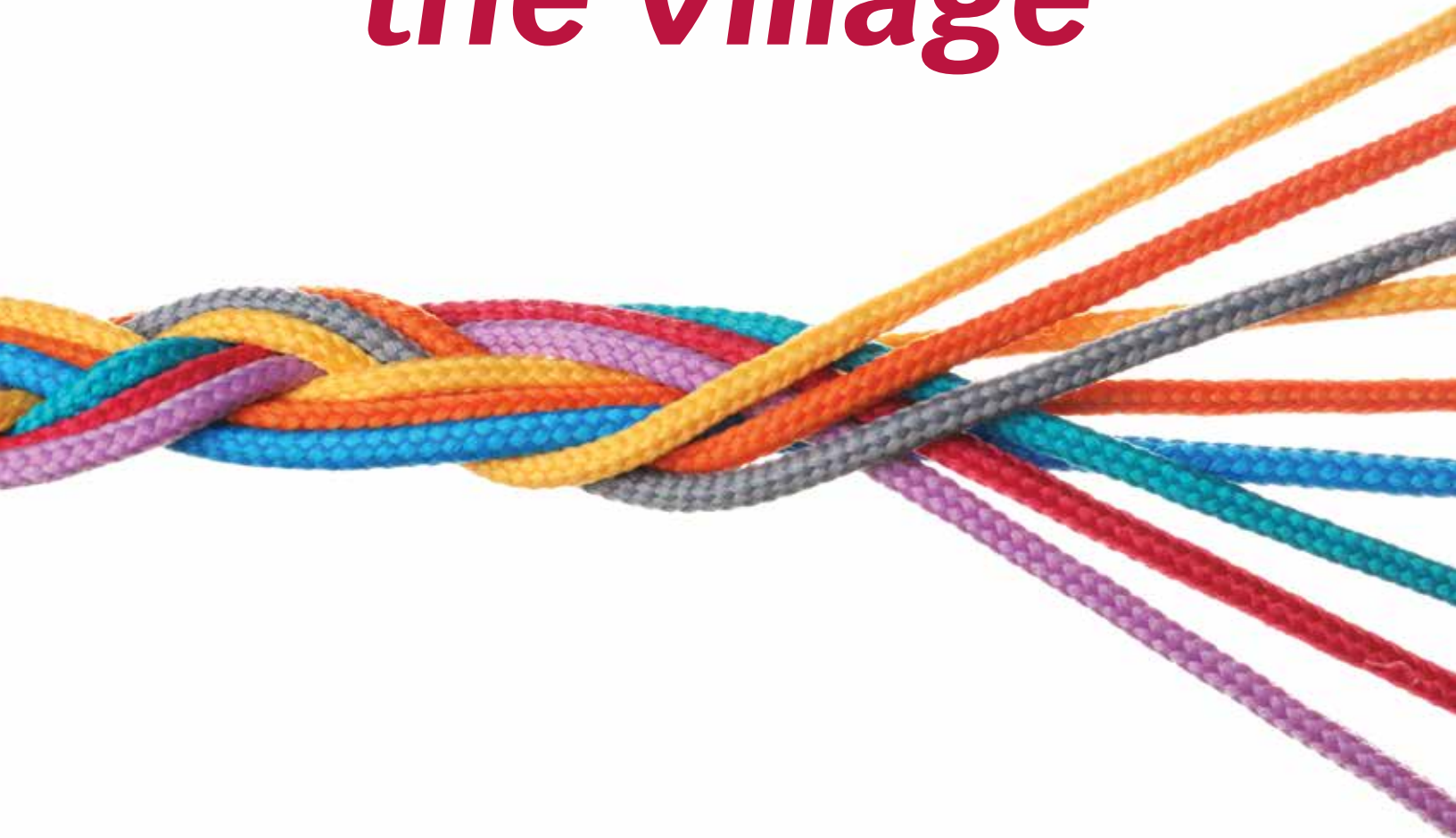


PENNSYLVANIA STATE RESOURCE FAMILY ASSOCIATION
47TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

EMPOWERING *the Village*



SEPTEMBER 28 & 29, 2023

REGISTRATION MATERIALS ENCLOSED
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CONFERENCE AT-A-GLANCE

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The 47th Annual PSRFA Conference is set for September 28-29, 2023, at the Red Lion Hotel, Harrisburg, Pa. This year's theme is ***Empowering the Village***.

The conference will start with a luncheon on Thursday, September 28th. Our keynote speaker this year will be Dr. John DeGarmo. John is a dynamic speaker and informative trainer on the foster care system, and travels extensively, meeting with foster parents, child welfare workers, churches, schools, and organizations.

The conference registration fee includes 10 hours of training, refreshments at breaks, four meals, and networking with other resource families throughout Pennsylvania.

Thursday night's dinner will be an opportunity for all to sit back and relax, and join us for the Annual Silent Benefit Auction for the PSRFA Scholarship Fund. Proceeds from the auction are the major sources of funds that PSRFA uses to provide scholarships to graduating seniors who are foster, adoptive, or biological children of foster parents.

You will notice a few changes to our conference this year. PennDOT secured our building for demolition due to highway expansion. Unfortunately, the timeline changed drastically. The packaging of our organization and all its contents has been monumental to say the least. Due to this we have had to make a few changes for the conference.

The most prominent being Friday evening dinner. To accommodate the changing needs of the families we will be closing the conference after the closing session.

Also, this year we will have a silent auction as time and space have not been available to prepare auction baskets. There have also been several changes to our conference schedule. Due to the move, we have had to put the company store on hold, as we didn't have access to storage space for all the items we normally sell. Next year we will be back to normal.

We know that you will enjoy the conference and we are looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Ramper, Executive Director

WEDNESDAY September 27, 2023

7:00 PM
Board of Directors Meeting
Visitors Welcome

THURSDAY September 28, 2023

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Registration - Hotel Lobby

11:30 AM - 1:45 PM
Welcome, Lunch & Keynote Speaker

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Workshops (T-1 through T-2)

3:00 - 3:15 PM
Break-in hallway

6:00 PM
Dinner and Benefit Auction

FRIDAY September 29, 2023

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM
Continental Breakfast

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Registration - Hotel Lobby

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Workshops (F-1 through F-2)

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM
Break

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM
Lunch

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Workshops (F-3)

2:15 PM - 2:30 PM
Break

GENERAL INFORMATION

Audience

This conference is designed for resource families, (foster, adoptive, and kinship), health professionals, as well as public and private agency professionals providing permanency services.

OPENING SESSION

Thursday, September 28, 2023

11:30 AM - 1:45 PM

Dr. John DeGarmo



Dr. DeGarmo has a B.A. in History, a master's in media technology, a Masters in Educational Leadership, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Walden University. Dr. DeGarmo wrote his dissertation on Responding to the Needs of Foster Children Face While in Rural Schools. He is the author of several foster care books.

John will focus on the many different and distinct challenges that foster parents face on an everyday level while caring for children in their homes and examine the many rewards that come with being a foster parent. This presentation is designed to reassure that the feelings of difficulty for a foster parent are valid and motivate and inspire them to continue to care for children in need in their home.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

8:30 AM- 11:30 PM

F-1 I've Adopted. Now What?

Most families experience difficulties after finalization but don't know if help is available for them or where to turn. Learn that calling for SWAN Post-permanency services is more of a "when" than an "if." Join us for this workshop to learn about SWAN's Post-permanency services that are available for families who have adopted, are providing Permanent Legal Custodianship, or formal kinship. Learn about what services offered to families and a general framework of what to expect.

Learning Objectives:

1. Families will learn that there are Post-permanency service available to them.
2. Helpline information will be given to families (via fact sheet).
3. Units of service will be explained to families.

Presented by: Leah Moyer

F-2 The road Map to Success

A resource parent role can be complicated and supported by different means. Support is essential in the role, but sometimes locating it can be difficult. This class will explore the different types of support and access to support.

Presented by: Annette Gross

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

F-3 Closing Session - SWAN: Who We Are & How We Support You

During this session, you will be introduced to the array of services offered through the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN). Join SWAN workers and experienced foster/adoptive parents in learning about the child and family services available to support your family in their foster care journey. Through activities and discussion, learn how to navigate and utilize the child services: Child Profile, Child Preparation, and Child Specific Recruitment. These services allow foster parents an opportunity to create shared experiences with the youth in their home while also building deeper connections during their placement with you. Additionally, we will share an overview of the family services (Family Profile, Family Matching, Placement, and Finalization) as well as the Swan Helpline, and Post Permanency services available to those seeking permanency through foster care; SWAN services are available for each step in your foster care journey.

Presented by: SWAN Team

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

T-1 Adoption Assistance

This workshop is for all families that receive an adoption subsidy for their child. We will look at what the federal regulations and state policies says regarding;

- What child is eligible to receive adoption assistance
- What is non-recurring expenses
- How to negotiate an adoption subsidy agreement
- How to renegotiate an adoption agreement after an adoption
- Can your child's adoption agreement be automatically adjusted
- What happened if the adoptive parent(s) dies
- Can your child's subsidy be stopped

We will cover the above topics and much, much more.

The goal of this workshop is to not only give you tools. We expect you to share this information. By doing so, we can all Empower the Village.

Presented by: Author Phyllis Stevens, Executive Director, Together as Adoptive Parents, Inc

T-2 Finding Support from Fostering to Adopting

Where and how to find the support you need through the journey of fostering to adoption. How to handle challenging situations with teens, school related issues, police dealings, probation matters and keeping the family in tack through it all. Also what can you do for you to keep yourself strong.

Presented by: Shannon Sycz, Holly Gilliott, Judy Neuffer, Tracie Yerger, Barbara Forshey



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 REGISTRATION FORM
 DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

Please use a separate registration form for each person. This form may be photocopied.
 Please type or print all information. Thank you.

Check one: Presenter Member Non-member

Please note: An agency membership provides member discounts for agency personnel only. Foster parents must maintain their own membership to qualify for the discounts. If you are not a member of PSRFA and would like to join, please complete the membership application at the back of this brochure and attach a separate check for membership dues.

Name _____
First Middle initial Last

Address _____
Street City State Zip code

Email _____ Daytime telephone number (____) _____

County _____ Agency _____

Agency Address: _____
Street City State Zip code

Agency Telephone :(____) _____ Agency Fax :(____) _____

Check all that apply:

- Foster Parent Adoptive Parent Caseworker Supervisor Administrator
 Other, list _____

Days registered:

- Full Conference Thursday Thursday/Friday Friday

Workshop selection:

All of the workshops are limited in capacity. Please select a first and second choice for each time slot for the days you will be attending the conference. Assignments will be made on a first-registered, first-served basis. Completion of this form does not guarantee space at a particular workshop.

Thursday, 11:30 AM – 1:45 PM Opening Session & Lunch _____

Workshop Day/Time **First choice** **Second Choice**

Thursday, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM _____ _____

Friday, 8:30 AM – 11:30 PM _____ _____

Friday, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM _____ _____

In order to plan accurately for our meals:

- Please check here if you will attend the Thursday evening buffet

Fees:

Conference registration \$ _____
 Total \$ _____

Checks /money orders should be made payable to:
 PSRFA, P.O. Box 60216, Harrisburg, PA 17106-0216
 Phone/Fax 1-800-951-5151

- Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ _____
 Please invoice the agency*

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ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION

September 28, 2023

Plans are well under way for this year’s silent auction at the 47th Annual PSRFA Conference. Keeping with the theme of **Empowering the Village** we are looking to past auctions to make this one even better than ever for the futures of the children and families we serve.

All donations and items can be brought to the conference with you. We are excited to see many familiar people and looking forward to many new faces at the conference!

As in the past, all proceeds will go toward the PSRFA Scholarship Fund. Please help us make this fund grow with your assistance and donations.

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Address _____
Street City State Zip code

Email _____ Daytime telephone number (____) _____

County _____ Agency _____

Agency Address: _____
Street City State Zip code

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HOTEL & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The conference is being held at the **Red Lion Hotel** located at 4751 Lindle Rd., Harrisburg PA 17111. The Red Lion Hotel is centrally located near Hershey, Lancaster, and Gettysburg. Guests will enjoy the newly renovated and beautifully appointed, meticulously maintained rooms that will welcome you from the moment you open the door. The well-lit, spacious rooms are what guests expect. Rooms feature an oversized work area, remote control TV with in-room movies, coffee maker, card key security, video checkout, full sized ironing board, sitting area and much more. There are many sleeping options from double to king size beds to suites. You're going to like your stay, we've made sure of it.

PSRFA will be paying for your Thursday night stay only.

Room reservations can be made directly with the Red Lion Harrisburg by calling (717) 939-7841. Please mention that you are attending the Pennsylvania State Resource Family Association Conference.

Please reserve your accommodations early to avoid not having a room available.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
Register online at www.psrfa.org or use the attached mail-in form.

Conference Registration

All fees are per-person. In order to qualify for the "member" rates, 2023 membership dues must be paid in full by September 1, 2023. Please note: An agency membership provides member discounts for agency personnel only. Foster parents must maintain their own membership to qualify for the discounts.

Full conference registration includes ten hours of training, all breaks, the membership meeting and lunch on Thursday, the dinner and auction on Thursday evening, continental breakfast, and lunch on Friday. Daily registration for that particular day will include a choice of workshops scheduled for that day and meals provided for that day.

Registration forms must be accompanied by a check or money order or letter of authorization for billing from the agency. Registrations WILL NOT be accepted without proper payment or letter of authorization. Checks and/or money orders should be made payable to PSRFA.

**Pre-registration
 (Postmarked by September 13, 2023)**

| | Member | Non-member |
|-----------------|----------|------------|
| Full Conference | \$100.00 | \$125.00 |
| Thursday | \$ 50.00 | \$70.00 |
| Friday | \$ 50.00 | \$70.00 |

To register for the conference, please complete the registration form included in this brochure or register online at www.psrfa.org. **The deadline for registration is September 18, 2023.** Any registrations post marked after September 18, 2023, will receive the Regular Registration rate. Confirmation letters will be sent to those whose registration is received by September 18, 2023.

Registration at the conference will be held in the lobby on:

| | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Thursday, September 28 | 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| Friday, September 29 | 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. |

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Cancellations received after September 13, 2023, will be assessed a \$25 processing fee. Any session may be canceled or rescheduled because of unforeseen circumstances. Schedule changes and cancellations will be posted at the registration area and noted in the conference program distributed at the conference.

Conference Questions

If you have questions about registration, accessibility, directions or other logistical considerations, please contact the PSRFA Office at:
 1-800-951-5151
dkinard@psrfa.org
klramper@psrfa.org



MEMBERSHIP HAS IT'S BENEFITS!

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Hearts & Homes



What are the benefits of becoming a member of PSRFA?

- The knowledge you've helped a child
- Copy of the quarterly newsletter
- Advanced notification, and a reduced rate for trainings, conferences and meetings
- Academic scholarships for foster children and adopted / biological children of PSRFA Members
- A voice in Pennsylvania
- School supplies, backpack and duffle bag outreach program
- Supply of special brochures and appreciation items
- Support for local foster parent associations
- Become a new member or renew your membership today!
Use the Application on the next page or online at www.psrfa.org.

For more information, contact:

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE RESOURCE FAMILY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership period is from January 1 – December 31

Membership Year _____

Please type or print all information.

If **Agency** Membership:

Agency Name _____

Contact _____ Position/Title _____

If **Family** or **Individual** Membership:

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Telephone: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Email Address _____

Type of Membership: **New** **Renewal**

Family (\$25.00)

Local FPA (\$25.00)

Private Foster Care Agency (\$60.00)

Public Foster Care Agency (\$60.00)

Supporting (\$30.00)

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