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Pennsylvania Child Care Association Statement on Violence and Constitutional Protections



The Pennsylvania Child Care Association (PACCA) is deeply concerned by recent acts of violence and actions that undermine constitutional protections and due process for people living in the United States.

Regardless of who is targeted, violence and the erosion of constitutional safeguards create fear and instability that directly harm children and families. Children cannot thrive in environments shaped by fear, uncertainty, or the absence of basic protections. Families cannot work, learn, or fully participate in their communities when they feel unsafe or unprotected.

As an association representing child care owners, educators, and early learning professionals across Pennsylvania, PACCA believes that the safety, dignity, and rights of all people are foundational to healthy child development and strong communities. Constitutional protections and due process are not abstract legal concepts—they are essential guardrails that help ensure stability, fairness, and trust in the systems that affect families' daily lives.

PACCA condemns violence in all forms and urges leaders at every level to uphold the rule of law, protect civil liberties, and act in ways that prioritize the well-being of children and families. Our work is rooted in the belief that children do best when families feel safe, respected, and supported—and that principle must guide public actions and policies alike.

PACCA believes children thrive when families feel safe, respected, and protected by fair and lawful systems, and we support policies and actions that uphold safety, stability, and due process for all.

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