



# In 2005, a Pennsylvania coach allegedly paid a T-ball player to hit his autistic teammate with a baseball to keep him from playing in the game. It's up to you to make sure this doesn't happen again.

The Pennsylvania Youth Sports Task Force is working towards promoting safe and fun youth sports for our youth. By enhancing the quality of youth sport programs in our communities we will be striving to ensure that incidences such as this one do not happen again!

The following list includes some of the PA Youth Sports Task Force initiatives:



## YOUTH SPORTS TOOL KIT

- This will provide resources for volunteers, parents, coaches, and administrators and can be customized to fit every community. This is available both online through the PRPS website and also on cd.



## PENNSYLVANIA PROMISE TO KIDS

- Only you can help make a difference in your community! This promise encourages our leaders to make a commitment for better youth sports. Something that everyone can and should make the pledge to do!



## TRAINING

-To engage professionals as well as volunteers to network, share success stories, and participate in educational sessions. This will be done regionally to accommodate everyone's hectic schedules.



## ADVOCACY

- We need to strengthen the importance of background checks in all youth sports programs. With our legislators help, we will be able to make this a priority in our state and hopefully make it mandatory.



The above initiatives will not make an impact without your assistance. If you would like to be involved in any of these initiatives or have resources to provide, please contact Kim Woodward at PRPS - 814.234.4272 or [kwoodward@prps.org](mailto:kwoodward@prps.org) or Kurt Baker (Task Force Chair) at Whitpain Township Parks & Recreation - [kbaker@whitpaintownship.org](mailto:kbaker@whitpaintownship.org).

It's up to you to make sure youth sports stay positive, safe and healthy!