



The CONNECTOR

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Raising Cane's Generous Donation

On Tuesday, February 13th, Raising Cane's invited ACP to the grand opening of their South Fayette location. They gifted us a generous monetary donation of \$1,000. Thank you Raising Cane's!

This Raising Cane's location is now one of three in the Western PA area, joining Pittsburgh and North Versailles. They are a fast-food chain that specializes in fried chicken meals. You can find them on 189 Millers Run Road, near the I-79 interchange.



Left to right: Beck (Therapeutic Specialist), Lindsay (Family Advocate), and Haley (Forensic Interviewer).

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Parent Chat

Fayette County's Healthy Parenting Program: Triple P and Parents as Teachers collaborated for a Parent Chat. Attending parents received support from each other and from the Parent Educators. These Parent Chats help normalize the struggles that parents face on a daily basis.



Healthy Parenting Spotlight: Parent Impact Story

A mother in the Healthy Parenting program talked about how she applied concepts she had learned in Parent Chats to her weekly routine. The mother spoke about one morning at breakfast before school where her 6-year-old daughter had spilled her cereal all over the table. She said that previously she would have yelled and screamed, which would have caused her daughter to cry. She would have angrily cleaned up the spill on her own, and the chaos might have caused her daughter to miss the school bus.

Instead, she paused and thought about what she had learned. She then spoke calmly with her daughter, told her it wasn't a big deal, and they cleaned it up together. Both the mother and her daughter stayed calm. Her daughter saw a great example of how to solve a problem, and they happily went on with their day without disruption. She was very proud of how she handled the situation.

Thank you to all of our Healthy Parenting Staff who continue to make a difference in the lives of families! Keep up the great work!

You are doing
★ GREAT! ★

Social Work Month

Did you know that March is Social Work Month? The mission of ACP would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of social workers amongst our staff. We appreciate you and all that you do! The third Tuesday of March is World Social Work Day. Be sure to thank a social worker on March 19th!



In Loving Memory



- **Position:** Intake Coordinator
- **Team Start Date:** June 2018
- **Office Location:** Allegheny County
- **Favorite Movie:** Steel Magnolias
- **Favorite Holiday:** Any!



Thank you to our friends at Children's Advocacy Center of Butler County for the crystal gift in Ed's memory.

On Sunday, February 18th, A Child's Place, PA lost beloved coworker Ed Brizzi. Ed was beyond special to all of us here at ACP. He always had a smile on his face and was a caring and loving friend to all his coworkers. It would not be a holiday without Ed celebrating. He loved Mardi Gras, Halloween, and would recognize all the women at the agency on Mother's Day regardless if they had children or not. He was known for his gifts at Christmas as a token of his love. Ed was a man of faith and believed that he was here on this earth to do God's work, and he lived every moment of his life that way. He also believed in paying it forward. We ask all our staff in his honor to do a random act of kindness. This is the best way to recognize his life.

If you would like to share a moment of kindness in your life, please click the link below to be featured in next month's newsletter as we carry on the chain of kindness. It can be a selfless act you have done yourself, or something kind you have noticed someone else do. All entries will be anonymous.

Pay it Forward

Welcome to the Team! _____

Miranda

Program Support Specialist

Have ideas or information for the ACP Connector? Reach out to mpinchot@achildsplacepa.org. -- we would love to hear from you!

Work Anniversaries

John

Law Enforcement Liaison
5 Years in January

Lory

Parent Educator
1 Year in January

Ivana

Parent Educator
1 Year in February

Deonna

Parent Educator
2 Years in January

Lee Ann

Parent Educator
1 Year in January

Tristan

Parent Educator
2 Years in March

Shelva

Family Advocate
1 Year in January

Richard

Law Enforcement Liaison
5 Years in February

Tiffani

Forensic Interviewer
2 Years in March

March Donations

A Child's Place, PA would like to thank these organizations for their incredibly generous donations we have received in the month of March. We appreciate your selfless contributions and your support towards our mission of improving the health, safety, and well-being of children.

**Asbury
Fellowship
Class**

**Pleasant View
Presbyterian
Church**

Thank You

Laura Ditka Visionary Award

Dr. Mary Carrasco has been selected to receive the PAAR, Laura Ditka Visionary Award. She will be recognized and presented with the award at the PAAR Teal Ball gala on May 4, 2024.

The Laura Ditka Visionary Award is given in honor of PA Deputy Attorney General Laura Ditka, who dedicated her career to fighting for child survivors of abuse. Each year, the award is presented to an individual or organization who has made a significant impact in the lives of survivors and prevention of sexual violence. Congratulations, Dr. Carrasco! You make us proud.





Birthday Crew!

Melissa

Intake Coordinator

Deonna

Parent Educator: Allegheny Co.

Danae

Parent Educator: Allegheny Co.

Maura

Parent Educator: Fayette Co.

Lauren

Program Coordinator

Leah

Intake Coordinator

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

- Margaret Mead

ACP Open Positions

- [Parent Educator: Allegheny](#)
- [Parent Educator: Westmoreland](#)
- [Intake Coordinator: Allegheny](#)
- [Case Manager: Allegheny](#)

Mom's Turn Brochure

Mom's Turn is excited to share its updated 2024 brochure! Feel free to view or download it [here](#).

National CAC Statistics 2023

The National Children's Alliance just released their statistical report for the 2023 year. Child Advocacy Centers nationwide served 381,364 children last year! You can view the full report [here](#).

Tech Tip: Zoom Mic Shortcuts

Did you know that you can mute and unmute your Zoom microphone without having to scramble for your mouse? We've all been there. Here are a few shortcuts that allow you to quickly adjust your audio settings:

- [Keyboard Shortcuts](#): Pressing down these keys on your keyboard while attending a Zoom meeting is one efficient way to turn your mic on and off:
 - [Windows](#): Alt + A
 - [Mac](#): Command + Shift + A
 - [Linux](#): Alt + A
- [Push to Talk](#): Whenever your mic is set to mute, you can press down and hold your space bar to temporarily unmute yourself to speak. Once you let go of the spacebar, your mic will automatically return to mute.
- [Mute as Host](#): If you are the host of a Zoom meeting, you can mute and unmute audio for all participants by pressing the Alt + M keys.

