



## Children's Justice & Advocacy Report

To promote community responsibility so every Pennsylvania child is protected from child abuse, including sexual abuse.

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In response to the serial child sexual abuse perpetrated by Gerald Sandusky and the criminal charges filed (e.g., failure to report suspected child abuse, endangering the welfare of children, and conspiracy) against leaders of Penn State University, the [National Collegiate Athletic Association \(NCAA\)](#) imposed a range of sanctions on Penn State University. Among them:

- Banning the university from participating in bowl games for four years,
- Eliminating scores of scholarships for student athletes, and
- Requiring Penn State to pay \$60 million (over 5 years) into a special endowment toward furthering the prevention, reporting and treatment of child sexual abuse.

Penn State agreed to the sanctions when they entered into a consent decree with the NCAA.

Former U.S. Senator George Mitchell was appointed as an independent monitor of the

consent decree. Mitchell also oversees the university's compliance with recommendations made in July 2012, as a result of a report issued by former FBI Director Louis Freeh report.

This week Mitchell issued his second report on Penn State's compliance with the consent decree.

[In it he wrote](#), "In my first annual report, I stated: Penn State has demonstrated its commitment to fulfilling the requirements of the AIA and to implementing the recommendations made in the Freeh Report. The amount of resources, time, and energy devoted to these efforts has been Notable. Through the second year of the consent decree, Penn State has not wavered in this commitment. The initiatives undertaken in the first year have begun to take root as a result of Penn State's continuing focus on these reforms."

Penn State has taken steps to rework background checks, to provide high quality and consistent training, and also has updated security at athletic facilities. The University has also transferred oversight for child care from the College of Health

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