

**Allegheny County Department of Human Services
Office of Children, Youth and Families (CYF)
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CYF 019—Advisory Groups

Allegheny County Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board

Allegheny County's [Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board](#) advises the County Executive, County Council, and the administration of DHS/CYF on needed services and the related budget for children, youth, and families.

Members are appointed by the Allegheny County Executive, subject to the approval of County Council. The Board meets about 6 times per year to consider the estimated budget and service array, operations, resource development, and strengthening relationships with providers and the community.

The Children's Cabinet

The [Children's Cabinet](#) is a community advisory group consisting of consumer and professional stakeholders who are involved with child serving systems across Allegheny County.

Family members and youth advocates who have been recipients of DHS services participate as valued members of the Cabinet. The group is led by DHS Director Marc Cherna and meets on a quarterly basis.

Pennsylvania Citizen Review Panels

Eight Citizen Review Panels will be established across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ([link to regions](#)) to provide annual recommendations to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services regarding the continuous improvement of child welfare services in Pennsylvania.

Citizen Review Panels are composed of volunteer members, including individuals with expertise and interest in the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

The first three panels have been established in the Northwest, South Central, and Northeast regions of Pennsylvania and meet quarterly.

For more information on Citizen Review Panels or to apply to be a panel member please visit the Pennsylvania Child Welfare Training Program's website at www.pacwcbt.pitt.edu/CAPTA.htm
[Link to Brochure](#)