

SHIRLEY MOORE SMEAL
EXECUTIVE DEPUTY SECRETARY

Ms. Moore Smeal is currently the Executive Deputy Secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, a position she has held since April 2010. As Chief Operating Officer, she is administratively responsible for the day-to-day operations of a 50,000 inmate system and ultimately responsible to oversee the 16,000 staff members.



Moore Smeal began her career in corrections in 1987 as a clerk typist at SCI Huntingdon and was promoted to purchasing agent at SCI Smithfield in 1988. She later was promoted to corrections superintendent's assistant at SCI Albion, a position she held until 1999, when she was promoted to unit manager at SCI Camp Hill. In 2001, she was appointed as the executive assistant to the Secretary of Corrections and Deputy Secretary for Administration. She moved progressively up the correctional ranks serving in increasingly responsible positions of deputy superintendent, superintendent of SCI Muncy, regional deputy secretary, and acting secretary of corrections.

Moore Smeal is a member of the American Correctional Association (ACA), ACA Adult Corrections Committee, ACA Corrections Healthy Culture Committee, Advisory Council to the Safe Alternatives to Segregation Initiative with Vera Institute of Justice, Pennsylvania Prison Warden's Association (PPWA), and is President of the Association of Women Executives in Corrections (AWEC). She has served as chairperson for many leadership conferences, participated in several corrections-related webinars and workshops. She is the recipient of the National Organization of Black Women in Law Enforcement's 2012 Trailblazer Award for becoming the highest ranking female in the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. She is the receiver of the Lifetime Achievement Award from PPWA and Distinguished Alumnae Award. Moore Smeal holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Edinboro University.