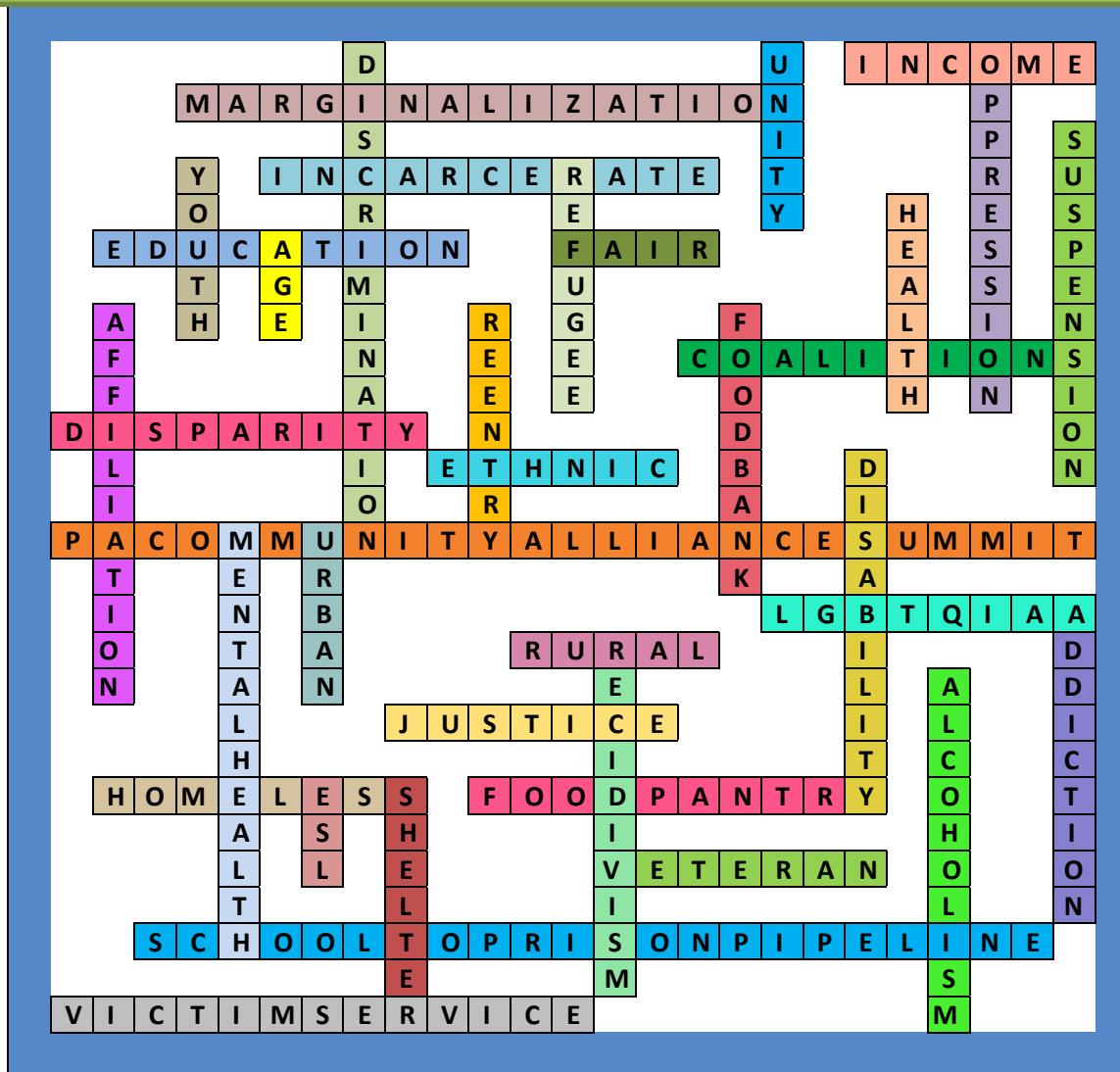


Save The Date

2018 Pa Community Alliance Summit

The Summit is a day of networking, discovering alliances and collaboration building among diverse organizations throughout Pennsylvania led by and/or supporting underserved/unerved populations who experience marginalization and oppression.



September 5, 2018 (evening meet & greet)

September 6, 2018 (full day Summit)

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This year at the 4th annual PA Community Alliance Summit, as we network and meet new allies, we will focus on community relations. Why does diversity both connect and separate us? What can we learn from the passion of today's youth? What is the connection between community relations and making our schools safe? If social technology is connecting us, why are we more isolated than ever? How do we change where we live, work and shop into thriving neighborhoods where everyone has a role, contributes, and can prosper?

To connect with the ongoing conversation now, join the PADD Community Allies group on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/PADDCommunityAlliance>

This event is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council.



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Summit Goal: The goal of this Summit is to meet and engage new potential allies, stimulate learning from one another, and explore opportunities for partnerships and collaboration.

7:30 am: **Registration & Networking** (continental breakfast served)

8:30 am: **Welcome**
Dana Thompson, PADD Project Officer

PA DD Council Update
Graham Mulholland, PADD Executive Director

8:45 am: **Pop-up Talks –**

1. Positive Outcomes from Partnering with a Community Foundation & Employers
Colleen Stuart, Chief Executive Officer
Susanna Giese, Chief Program Officer
Venango Training & Development Center, Inc.
2. USDA, Rural Development Funding Opportunities
Gary S. Reed, Westmoreland Area Rural Development Coordinator
Thomas Wellington, Lycoming Area Rural Development Coordinator
United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Offices
3. Dollars & Sense: How PA's Inadequate & Inequitable Education Funding Harms Students with Disabilities
Reynelle Brown Staley, Policy Attorney
Education Law Center



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4. How Do I Become a Good Ally?
Joanne Carroll, President
TransCentralPA
5. Death Cafes – People are Dying to Talk About Death...and Eat Cake
Brian L. Long, Lead LINK Coordinator
PA LINK to Aging & Disability Resources/Berks-Lancaster-Lebanon Service Area
6. Integrate for Good: Building Capacity Through Strategic Partnerships
Bev Weinberg, Integrate for Good Project Director
Hannah Merschen, Community Education Coordinator
Access Services

Session I – Introductions

Group Discussion – How Social is Social Media?

More and more, people are joining Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, community chat rooms, game rooms, and more. Technology is allowing people to connect in new ways. However, are these connections working as we intended or hoped for? Is technology isolating us rather than connecting us? Do we actually know with whom we are connected?

- What issues are emerging due to the anonymity of social media?
- What has happened to knowing those who live around us?
- Do neighbors watch out for each other?
- How is this changing our view of community and effecting our communities?
- How are the effects different depending on age, on disability, on religious affiliation, etc.?

11:00 am: Break- Move to Session II

**11:15 am: Session II –
Introductions
Group Discussion – Profiling, Bias, and Discrimination, Oh My!**

There appears to be increased news media attention on incidents of racial profiling, bias, and discrimination against multiple minorities and how it



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manifests itself in our communities. We see stories reported as racial profiling; discrimination incidents in stores, restaurants and businesses; bias noted in the membership and leadership of schools, clubs and bars; hostility in the workplace and on the road; attacks on places of worship; and intimidation & coercion meant to terrorize neighborhoods.

- How do government & business policies, or the actions taken by community and political leaders help or harm?
- How does the level of alarm over these incidents differ based on the perception of a community and its members?
- What can we do as a community, and as multi-community alliances, to decrease the conflict and tension?
- Will a “small community” strategy work to create change, or is the problem systemic to the United States as a whole, requiring a larger response?

**12:30 pm: Return to Main Conference Room
Lunch & Networking**

1:45 pm: Pop-up Talks –

1. Outreach to Underserved Families Through Cultural Brokers
Jeannine Brinkley, Executive Director
PEAL Center (Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership Center)
2. Poverty and Its Link to Racial Disproportionality in Education
Shileste Overton Morris, Director
Center for Schools and Communities
3. Re-conceptualizing the Autism Spectrum
Stacy L. Nonnemacher, Ph.D.; Clinical Consultant
Dept. of Human Services - Office of Developmental Programs/Bureau of Autism Services
4. Children In Crisis: A Community's Responsibility
Lorine Ogurkis, Executive Director
Brandon's Forever Home
5. Inclusive Leadership: We're All in This Together
Jeffrey C. Jones, South Philadelphia Prevention Coalition Director
United Communities Southeast Philadelphia



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6. Visibility and Empowerment: Building Disability Pride in Schools and Colleges

Izzy Kaufman, Education Outreach Specialist
Disability Equality in Education

Session III –

Introductions

Group Discussion – School and Neighborhood Violence

It seems our vocabulary has some new or evolving terms which are becoming commonplace: shelter-in-place, mass shootings, urban weapons, active shooter, Boston Strong, bomb scenario, urban warfare, terrorist attack, bullying, religious militant, school shootings, and radicalized, just to name a few. Although these may not be exactly new words, what does the new prominence of their modern meaning say about conditions in our communities and schools, and about our national culture?

- How are the attitudes of our communities spilling over into our schools? What is the reverse effect of school culture on the broader community?
- What can we learn from and celebrate about the passion that our young people are displaying through demonstrations and rallies to curb the violence in their schools and in their communities?
- How does diversity intolerance play into these issues?
- How can our communities (including schools) respond or collaborate to help these terms become obsolete?

3:45 pm: Break- Return to Main Room

4:00 pm: Wrap-up/Closing Remarks

- Evaluations
- Thank you for attending!
- Safe Travels!

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How is today's conference different from others you have attended in bringing diverse communities and organizations together?

What alliance have you made and what work will you do?

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What did you find most interesting about the Summit?

What did you learn today that you did not know before?

What work or program will you start with a new ally or allies?

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How do you envision inclusion and diversity in the future?

How do you think the future of inclusion and diversity may affect your organization's efforts?

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Have you met someone today, that you probably would have never met, if you did not attend the Summit?

How can you work together and support each other in the future?

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What made you want to attend this event?

What would you like to see next year - and where should we meet?

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What interesting connections with people and organizations have you discovered today?

What new initiative or program are you starting? How will you support each?