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2015 Annual PREA Report

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PREFACE

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is a United States federal law passed in 2003 which deals with the preventing, detecting and responding to sexual assault incidents of inmates and residents. PREA established a set of standards that protect the Eighth Amendment Right (constitutional right against cruel and unusual punishment) of inmates and residents in confinement settings.

The Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ) has a zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and takes all reports of sexual misconduct seriously.

In compliance with PREA Standard §115.389 regarding publication of aggregated sexual abuse data, OJJ reports sexual abuse incidents as required in the Department of Justice's Survey of Sexual Victimization Summary.

The information provided in this summary is a review of sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations made in 2014 and 2015. This report includes actions taken by the agency to reduce PREA related incidents. The data was obtained in accordance with the sexual abuse and sexual harassment definitions mandated by PREA and includes data from The Office of Juvenile Justice's secure and contract facilities. OJJ reviews this data to study the possible causes, trends, and patterns.

Secure Facilities

2014 PREA Investigations (January –December)

BCCY	Staff on Youth	Staff on Youth	Staff on Youth	Youth on Youth	Youth on Youth	Youth on Youth
	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Unfounded
44	2	0	10	2	0	30

SCY- M	Staff on Youth	Staff on Youth	Staff on Youth	Youth on Youth	Youth on Youth	Youth on Youth
	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Unfounded
25	0	0	8	6	0	11

SCY- C	Staff on Youth	Staff on Youth	Staff on Youth	Youth on Youth	Youth on Youth	Youth on Youth
	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Unfounded
6	1	0	0	1	0	4

Staff/Youth	Youth/Youth
21	54

2015 PREA Investigations (January –December)

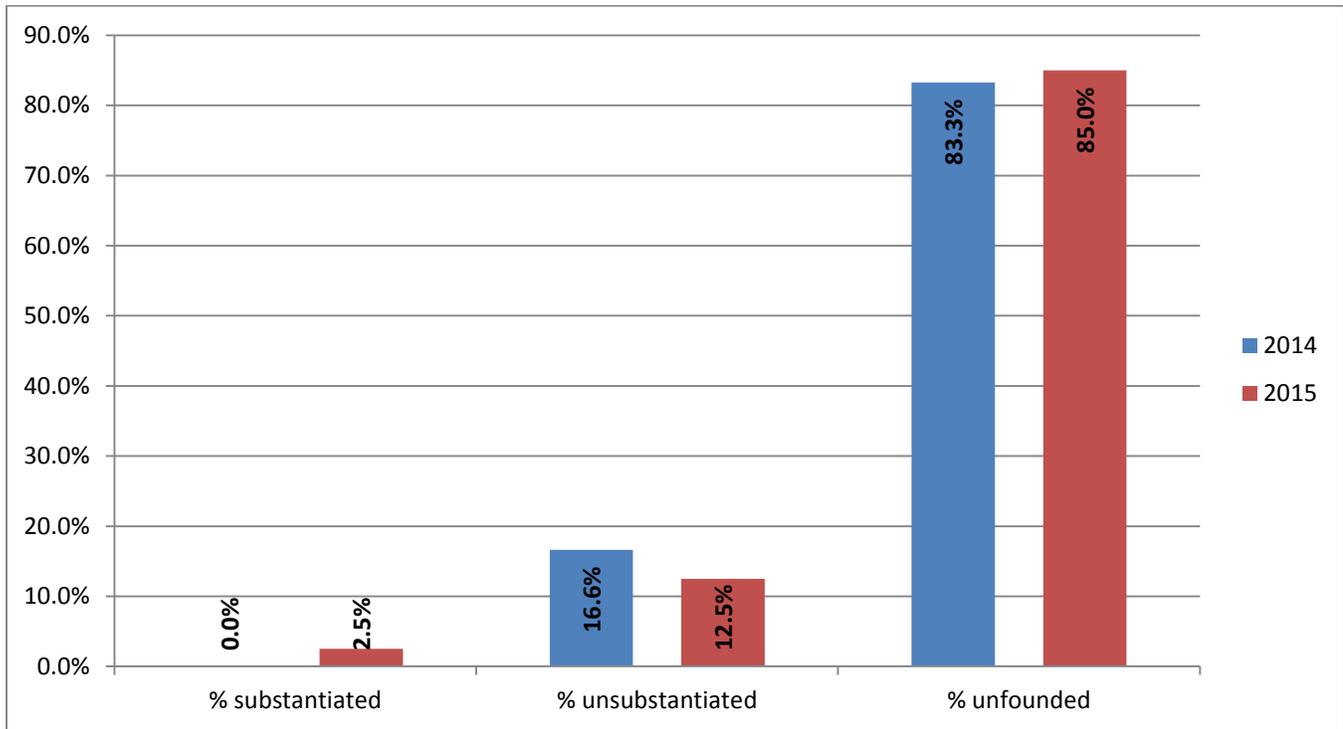
BCCY	Staff on Youth	Staff on Youth	Staff on Youth	Youth on Youth	Youth on Youth	Youth on Youth
	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Unfounded
23	5	1	4	2	1	10

SCY- M	Staff on Youth	Staff on Youth	Staff on Youth	Youth on Youth	Youth on Youth	Youth on Youth
	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Unfounded
31	2	0	8	3	0	18

SCY- C	Staff on Youth	Staff on Youth	Staff on Youth	Youth on Youth	Youth on Youth	Youth on Youth
	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Unfounded
7	0	0	1	0	0	6

Staff/Youth	Youth/Youth
21	40

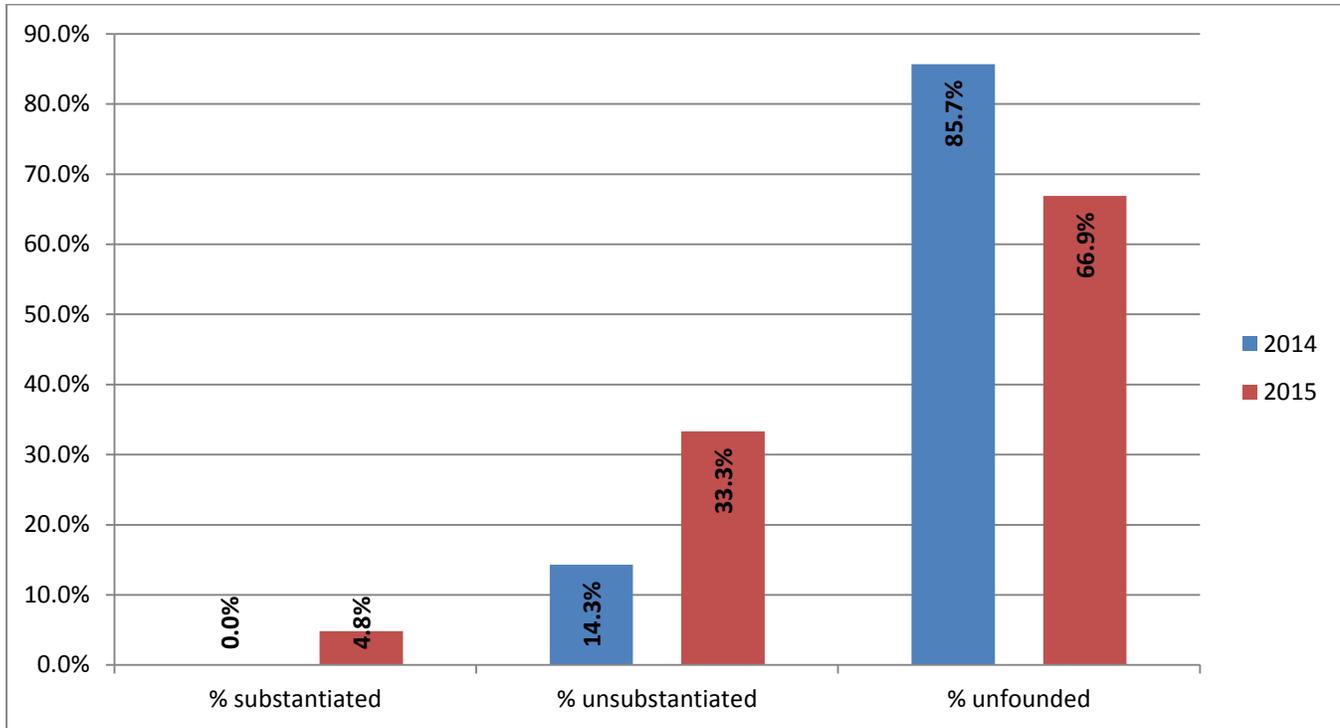
Chart below represents the number of youth on youth related PREA incidents reported in the secure facilities and the outcome of the investigation.



Secure Facility	2014	2015
BCCY	32	13
SCY-M	17	21
SCY-C	5	6
Total Number	54	40

- In 2014 there were no substantiated youth/youth PREA related cases; however there was one in 2015.
- In 2014, there were a total of nine unsubstantiated youth/youth PREA related cases and in 2015 there were five (decrease by four).
- In 2014 BCCY experienced 32 youth/youth related incidents, decreased to 13 in 2015.
- In 2014 SCY-M experienced 17 youth/youth related incidents, increased to 21 in 2015.
- In 2014 SCY-C experienced 5 youth/youth related incidents, a slight increase to 6 in 2015.

Chart below represents the number of staff on youth related PREA incidents reported in the secure facilities and the outcome of the investigation



Secure Facility	2014	2015
BCCY	12	10
SCY-M	8	10
SCY-C	1	1
Total Number	21	21

- In 2014 there were no substantiated staff/youth PREA related cases; however there was one in 2015.
- In 2014, there were a total of three unsubstantiated staff/youth PREA related cases and in 2015 there were seven.
- In 2014 BCCY experienced 12 staff/youth related incidents, decreased to 10 in 2015.
- In 2014 SCY-M experienced 8 staff/youth related incidents, increased to 10 in 2015.
- In 2014 & 2015 SCY-C experienced an equal number (1) of staff/youth related incidents.

Month to Month Comparison

2014		2015	
January	7	January	4
February	2	February	7
March	6	March	4
April	6	April	3
May	17	May	1
June	11	June	3
July	10	July	2
August	4	August	8
September	3	September	4
October	5	October	16
November	0	November	2
December	4	December	7
Total	75	Total	61

Overall Data Review

- Overall the number of PREA related incidents decreased by 14 incidents in our secure facilities (from 75 during 2014 to 61 during 2015).
- Bridge City Center for Youth (BCCY) experienced a significant decrease in the number of incidents from 44 in 2014 to 23 in 2015.
- Swanson Center for Youth-Monroe (SCY-M) experienced a slight increase in the number of PREA related incidents, from 25 in 2014 to 31 in 2015.
- Swanson Center for Youth-Columbia (SCY-C) experienced an increase by only one PREA related incidents, from 6 in 2014 to 7 in 2015.
- Year 2014 indicated an increase in incidents during the summer months (May-July); however this trend did not continue during 2015.
- Year 2015 indicated an increase in incidents during the month of October, but this did not occur during the previous year.

2015 Residential Contract Providers PREA related incidents

Christian Acres	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
7	0	0	0	6	1	0

AMikids-Acadiana	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
2	0	1	0	0	0	1

Rutherford House	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
4	0	0	0	1	1	2

Renaissance	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
3	0	0	1	0	1	1

Johnny Robinson's Boys Home	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
8	0	1	0	0	6	1

Ware Youth Center-Intensive Residential	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Ware Youth Center-Group Home	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

OJJ requires its contract providers to adopt and comply with the juvenile PREA standards.

- There were a total of 24 PREA related incidents reported by the non-secure contract providers.
- Only 3 of the 24 incidents involved staff allegations. (1 Unfounded and 2 Unsubstantiated).
- Of the 21 youth/youth related incidents, 7 were substantiated (6 occurring at Christian Acres).

OJJ understands that PREA implementation is an agency wide initiative, therefore the efforts for improvement include the secure and non-secure facilities. Below are some of the steps OJJ has taken during 2015 to enhance prevention and detection of sexual abuse incidents in all of its facilities.

- Provided a comprehensive PREA training to all OJJ staff and offered the same curriculum to non-secure contract providers to improve staff understanding of PREA and increase compliance with juvenile PREA standard §115.331.
- Provided cross gender and transgender pat search training to all direct care and field staff who may have contact with youth in accordance with juvenile PREA standard §115.315.
- Trained a team of field staff to conduct PREA investigations in contract facilities to provide support and improve compliance with juvenile PREA standard §115.371.
- PREA brochure for youth was updated, printed and distributed in English and Spanish to aid in improving youth understanding of PREA during the intake process.
- First Responder cards (wallet size) were created and provided to all staff to support the PREA training and staff understanding of juvenile PREA standard §115.364.
- An Intake Screening Assessment tool was developed to accommodate juvenile PREA standard §115.341.
- Identified and partnered with Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault (LaFASA) to allow youth to report incidents of sexual abuse to a private entity.
- Obtained and provided Quick Series PREA pocket guides for a quick reference of the PREA standards for staff.

Because PREA implementation is progressive, OJJ will continue its efforts to enhance the prevention, detection of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in all of its facilities. Some of the actions will include:

- Improve the 72 hour and periodic screenings process to enhance housing decisions.
- Ensure all new contracts and contract renewal appropriate language for the adoption and compliance with the juvenile PREA standards and specifies the agency's obligation to provide PREA monitoring of such compliance.
- Improve Sexual Assault Response Teams' (SART) response and incident reviews by providing refresher training through an LCLE grant opportunity.
- Establish use of the Field PREA database for field investigators throughout the agency for incident tracking.
- Improve "unannounced round" documentation by intermediate level or higher supervisors with review by PREA compliance managers and agency PREA Coordinator.
- Annual review of staffing plan for all facilities to identify patterns or trends in incidents of sexual abuse.
- Enhanced data reporting to reflect a separation of sexual abuse and sexual harassment incidents.

In accordance with PREA standard §115.388, a comparison was made between 2015 and 2014 for the secure facilities. As stated earlier, 2015 showed a decrease in PREA related incidents in the secure facilities. The same comparison was not made for the non-secure contract providers since this data was not collected during 2014. Also, in accordance with this standard, OJJ will make this information available to the public on its website.