

Good morning,

Please see below for information and resources related to your work with older youth:

- September 2026 Trauma Tip Sheet (attached)
- PHEAA Webinar Opportunities (attached)
- Expectant and Parenting Youth in Child Welfare
<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/youth/expectant-and-parenting-youth-child-welfare/>
- 35th Annual Pennsylvania Permanency Conference Call for Proposals
- College Application Timeline

35th Annual Pennsylvania Permanency Conference Call for Proposals



The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families, the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network, and Independent Living Services are pleased to announce that the **35th Annual Pennsylvania Permanency Conference will be held June 16–18, 2027**, at the Kalahari Resorts & Conventions in Pocono Manor, PA.

The Conference is designed for resource families, kinship care providers, permanent legal custodians, independent living workers, legal professionals, permanency professionals, child welfare workers and others with a vested interest in providing permanency services for children and adolescents. We encourage all interested parties to submit a workshop proposal. **The submission deadline is October 16, 2026.**

Click on the link below to complete your proposal. NOTE: We are only accepting **online** proposals.

Submit a Proposal

If you have any questions regarding your submission, please email conferencing@vocetogether.org.



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College Application Timeline:



As the new school year begins, it is an important time for Pennsylvania youth who have experienced the foster care system, particularly those in their junior and senior years of high school who are preparing to transition into adulthood. Navigating life after high school can feel overwhelming, but understanding the college application process and key deadlines can make the journey more manageable. A college application timeline serves as a valuable roadmap, helping young people stay organized, access financial aid opportunities, apply for scholarships, and connect with supportive resources designed specifically for students with foster care experience. By starting early and following a clear timeline, youth can make informed decisions about their educational and career goals, reduce stress during their senior year, and position themselves for success in college, career training, or other postsecondary pathways. This time of year, is the perfect opportunity to begin planning for the future and taking important steps toward achieving long-term personal and professional goals. https://www.payab.pitt.edu/files/College_Application_Timeline_2022.pdf

Have a great holiday weekend.