



Washington County Coalition for Children

15th Annual Children's Issues Forum

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

**Aqua Blue Hotel & Convention Center,
Narragansett Pier • 8-10:30 am**

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Dr. Trista D. Piccola
Director, Rhode Island Department of
Children, Youth and Families (DCYF)



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“...and how are the children?”

The traditional greeting among the Masai tribe in Africa acknowledges the high value that the Masai place on their children's well-being. Even warriors with no children of their own respond: "All the children are well"... indicating that life is good; peace and safety prevail; and despite daily struggles, the priorities of caring for their children are in place.

Come help answer this question for Washington County's children!

Register for the 15th Forum & you can become a member, too!

_____ tickets for 2017 Forum @ \$35* = \$ _____.

WCCC Membership (see other side) = \$ _____.

Individual(s) @ \$10 (subtract \$5 from 1 ticket)

Practitioner(s) @ \$25 (subtract \$5 from 1 ticket)

Nonprofit @ \$100 (subtract \$5 each from 2 tickets)

Business/Foundation @ \$150 (subtract \$5 each from 2 tkts)

Yes, I would like to make an additional tax-deductible contribution of \$ _____.

Total enclosed \$ _____ (thank you!)

Please make check payable to:

Washington County Coalition for Children

and mail to:

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Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

(Annual membership is valid from June 1 to May 31)

Yes, I would like to bring information to share at Resource Tables *(members only)*

*For more information, contact Donna Greene at
DGreene@southcountyhealth.org or (401) 788-2371.*

You can also visit www.washcokids.org.

* This year's Forum ticket price has risen (by \$5) for the first time in 12 years, i.e. since our 3rd Forum. Coalition members continue to get a \$5 discount.

15th Annual Forum!

Program

8:00-10:30 am

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Worth the Risk: Supporting, Mentoring, and Advocating on Behalf of Our Children

Dr. Trista D. Piccola

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Trista Piccola, PhD, has honed her expertise in the social services field as a caseworker, frontline supervisor, and as a senior manager. She has served in major metropolitan areas as well as semi-urban and rural settings.

Dr. Piccola's rich background includes leading organizational and national initiatives, with a special focus on data-driven service delivery and continuous quality improvement. She has developed and implemented a social service-focused supervisory practice model.

As an LISW-S, Dr. Piccola specialized in the diagnosis and treatment of adolescents.

She has taught social work at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, published many articles, and is an accomplished researcher.



Champion for Children and other awards

...and how are the children of Washington County? latest data update

Breakfast & Networking

visit with fellow children's advocates

Stand up and be counted! Become a member of the Washington County Coalition for Children

Washington County is a wonderful place to live, work, and visit. From Narragansett to Westerly, the region has a magnificent coastline, precious farmland, irreplaceable natural areas, and wonderful communities.

But not all our children are thriving

- Families are struggling, as seen by the many children who are homeless, need SNAP (food stamps), and free/reduced school lunches.
- Too many children witness domestic violence and are victims of child abuse and neglect.
- Area resources are limited and children with special needs often face difficulties accessing the services they need.
- One in four of our high school students reports being depressed.

Washington County Coalition for Children members are area health and social service providers, educators, community leaders, parents and concerned residents. Our mission: "to be a voice that advocates for the health and well-being of children and families in Washington County, serving as **catalyst** and **facilitator** for improved services.

The Coalition:

- Advocates for the region's children at local, state, and national levels, wherever their needs will best be met.
- Encourages collaboration to maximize relationships and resources for local youth.
- Researches and publishes comprehensive town-by-town statistics on the well-being of County children.
- Convenes forums and trainings for area professionals – doctors, teachers, mental health clinicians, after-school providers, youth leaders, etc. – who care for children.
- Promotes emotional literacy among 2nd graders through an annual bookmark design project.
- Offers a free Behavioral Health directory and other resources on the Coalition's website at www.washcokids.org.
- Fosters bullying prevention in local schools and communities through such events as Chalk It Up Against Bullying.

Membership is as little as \$10 and you can start saving with this Forum!

Category Individual \$10

Benefits

- *Spotlight* e-newsletter
- Email invitation to all events
- \$5 off Children's Issues breakfast
- Listing on all membership rolls

Practitioners \$25

- All of the above
- Listing on website with degree and business name
- \$5 off one accredited program/year

Nonprofit agency \$100

- *Spotlight* to CEO, Board & staff, as requested
- Email and/or written invitation to all events to CEO and Board of Directors, as requested
- A representative invited to serve on Coalition Community Advisory Committee
- \$5 off each for 2 at Children's Issues breakfast
- \$10 off for up to 2 accredited programs/year
- Free copy of any Coalition report published during the membership year
- Listing on all membership rolls
- Annual certificate of membership

Category Businesses, foundations \$150

Benefits

- *Spotlight* to as many employees as requested
- Email and/or written invitation to all events to CEO and up to 5 employees
- A representative invited to serve on Coalition Community Advisory Committee
- \$5 off each for 2 at Children's Issues breakfast
- Free copy of any Coalition report published during the membership year
- Listing on all membership rolls
- Framed certificate of membership

