

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia Office of the Chief Clerk Room 402, City Hall Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 250390)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring the Philadelphia Children's Alliance (PCA) and the Philadelphia Department of Human Services (DHS) for their collaborative efforts in providing healing and justice to child abuse victims during Child Abuse Prevention Month in Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, For over three decades, the Philadelphia Children's Alliance and the Philadelphia Department of Human Services have been at the forefront of victim advocacy, fostering collaboration among agencies, strengthening systemic responses, and ensuring that child abuse victims receive the care and support they deserve; and

WHEREAS, PCA is Philadelphia's first and only Child Advocacy Center (CAC) and has maintained full accreditation from the National Children's Alliance (NCA) since 2001, consistently upholding national best-practice standards and serving as a model for peer organizations nationwide; and

WHEREAS, PCA's mission extends beyond intervention by providing prevention training, community education, and resources to caregivers, professionals, and partner agencies to build awareness and reduce the incidence of child abuse; and

WHEREAS, PCA delivers comprehensive services at no cost to families, including forensic interviews, victim advocacy, trauma therapy, medical care, and court accompaniment, ensuring that children receive holistic support throughout their healing process; and

WHEREAS, Since 2013, the Philadelphia Children's Alliance, the Philadelphia Department of Human Services, the Philadelphia Police Special Victims Unit, the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and St. Christopher's Hospital for Children have collaborated in a co-located facility, creating a centralized, victim-centered approach to addressing child sexual abuse and exploitation; and

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WHEREAS, Serving as the Northeast Regional Children's Advocacy Center (NRCAC), PCA provides training and technical assistance to CACs and multidisciplinary teams across nine states, strengthening child protection efforts beyond Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, April is nationally recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and PCA and DHS continues its leadership in advocacy by raising awareness, promoting education, and ensuring that children and families have access to vital services and resources; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby honors and commends the Philadelphia Children's Alliance and the Philadelphia Department of Human Services for its dedication to ensuring safety, healing, and justice for children and families affected by child abuse.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty fourth day of April, 2025.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Lozada

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Lozada, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson,
O'Rourke, Driscoll and Squilla