



## Children's Justice & Advocacy Report

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

### In the January 19th edition:

1. [Ted Dallas returns to PA \(via Maryland\) to lead DHS](#)
2. [Corman, NCAA, Penn State settlement = \\$48 million for PA child victims](#)
3. [PA Law designates PCCD as overseer of the \\$48 million](#)
4. [Penn State "Cluster Hires" dedicated to "Building new knowledge"](#)

Maryland proceeded with a traditional expansion of Medicaid through the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). Dallas [was among the leaders](#) (pre the

[To Keep Reading, Become a Subscriber!](#)

### Corman, NCAA, Penn State settlement = \$48 million for PA child victims

Last week Senator Jake Corman announced that the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has agreed "to repeal the Consent Decree with Penn State University, marking the end of all punitive sanctions on Penn State."

While the "punitive" sanctions are gone, Corman underscored that Penn State had committed a total of \$60 million "to activities and programs for the prevention of child sexual abuse and the treatment of victims of child sexual abuse."

That \$60 million figure was equal to the amount required in the 2012 Consent Decree. As part of that original Consent Decree, Penn State agreed to pay \$60 million, over five years, into a special endowment toward furthering the prevention, reporting and treatment of child sexual abuse. The NCAA then established an independent 10-

[To Keep Reading, Become a Subscriber!](#)

### PA Law designates PCCD as overseer of the \$48 million

The \$48 million to be deposited into the Pennsylvania Treasury will be governed by Act 1 of 2013, which is also known as the Higher Education Monetary Penalty Endowment Act.

### Ted Dallas returns to PA (via Maryland) to lead DHS

Governor-elect Tom Wolf will hit the ground running, including undoing his predecessors approach to Medicaid.

To make good on such a big promise like Medicaid, Wolf turned to Ted Dallas, current head of the Maryland Department of Human Resources (DHR). Dallas will lead the newly renamed Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS). He isn't however, an unknown quantity to Pennsylvania. Dallas served as an Executive Deputy Secretary in PA, during the Rendell Administration. His prior service in the DHS infuses some immediate knowledge of the ins and outs of Pennsylvania government (and deal making).

Dallas also has earned battle wounds for the implementation of major health care reform as

Corman introduced the legislation on January 16, 2013 and it was signed into law by Governor Corbett on February 20, 2013. The initial motivation for Corman was to guarantee that the \$60 stayed in Pennsylvania.

During the Senate's debate about the legislation, Corman emphasized, "This fine money, is coming from Pennsylvania residents, so it makes sense that it should stay here to benefit organizations and the children of the Commonwealth."

Berks County Senator Judy Schwank quizzed Corman as to whether the funding "could also serve adult victims of sexual abuse" reminding that often "people do not come forward at the

[To Keep Reading, Become a Subscriber!](#)

### **Penn State "Cluster Hires" dedicated to "Building new knowledge"**

Penn State's ability to retain \$12 million for its own "research, education and public service programs to help eradicate child sexual abuse" will permit the University to build upon earlier decisions made, in response to the Sandusky child sexual abuse scandal.

In 2012, Penn State created the Network for Child Protection and Well-Being. The Network is coordinated by Susan McHale, director of Penn State's Children, Youth and Families Consortium (CYFC) and Social Science Research Institute (SSRI). It includes four [Foundational Centers](#): Child Study Center, the Center for the Protection

[To Keep Reading, Become a Subscriber!](#)