

# **YAB BLAST**

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The month of April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. During this time, awareness is centered around preventing neglect and abuse that youth may come to experience. This year's theme, provided by the Children's Bureau, is:

## **“Thriving Children and Families: Prevention with Purpose”**

President Biden had the following words to say regarding National Child Abuse Prevention Month: “Across our country, a vast network of frontline workers, court and legal professionals, faith leaders, volunteers, teachers, and helpful loved ones and neighbors work every day to support the wellbeing of our children. They deserve our recognition and our sincere gratitude, particularly in the midst of this difficult year... National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time for us to not only honor those who work to support children and strengthen families, but to shine a light on the many ways we can all play a role in preventing children from being harmed.”

The Youth Advisory Board takes this opportunity to thank those dedicated to bettering the lives of children in and out of care.

You can access resources and join in support through the Children's Bureau social media platforms: Twitter: [@childwelfaregov](https://twitter.com/childwelfaregov) , Facebook: [www.facebook.com/childwelfare](https://www.facebook.com/childwelfare) .

You can report child abuse by calling 1-800-932-0313. You can also visit the following website to learn the signs of abuse and neglect. [Keep Kids Safe \(pa.gov\)](https://www.pa.gov/keepkidsafe)

# County Shout Outs

We want to take time to recognize the Butler County YAB, and the work they are doing to contribute to their communities.



Here we see youth at the Ronald McDonald House. This is a non-profit charity that supports families with sick children. Butler County YAB delivered pop tabs there. Pop tabs are purchased from a local recycler which is how the Ronald McDonald House gains monetary support to offset cost. This is a simple way to make a huge impact!

This is a picture of the Butler County “stuff the police cruiser.” During this event, hygiene and food items are collected from the community and redistributed those in need. Butler County YAB collected hygiene items. Way to serve those in need!



# Meet Your Ambassadors

Hi, my name is Amah Dunor, and I am currently a Political Science major senior at Lock Haven University. I was born in the country of Liberia, which is in West Africa, and ironically never saw the place because of a civil war breaking out while I was born. At that point, my family relocated to the country of Ghana, where we stayed for five years. Most of my memory of living in Africa was formed in Ghana, and I can remember bits and pieces of what life was like there because I was so young. After five years in Ghana, my family and I moved to Canada, where we stayed for another five years. Landing in Canada was the first time I experienced cold or was around people of Caucasian decent. Interestingly, on the trip from Ghana there was a two-day layover in London, which is where I tried sunny side up eggs for the first time in my life. After a few years in Canada, I then moved to Philadelphia to stay with my biological mother. Philadelphia was a sharp contrast to my small town in Canada, and I had to adapt fast.



After time in Philadelphia, I soon entered the foster care system, and my life became very different. Within a span of 3 weeks, I was transported to three different homes, and finally settled down for a little while with The Kings. Unfortunately, their outside wall fell, and I was once again on the move, this time living in homes with very distinct cultures. I remember one family being Seventh Day Adventist Caribbean, another being Puerto Rican, then an Islamic home. It was a very interesting and informative time for me because I was exposed to so many different types of people and cultures in such a short span of time. I feel that this time spent in foster care really molded me into the person I am and allowed me to understand people on a more intimate level.

I moved back with my biological mother my senior year of high school, and the transition was smoother than I expected it would be. Right after I moved with my mom, I was soon leaving to go to college at Lock Haven University, a place I have never seen outside of pictures. The transition to Lock Haven was also smooth and opened a lot of doors for me, including this current Youth Ambassador position.

In my position of Youth Ambassador, my primary job is to reflect on my time in the Pennsylvania foster care system and utilize that experience and knowledge to child welfare professionals by providing input about what would be most helpful to youth in the system. This was the perfect position for me because it helped me marry my passion for helping others and my experience to help others who may be in the same sort of predicament.

# Meet Your Ambassadors



Hello. My name is Norma Cutting. I was born in upstate New York, but I moved to Pennsylvania around the time I was in 6th grade. At the age of 15 I entered into the foster care system. It was during this time I started to get involved with the Youth Advisory Board. Slowly but surely, I started to love it. I found my passion for advocating for youth's rights and finding ways to make the foster care system better. As a result, in March of 2020, I was offered a part-time job as a Youth Ambassador for the Child Welfare Resource Center. I accepted that position and really enjoy being able to use my experience in care to help improve the lives of others in care. Another exciting thing that happened was the fact that later in that year I was adopted by a loving family. Although I am a full-time freshman at Lancaster Bible College, studying Social Work, and fulfilling my role as an ambassador, I still make it a point to spend time with my family.



# VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIR HIGHLIGHTS

From March 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the PA Youth Advisory Board hosted a virtual college fair. Colleges and Universities from across the state participated. Here is a brief overview of the event.

- ❖ March 15th- The first day of the college fair kicked off with a presentation from Diona Brown, a representative for the Pennsylvania State Grant Program known as PHEAA. She spoke on the types of financial aid available to all youth going into higher education and specifically how the PHEAA grant funding works.
- ❖ Up next, a college fair panel presentation, moderated by Youth Quality Improvement Specialist Shayla Jones, was held. Participants included Youth Ambassadors Amah Dunor, a senior at Lock Haven University, Norma Scott, a freshman at Lancaster Bible College, and Julia Mueller as participants. Each participant was given a range of questions regarding their experience with transitioning from care to higher education. Participants shared their experiences regarding applying for college and transitioning to a new environment. They also shared the importance of having a support system, how not to fall behind, and the value of communication and relationships.
- ❖ To close the first day, the admissions staff at the University of Pittsburgh gave a wonderful presentation on the overall application process of their school as well as providing different resources available to youth who are/were constituents of the foster care system.
- ❖ March 16th/18th- The rest of the week of the college fair included presentations from a diverse group of universities and colleges including, Stevens College of Technology, Central Penn College, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State University, Clarion University, Westmoreland Community, Kutztown University, and California University of Pennsylvania. Each presentation provided a very detailed overview about applying to the said college, as well as highlighting supports available to current and former foster youth.

For more information check out the YAB website where you can view the presentations.

<http://www.payab.pitt.edu/CollegeFair.htm>



# Interview with Emerald Gray



During the college fair presentation, we were introduced to Emerald Gray. Emerald had a wealth of knowledge and shared her own experience attending the Penn State Harrisburg Career Studies Program. The Penn State Harrisburg Career Studies Program is an Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Program for individuals with intellectual disabilities and other developmental disabilities. The program is approved by the U.S. Dept. of Education as a Comprehensive Transition Program (CTP). We invited Emerald to conduct a brief interview to discuss her time as a student.

My name is Emerald Gray, I am 24 years old. I have been part of the Penn State Career Studies Program for two (2) years. I recently graduated in December 2020. I am glad that I got to be a part of the Career Studies Program, it feels like a second family to me. My teachers and mentors have really encouraged me and have been there for me every step of the way. [They] really have helped me and guided me on my college journey, to pursuing reaching my dreams and goals. I like that the program encourages me to reach my goals, to believe in myself, and use my voice. I liked that I could always go to someone whenever I had a problem or situation. They were always there for me. They always wanted the best for the students in the Career Studies Program.

The classes that I took there are helping me to reach my goals. The NRF (National Retail Foundation) Class and assessment, is a class where you learn about different jobs in the world. It also teaches you about retail and provides you with a certificate. After a couple of NRF classes and teaching, you must take an assessment to see if you know everything in NRF. If you pass the test that means that you know everything, and that you are ready for a job.



# Interview with Emerald Gray cont.

The Benefits from being in the Career Studies Program are getting a good knowledgeable education. You get to attend and experience different classes. They have all kinds of classes that you can choose from or that you are interested in. For example, I saw that they had a ballroom dancing class. I love dancing, so, I took that class while I attended the Career Studies Program. I learned a lot of new dances that I did not know before. That was a fun experience learning and gaining knowledge of different dancing cultures. I also took a theater class, [which] was fun too. I love acting and singing. I got to take myself out of the box and perform in front of my peers in theater class. I got to learn the history of theater and everything that goes into theater.

Another benefit [are the] mentors who come to class with you, help you with your homework, give you advice, [and] attend different events on campus with you. They are there for you whenever you need them. Another benefit is you get to go on different job shadows. You get to experience different jobs that you may be interested in working at one day when you graduate from college. The job shadows are a lot of fun, and you learn a lot from them. It makes you feel excited about knowing what job you are looking for or knowing what job you want to have when you are finishing up with school. One other benefit is you get to gain independence, and it feels like a whole new you! You get to go to different events, like different theater shows, sometimes they show movies, they have culture days, and ethnic days. You can do activities like stuff- a -plush, and you can also decorate a cake on Valentine's Day! It has a lot of fun, exciting things that you can experience while you are attending the Career Studies Program. I love being a Nittany Lion! It is something that will always be a part of me! And something that I will always honor and love!

At the end of the interview, we asked Emerald about her plans for her future, here is what she shared:

I graduated from the Career Studies Program in December last year. My plans are to achieve my dream goal of working at Disney World in Orlando Florida! My plan to achieve that goal is to apply for the Disney College Program, so I can gain the knowledge of what to do when I achieve my dream of working at Disney. I also would like to pursue a job in voice animation, I think I have the kind of unique voice that would be good for those kinds of movies. I also want to do something with singing. I love to sing. I would like to be married and have a family one day too in the future.



# APPLYING FOR COLLEGE

The college application process is understandably a very stressful but necessary part of the process of attending a higher education institution. It is very important to understand the type of schools that exist in a higher education system, as they can range from:

- ❖ Private- a university whose funding comes from tuition, investments, and private donors, not from taxpayers. (e.g., University of Pennsylvania, Albright College)
- ❖ Public- a university or college that is in state ownership or receives significant public funds through a national or subnational government. (e.g., Penn State, Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education)
- ❖ Community- a higher educational institution that provides workforce education and college transfer academic programs. (e.g., Community College of Philadelphia, Thaddeus Stevens)
- ❖ Junior college- educational institution that provides two years of academic instruction beyond secondary school, as well as technical and vocational training to prepare graduates for careers. (e.g., Pittsburgh Technical College, Johnson College)
- ❖ Here is a brief video that outlines the differences between a private and public college. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EUn3yJsc4Cs>
- ❖ This website provides more information on the differences between colleges and what it may mean for you. <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/college-101/types-of-colleges-the-basics>

Additionally, knowing what school you want to attend is important, but you also want to ensure you are accepted. Your college application and paying attention to deadlines is a crucial component to your application being accepted or denied. Go to the Campus Explorer website for 10 College Application Tips.

<https://www.campusexplorer.com/college-advice-tips/6B48F4E3/10-College-Application-Tips-You-Need-to-Know/>

# FAFSA- Chafee & Financial Aid

Understanding the type of college is crucial in understanding the cost of the college, for example a private college will most of the time cost more than a public option. It is also important to note that the type of college can affect the amount of financial aid you may receive. For example, in-state students often receive more state grants to attend a higher education institution within the state, in contrast to out-of-state institutions whose tuition will most likely be higher for students outside of the state. The type of grants available for in-state students are:

- ❖ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)- is a form completed by current and prospective college students (undergraduate and graduate) in the United States to determine their eligibility for student financial aid. {Deadline June 30, 2022}  
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- ❖ Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA)- a financial aid program that assists eligible Pennsylvanians to afford the costs of higher education at the undergraduate level.  
{Deadline June 30, 2022}  
<https://www.pheaa.org>
- ❖ Chafee- a federally funded program that offers grant assistance to Pennsylvania undergraduate students aging out of foster care who are attending a postsecondary institution approved for Federal Title IV student financial assistance programs. {Deadline December 31, 2021}  
<https://www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/other-educational-aid/chafee-program.shtml>
- ❖ Fostering Independence Tuition Waiver Program- signed into law by Gov. Tom Wolf on June 28. The new state law waives tuition for youth who were in foster care at age 16 or older, including those who have “aged out” of the system or who have been adopted. {Deadline December 31, 2021}  
<http://www.payab.pitt.edu/files/FosteringIndependenceTuitionWaiverProgramBrochureforStudents.pdf>



# Virtual Learning Tips

Virtual learning is a unique experience that can take some time to adjust to. Below you will find some tips that will hopefully decrease anxiety and stress and improve your ability to learn remotely.

Create a schedule to help manage your time.

- ❖ Establishing a routine helps to structure your day and eliminate wasted time.
- ❖ Prioritize your workload. Look at due dates, figure out what is most important to do based on when assignments are due. Put these dates into a calendar.
- ❖ Create goals that allow you to stay on track.

Get organized and remain consistent.

- ❖ It is a great idea to have a designated space to study that limits distractions.
- ❖ Take a few minutes before class starts to get needed items ready, so you are prepared for class.
- ❖ Utilize online planners and create electronic folders to save work.

Communicate & Engage.

- ❖ Participate in class discussions. Studies have shown that sociable environments increase learning satisfaction.
- ❖ Stay focused during class, that means no cell phones at your learning station.
- ❖ Build a relationship with your teachers, ask for help, and seek help as soon as you notice you are struggling.

Manage Stress. It is okay if you feel overwhelmed at times. Do not beat yourself up.

- ❖ Schedule breaks to give yourself some “downtime”. Use this time to stretch, go outside, and get fresh air.
- ❖ Eat well-balanced meals. Fuel your body and brain with good meals and snacks.





# Stimmy Updates & Tax Info

You may or may not know, but the government approved a third stimulus check in the amount of \$1,400. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) began making deposits and issuing checks starting March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Unlike the previous stimulus checks, there is no age requirement or adjusted amount of payment size due to age. Additionally, you are not required to file taxes to receive this payment. If you have a previous a stimulus payment that was never issued to you (i.e., the first and second payments), you can still receive those payments, you just have to file your taxes.

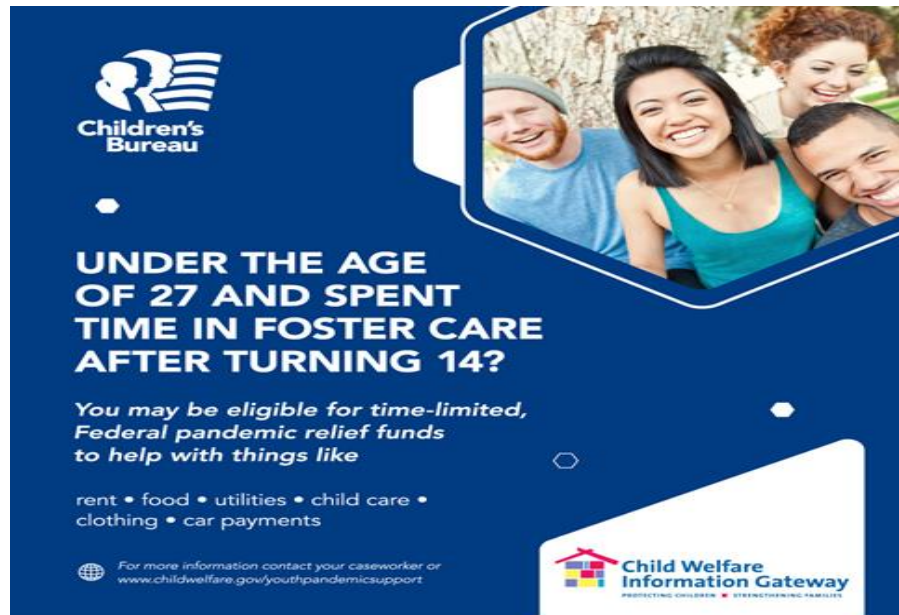
This is known as the 2020 Recovery Rebate Credit. You simply fill out the requested information in order to receive your missing stimulus payments. Please note this is only for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> payments only. If you have never filed taxes before, no worries, we have included links below where you can file your taxes for free. You can also visit the IRS website at [irs.gov](https://irs.gov), for more information. If you are a youth in care or placement, check with your case worker or IL case workers as some checks were distributed directly to county agencies on your behalf.

Additionally, if you are under the age of 27 and spent time in foster care after the age of 14, you may be eligible for pandemic relief funds, which can be utilized to support your financial needs. Go to the following website for more information: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/laws-policies/youthpandemicsupport/>

Here are some helpful links:

- To check the status of your third stimulus payment visit:  
<https://sa.www4.irs.gov/irfof-wmsp/login>
- Websites to file your taxes for free:  
<https://apps.irs.gov/app/freeFile/browse-all-offers>
- Other sites that allow you to file for free and offer for fee upgrade services:  
H&R Block: <https://www.hrblock.com/online-tax-filing/free-online-tax-filing/>  
Turbo Tax: <https://turbotax.intuit.com/>

# The Consolidated Appropriations Act



On December 27, 2020 President Trump signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act. Division X, sections 3 & 4, of the Consolidated Appropriation Act provides supplemental Chafee funding and program flexibilities to current and former Chafee eligible foster youth as a direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the needs of youth and young adults. Here is what that may mean for you:

- ❖ Allows youth to voluntarily remain in care past the age limitation of 21 and continue to receive the same services and supports through September 30, 2021.
- ❖ Allows youth who left care between January 27, 2020 – January 20, 2021 to voluntarily re-enter care through September 30, 2021. Resumption of jurisdiction may be required.
- ❖ Youth are not required to meet the education or employment requirements to remain in or re-enter care through September 30, 2021.
- ❖ The age for services and supports, including ETG (Education & Training Grant), increased to include youth and young adults through age 26 or until their 27<sup>th</sup> birthday.



# The Consolidated Appropriations Act

- ❖ The law allows states to increase the maximum Chafee Education & Training Grant (ETG) from \$5,000 to \$12,000 through September 30, 2022. PA is not able to increase the award amount above \$5,000 due to the number of students enrolled in postsecondary education.
- ❖ Allows states to waive the requirements of being enrolled in or making satisfactory academic progress (SAP) in postsecondary education or training (i.e., college or trade school) to be eligible for ETG. PA is waiving the SAP and being enrolled at least half time through September 30, 2021. Youth must be enrolled in a postsecondary institution or trade school to be eligible for ETG.
- ❖ Counties are now able to utilize more of their Chafee funding to assist eligible youth with housing needs.

For more information or assistance, please contact your IL Coordinator/worker. If you are unable to connect with an IL worker, please contact the state IL & ETV Coordinator.

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You can visit the following websites for more information regarding these changes.

<https://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov/index.cfm?event=website.viewArticles&issueid=222&sectionid=1&articleid=5725>

<http://partnersforourchildren.org/blog/consolidated-appropriations-act-2021-signed-law-12272020>

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/laws-policies/youthpandemicsupport/>

# How to Safely Protest

Due to the recent tragic deaths of Ahmaud Arbery and George Floyd, communities are coming together to protest police brutality and advocate for justice as well as the promotion of Black Lives Matter. You may find yourself wanting to get involved. Protesting can have a positive impact on change, however, before you do so you must be prepared. Below we have outlined some tips to keep you safe and ensure you can protest effectively.

## Things You Should Do Before

- ❖ You should educate yourself on the subject, so you understand what you are protesting for or against.
- ❖ You should realize that it is not about you. Make sure you are in the right mindset and prepare yourself for how you will handle heightened emotions.
- ❖ KNOW YOUR RIGHTS – it is important to understand your First Amendment rights. Visit this website to learn more about protesters' rights. <https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/protesters-rights/>
- ❖ Buddy up! Protests are safer in groups with a plan.
- ❖ Examine your health. If you're experiencing fever or sickness, stay home!

## What You Should Bring to A Protest

- ❖ A bag or bookbag
- ❖ Water
- ❖ A mask or bandana
- ❖ Snacks
- ❖ Protesting signs
- ❖ Wear appropriate clothing
- ❖ Hand sanitizers
- ❖ A form of identification

According to Keith Taylor, an adjunct assistant professor and former New York City police officer said, "law enforcement and protesters both have responsibilities when a protest is happening." He stated the police have an "overarching responsibility to keep the community safe while allowing the protests to go on in a reasonable manner." If protesters don't follow those necessary things, (police) have to make sure it is safe for all involved," Taylor said. ... "Anytime you're causing harm or causing property damage, those are not legitimate actions of peaceful protests."

## While You Are at A Protest

- ❖ Mask up & stay socially distanced!
- ❖ Stay alert & study your surroundings!
- ❖ Consider the ethics of taking photos!
- ❖ Help those around you!
- ❖ You should avoid running!
- ❖ Don't police the behaviors of others!
- ❖ Do NOT participate in illegal activities!
- ❖ Know when it's time to leave!

For more information on how to safely protest visit:

<https://www.wired.com/story/how-to-protest-safely-gear-tips/>



# National Hotlines & Resources

- **Suicide National Hotline 1-800-273-TALK (8255)**
- **Homeless National Hotline 1-800-786-2929**
- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255**
- **National Crisis Text Hotline- Text HOME to 741741**

## Pro Bono PA attorneys

### Southeast PA

Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts  
Legal services  
Philadelphia, PA · In the Bellevue Philadelphia  
Closes 5PM · (215) 790-3836 ext.

Legal Aid of Southeastern PA  
Legal aid office  
Norristown, PA  
Closes 4:30PM · (610) 275-5400

### Southwest PA

Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Closes 3PM · (800) 322-7572

Midpenn Legal Services  
Bedford, PA  
(814) 623-6189

### Central PA

Lepley, Engelman,  
Yaw & Wilk, LLC  
Attorney  
Williamsport, PA  
Closes 5PM · (570) 323-3768

North Penn Legal Services  
Attorney  
Bloomsburg, PA  
(570) 784-8760

# Upcoming Events

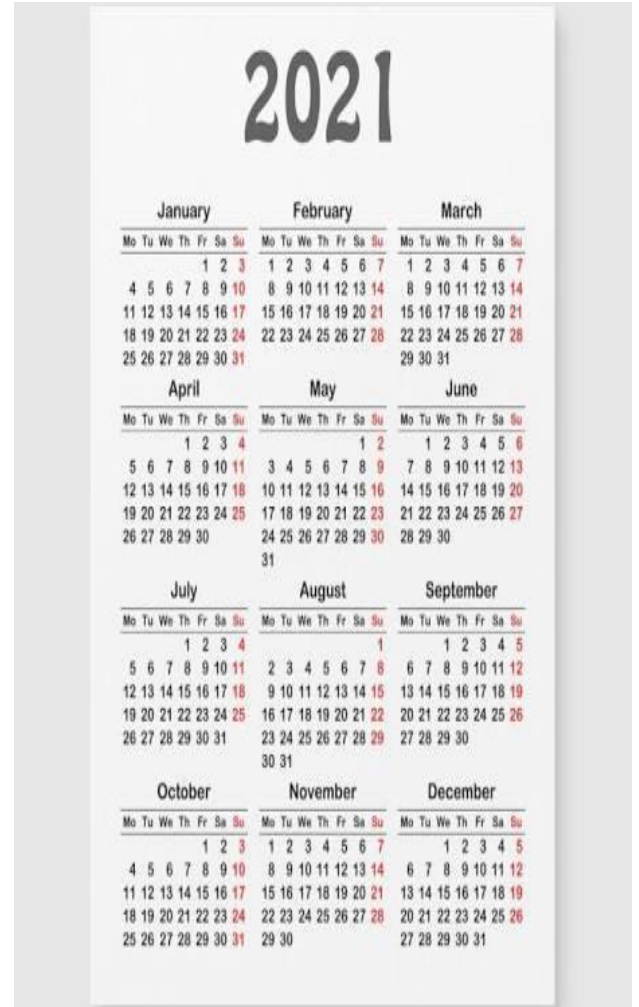
❖ **May 13<sup>th</sup>- National Foster Care Youth Month  
Special Event**

❖ **May 20<sup>th</sup>- Statewide YAB  
meeting**

❖ **June 14-18<sup>th</sup>- Swan  
Statewide Journey to  
Permanency**

❖ **June 24<sup>th</sup>- 2021 YAB  
Summit**

❖ **August 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>- Older Youth Retreat**



# Monthly Insights

There are a lot of things happening during the month of April and we think you should know all about it starting with the very first day. Yes, April Fool's Day. It is rumored this unique "holiday" started in 1582 when the Julian calendar switched to the Gregorian calendar, making the start of the year in January instead of April. People who did not know or celebrate the change were referred to as "April Fools" and became the center of pranks, including having a paper fish put on their backs. You can read more about this at <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/april-fools-day>.

- ❖ The month of April celebrates Scottish- American Heritage and recognizes the Scottish impact in America. Here is a quick video all about Scotland.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x368M5hDu\\_w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x368M5hDu_w)

- ❖ April continues the celebration of National Deaf History month which begins in March. This time is used to acknowledge the accomplishments of those who are deaf and/or hard of hearing. You can increase awareness by advocating and encouraging legislation to support policies that ensure this population has greater access and inclusion of their rights. Visit the National Association of the Deaf website at <https://www.nad.org/> for more information.

- ❖ April is also Jazz Appreciation Month. Here is a short clip about the birth of jazz.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GikkKs38dDU>

- ❖ Last, but not least, April is recognized as the National Month of Hope. Use the hashtag #NationalHopeMonth to share stories, quotes, and statements that inspire hope.

*We're Celebrating  
All Month Long*

# Games & Brain Teasers

Find the words in the puzzle. Words can go in any direction.

Y E S W O V R P V Y C L B L D  
C O F B L A K E C O B C B E L  
E T U I G N F N N K Z X W A A  
L X W T L M E N B B B D M D E  
S X I H H N E S U R J C O E D  
U I P J A C M Y T X Z P F R R  
L E J M T C E L D I T H J S W  
K T R I X S A V B I O B P H M  
G E O Z L W S A O X N W S I H  
P N O F G M A N H B N P L P G  
S Y K N M W C I T Y A B L K K  
U R W E D U C A T I O N I F S  
C V W U T R O P P U S P K E Y  
I P A I Y L I M A F L E S J J  
F C O J V B E B D I I R L M P

Adoption      Casa      Connections      Education      ILP  
Leadership      Life      Pennsylvania      Family      Permanency  
Skills      Support      YAB      Youth      Education



# Resources

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/college-101/types-of-colleges-the-basics>

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

<https://www.pheaa.org/grants/state-grant-program/>

<https://www.pabar.org/site/Probono-Services>

[https://www.google.com/search?q=pro+bono+pa+attorneys&rlz=1C1CHBF\\_enUS943US943&oq=pro+bono+pa+attorneys&aqs=chrome..69i57j0i22i30l2.8190j0j4&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8](https://www.google.com/search?q=pro+bono+pa+attorneys&rlz=1C1CHBF_enUS943US943&oq=pro+bono+pa+attorneys&aqs=chrome..69i57j0i22i30l2.8190j0j4&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8)

<https://harrisburg.psu.edu/career-studies-program/program-information>

<https://www.wired.com/story/how-to-protest-safely-gear-tips/>

<https://www.campusexplorer.com/college-advice-tips/6B48F4E3/10-College-Application-Tips-You-Need-to-Know/>

<https://rmhccnaz.org/poptabs/>

<http://partnersforourchildren.org/blog/consolidated-appropriations-act-2021-signed-law-12272020>

<https://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov/index.cfm?event=website.viewArticles&issueid=222&sectionid=1&articleid=5725>

<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/april-fools-day>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GikkKa38dDU>

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/03/31/a-proclamation-on-national-child-abuse-prevention-month-2021/>

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/>

<https://online.osu.edu/resources/learn/5-online-learning-tips-student-success>

<https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/7-Tips-for-Online-Learning>

<https://www.connectionsacademy.com/support/resources/article/8-top-tips-for-student-success-in-online-school>

<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment>

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/laws-policies/youthpandemicsupport/>

<https://www.insightintodiversity.com/national-deaf-history-month/>

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