Trust Fund: Request for Applications**

Applications are due by February 5, 2026

[Learn more and apply for PACTF grants.](#)

## **Professional Learning Opportunities**



## [Legal Rights of Immigrant Students in Pennsylvania Schools](#)

Jan. 30 | Virtual



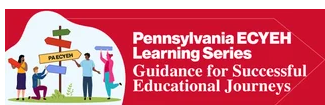
## [Session 7: STEM Next Career-connected Learning \(CCL\) Framework for OST Providers](#)

Feb. 5 | Virtual



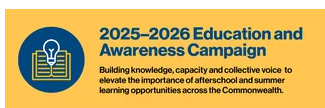
## [Act 1 of 2022 Frequently Asked Questions - Part 2](#)

Feb. 6 | Virtual



## [Refuel: Addressing and Preventing Compassion Fatigue](#)

Feb. 11 | Virtual



## [Session 8: From Curiosity to Change: Youth Advocacy Through Storytelling and Student Voice](#)

Feb. 19 | Virtual



## [2026 Extra Learning Opportunities Conference](#)

Feb. 24-26 | Harrisburg, Pennsylvania



## [Olweus Bullying Prevention Program School Coach Course](#)

March 3-5 | Virtual



## [2026 Stronger Connections Conference](#)

March 17-20 | King of Prussia, Pennsylvania



## [2026 PA Migrant Education Program Conference](#)

April 8-10 | State College, Pennsylvania



## [Education and Awareness Action Day at the Capitol: Investing in Youth, Strengthening Our Workforce](#)

May 6 | Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

[View CSC events calendar.](#)

## Career Opportunities

[Director of the Center for Safe Schools](#)

Please visit the [CSIU careers webpage](#) for updates.

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Center for Schools and Communities provides comprehensive services to **build organizational capacity**. We work closely with local education agencies, community-based organizations and state and local departments to **strengthen systems**. We help our clients increase their knowledge, awareness and skills by providing high quality professional learning opportunities, research and evaluation design, and customized consultation. Our knowledgeable staff has a diverse array of expertise and skills in school safety, youth violence prevention, out-of-school time, family-community-school partnerships and positive youth development. We will work with you to review, develop and implement plans to meet your needs and identify effective strategies designed to **transform lives**.

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#### **Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth:**

### **Respecting a Young Person's Pronouns Can Be Lifesaving**

A new survey from The Trevor Project of more than 12,000 transgender and nonbinary youth found that those whose pronouns are respected by the people in their lives report significantly lower rates of suicide attempts. However, fewer than half say their pronouns are consistently respected. As young people gather with family and friends, using correct pronouns, correcting

mistakes, and creating welcoming spaces can help them feel seen, safe, and supported. These small actions communicate care, and can truly be lifesaving. [Read here](#)



## New Report Shows Changes in Protective Factors Over Time



THE  
**TREVOR**  
PROJECT

**Project SPARK Interim Report:**  
A Longitudinal Study of Protective  
and Risk Factors in LGBTQ+ Youth  
Mental Health (2023-2025)

[Project SPARK](#) is a nationwide, five wave longitudinal study following 1,689 LGBTQ+ youth ages 13-24 to better understand the factors that shape their mental health over time. This interim report shared by [The Trevor Project](#) highlights findings from the first study year, drawing on three waves of data collected between September 2023 and March 2025. The diverse sample includes 68% youth of color and more than half identifying as

transgender, nonbinary, or gender questioning. Early results shed light on how family support, access to mental and transgender affirming care, and experiences of discrimination influence the well-being and lived experiences of LGBTQ+ young people across the United States. [Download here](#)