A look at the strengths and challenges of Pennsylvania’s child-welfare system and the safety of at-risk children

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Pennsylvania’s child-welfare system is broken. Despite a major overhaul of state child-welfare laws in 2013-15, the people charged with overseeing the safety of at-risk children say those children are no safer now than they were before the changes.

2016: BY THE NUMBERS

- 46 child deaths in Pennsylvania
- 79 child near-deaths in Pennsylvania
- $1.8 BILLION spent on protecting Pennsylvania’s kids

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* percentage increase between 2014 and 2016