



# Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children

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**Joan L. Benso Wins Leadership Award from PA Commission for Women**  
*PPC President & CEO Honored for her Commitment to Children in the Commonwealth*

(HARRISBURG), March 8, 2010 – Joan L. Benso, president and CEO of PA Partnerships for Children (PPC), was honored today by the Pennsylvania Commission for Women for her work as a longtime children’s advocate. Benso received her award in a ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda as part of a Women’s History Month celebration and was joined by three other award recipients as well as Governor Ed Rendell and First Lady Judge Marjorie O. Rendell who presided over the event.

Benso received a proclamation honoring her for her leadership in statewide children’s advocacy from Judge Rendell and Leslie Stiles, Commission executive director.

Benso has been PPC’s executive director and CEO since 1995. The nonprofit organization advocates – both at the state and federal levels - for the health, education and well-being of children and youth in the Commonwealth. Benso is directly involved in the organization’s interaction with state-level public policymakers, Pennsylvania’s congressional delegation, the news media, the children’s advocacy community, funders and direct service sectors.

“Joan’s leadership in child advocacy has had a profound impact on the well-being of Pennsylvania’s children,” said David Feinberg, partner in Feinberg Shopp Associates, LLC, and president of the board of directors, PA Partnerships for Children. “Under Joan’s leadership, PPC has championed many issues and directed a broad array of coalitions to achieve significant victories for children including creation of a state pre-kindergarten program, passage of new high school graduation requirements, expansion of Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and a rational and equitable funding formula for public education.

“We are lucky to have Joan at the helm,” Feinberg added.

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