



We understand that supporting a student with Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS) can be challenging. Although a cure does not yet exist, many symptoms can be successfully managed with the right strategies. PWCF is dedicated to providing families and professionals with the information, support, and advocacy services they need. Together, we can ensure the right supports are in place for every student with PWS to pursue their individual hopes and dreams to the full extent of their talents and capabilities.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Prader-Willi California Foundation (PWCF) is to provide to parents and professionals a state network of information, advocacy, and support services to expressly meet the needs of children and adults with Prader-Willi syndrome and their families.

Prader-Willi California Foundation was established in 1979 in the state of California as a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization. An affiliate of the national Prader-Willi Syndrome Association | USA, PWCF is dedicated to supporting people with PWS, their families, and the professionals who serve them throughout the State of California.

OUR ORGANIZATION

- PWCF serves all of California with a network of support persons located throughout the state.
- PWCF has over 800 members. Membership is composed of parents, extended family members, and professionals in the medical, psychological, educational, social sciences, and research fields.
- All members of the Board of Directors are parents, relatives, or other dedicated supporters. All are volunteers committed to helping.
- PWCF works in close cooperation with the national Prader-Willi Syndrome Association | USA to achieve our mutual aims and objectives.

OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Our aims and objectives are to:

- Protect and promote the welfare of persons with Prader-Willi syndrome
- Communicate and publicize information on the syndrome
- Promote the establishment and improvement of residential facilities and staff persons
- Improve professional awareness and commitment
- Establish and maintain a statewide network that supports:
 - Early identification and intervention services
 - Referrals to appropriate resources
 - Coordination with specialists for diagnosis, therapeutic intervention, nutrition and behavioral management
 - Parent, Regional Center, care-provider and workshop training
 - Educational advocacy and community awareness
 - Identify respite and support services

OUR APPROACH

- Networking and support for people with PWS and their families
- Education and training of regional center personnel, educators, physicians and allied health providers, social workers, and other professionals
- Establishment and maintenance of a database of persons with PWS, families, care providers, professionals, and other available resources
- Support vendorization of residential settings for out-of-home placement
- Support and enhancement of residential and vocational programs for persons with PWS

FUNDRAISING

PWCF is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charitable organization, Federal Tax ID Number 95-3480752. We depend wholly on dues and donations to provide families and professionals the services they need.