

THE POWER OF US: CREATING COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITIES FOR HEALING TRAUMA

May 28, 2026 | 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Wyndham Garden, York, PA

Skill-building workshops.
Thought-provoking speakers.
New connections across disciplines.
All in one energized day that will be a catalyst for collaboration for years to come.

Social workers, educators, healthcare providers, law enforcement officers, faith leaders, human service providers: the Forum on Pennsylvania's Children is for you. **Because healing trauma takes all of us – connecting, innovating and working together.**

That is our power. The Power of Us.

Reasons to Attend the Forum on Pennsylvania's Children:

- Expand your knowledge about trauma and challenge assumptions
- Be inspired to create change by voices of individuals impacted by trauma
- Forge new relationships and find new partners to advance your work
- Contribute to solutions spanning multiple disciplines engaged in trauma healing
- Uncover and explore initiatives that can improve access to services

“ This conference brings leaders together from so many different areas of human services. We need more of this networking to drive collaboration. ”

“ So thoughtfully put together. The keynotes were powerful. The breakouts were amazingly informative. The networking opportunities were endless. ”

“ This conference was one of the best I've ever attended. There is so much to learn, and it was great to collaborate with people from different agencies. ”

Keynotes

Stories that Heal: Changing Minds and Cultivating Hope Through Lived Expertise

Tiffany Guerriero, Minding Your Mind

A deeply moving account of childhood trauma, mental health struggles, and the long road to healing. This keynote offers human service professionals a firsthand perspective on the life-saving power of intervention, therapy, and resilience.

Safer Together: What Happens When We Stop Playing it Safe

Jamie Noerpel, York County Safety Collab

Discover how one community built a collaborative, prevention-focused initiative by bringing law enforcement, youth advocates, and service providers to the same table. A valuable example of how systems can shift when people work together with purpose.

Compassion in Action: A Shared Dialogue

Dr. Rick Azzaro, Voce, and Anne Gingerich, PANO

An interactive session with a panel of statewide experts. Participants will explore what trauma-informed communities look like, and surface strategies for building them together.

Workshop Highlights

Mentorship as Intervention: Big Brothers Big Sisters' Trauma-Informed Approach to Youth Resilience and Success

Amy Rote, Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA

Learn how intentional, trauma-informed mentoring relationships can shift life trajectories for young people. This session explores how Big Brothers Big Sisters centers safety, stability, and healing through evidence-based practices and powerful cross-sector partnerships.

Rewind and Redo: A Prevention Makeover

Jeff Hanley, Commonwealth Prevention Alliance

Take a fresh look at prevention strategies through the lens of trauma-informed science. This interactive session revisits past messaging and explores what truly works today to build resilience, reduce risk, and create healthier communities.

Anti-Trafficking Collaborative Solutions Through Awareness, Advocacy, and Action

Jennifer Foxworthy, Inspirationally Speaking; Marie Randel, York County Youth Development Center; and Cassie Smith, Brave the Darkness, LLC

This session highlights the power of collaborative, community-based responses to youth trafficking. With insights from an advocate, survivor leader, and juvenile justice expert, attendees will examine key risk factors, effective intervention strategies, and the role of schools and services in prevention.

Healing and Prevention: How OCDEL Supports Trauma-Informed Early Childhood Education

Netta Radzinski, Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL), and Brandy Fox, The Pennsylvania Key

Explore how Pennsylvania's early learning system is embedding trauma-informed approaches to better support young children and their families. Learn about practical resources and policies that promote healing in early childhood environments.

Online Sextortion: How to Recognize and Address the Needs of Youth Survivors

Zozan Kucukaydin and Jaime Cypher, PCAR

Learn how to identify the warning signs of online sextortion and respond with trauma-informed care. This session will offer insight into how providers and communities can support young survivors and create safer digital spaces.

Chaos of Suicide

Govan Martin, Suicide Prevention Alliance

This session explores the realities of suicide and its impact on youth, families, and communities. Attendees will gain insight into prevention, early recognition, and the importance of coordinated, compassionate response.

Agenda at a Glance

8:00 – 8:45 am | Registration & Breakfast

8:45 – 9:00 am | Welcome: *Dr. Rick Azzaro, Voce*

9:00 – 9:30 am | Opening Keynote

Stories that Heal: Changing Minds and Cultivating Hope Through Lived Expertise
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9:30 – 11:30 am | Concurrent Learning Labs

Mentorship as Intervention: Youth Resilience & Success – Amy Rote

Rewind and Redo: A Prevention Makeover – Jeff Hanley

Anti-Trafficking Collaborative Solutions – Jennifer Foxworthy, Marie Randel & Cassie Smith

Healing and Prevention: Trauma-Informed Early Childhood Education – Netta Radzinski & Brandy Fox

Online Sextortion & Youth Survivors – Zozan Kucukaydin & Jaime Cypher

Chaos of Suicide – Govan Martin

11:30 – 11:45 am | Break

11:45 am – 1:00 pm | Networking Lunch

1:00 – 1:30 pm | Keynote

Safer Together: What Happens When We Stop Playing It Safe
Jamie Noerpel, York County Safety Collab

1:30 – 3:00 pm | Keynote

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3:00 – 3:15 pm | Break

3:15 – 4:15 pm | Keynote Continued

Compassion in Action: A Shared Dialogue, cont'd.
Panel of statewide experts

4:15 – 4:30 pm | Closing Remarks: *Dr. Rick Azzaro, Voce*

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when we come
together.
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and help turn
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resilience.