

## Front Porch Project® is:

- A community-based program founded on the belief that everyone can and should play a role in preventing child abuse. Everyone can do something!
- Supported by research focusing on how adults learn and make decisions to act on behalf of children.
- A partnership between PA Family Support Alliance, a statewide child abuse prevention organization, and local community groups.
- Conducted at no charge to participants and held in many community settings.
- Available in several formats – six hours and twelve hours, which are held in a variety of time schedules.
- Interactive, with lots of discussion and practice of new skills. We use video clips, real-life scenarios and up-to-date information on child abuse prevention.



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**We each have a role to  
play in protecting kids  
and supporting families.**  
*Learn how you can help.*



## What Front Porch Project® participants say:

*“I learned there are lots of little things I can do to help a child.”*

*“Finally – some tools to use in everyday situations!”*

*“It’s nice to know I am not the only one who cares about kids and wants to help.”*

*“This training should be held in every neighborhood.”*

## To bring Front Porch Project® to your community:

Contact PA Family Support Alliance at 800-448-4906 (in PA) or 717-238-0937, or visit the Front Porch Project section of our website – [www.pa-fsa.org](http://www.pa-fsa.org) – for more information.

## Front Porch Project® sessions teach:

- Ways to intervene in situations that make us all uncomfortable – parents yelling at a child, calling a child hurtful names, hitting a child – or when a child is doing something unsafe.
- Options – big and small, direct and indirect – for helping families in your neighborhood, church, school, or in public places.
- How culture, gender and personal experiences factor into our decision to help, and why we may hesitate or choose not to intervene.
- About the issues affecting families today, and how we can help children “bounce back” from difficulty.
- Basic information on child abuse in Pennsylvania, and how the child welfare system works when a report of suspected child abuse is made.

## Front Porch Project® training works.

- Each training session is evaluated as participants complete a standardized, detailed questionnaire. Follow-up surveys are completed six months and one year after each session.
- On average, the percentage of participants who would intervene “often or very often” increases from 32% to 78% after the training. The percentage who say they would “never or almost never” intervene decreases from 7% to 0% when they leave a Front Porch Project® session.
- Virtually all – between 93% and 99% – participants say they increased their understanding of child abuse, received do-able strategies for helping, are more likely to help, and are more confident about their ability to help a child as a result of their Front Porch Project® experience.

