

# OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

## 2016 Annual PREA Report

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## PREFACE

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is a United States federal law passed in 2003 which established standards directing the prevention, detection and response of sexual assault incidents of inmates and residents. PREA established a set of standards that protects 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 towards 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 report is a review of sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations made in the last three years (2016, 2015, and 2014) and also includes actions taken by the agency to reduce PREA related incidents. The data was obtained from the Office of Juvenile Justice's secure and contract facilities in accordance with the sexual abuse and sexual harassment definitions mandated by the juvenile PREA standards. OJJ reviews this data to study the possible trends, patterns, and possible causes of sexual assault incidents occurring in all its facilities to advance the Agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to all sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations.

In an effort to protect the identity of the youths in the custody of the Office of Juvenile Justice and to further reduce any security and/or safety risks at any of OJJ's facilities, all personal identifiable information, including name, gender, and age has been redacted from this report.

### **Secure Facilities**

### 2016 PREA Investigations (January –December)

<b>BCCY</b>	Staff on Youth Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>13</b>	0	1	4	0	5	3

<b>SCY- M</b>	Staff on Youth Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>25</b>	0	3	7	1	7	8

<b>SCY- C</b>	Staff on Youth Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>2</b>	0	0	0	0	0	2

<b>Staff/Youth</b>	<b>Youth/Youth</b>
15	26

### 2015 PREA Investigations (January –December)

<b>BCCY</b>	Staff on Youth Substantiated	Staff on Youth Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>23</b>	1	5	4	1	2	10

<b>SCY- M</b>	Staff on Youth Substantiated	Staff on Youth Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>31</b>	0	2	8	0	3	18

<b>SCY- C</b>	Staff on Youth Substantiated	Staff on Youth Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>7</b>	0	0	1	0	0	6

<b>Staff/Youth</b>	<b>Youth/Youth</b>
21	40

### 2014 PREA Investigations (January –December)

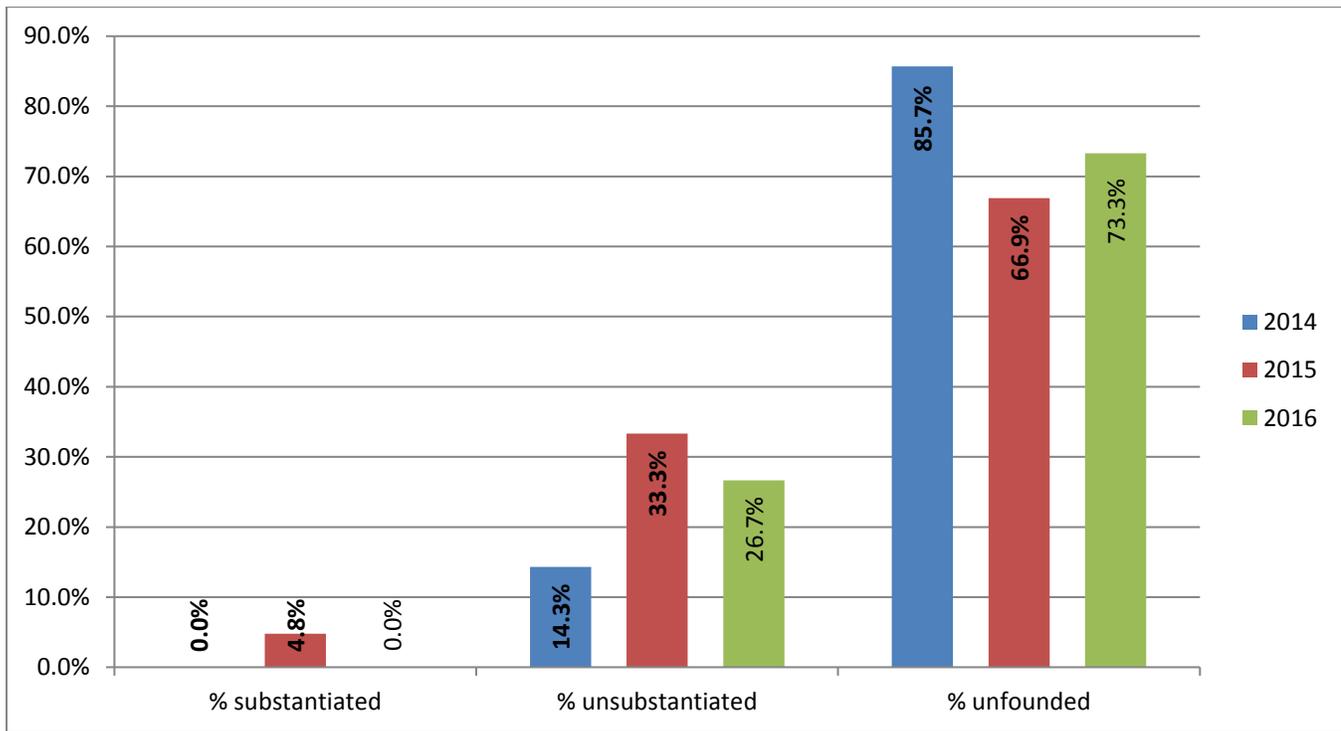
<b>BCCY</b>	Staff on Youth Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>44</b>	0	2	10	0	2	30

<b>SCY- M</b>	Staff on Youth Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>25</b>	0	0	8	0	6	11

<b>SCY- C</b>	Staff on Youth Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>6</b>	0	1	0	0	1	4

<b>Staff/Youth</b>	<b>Youth/Youth</b>
21	54

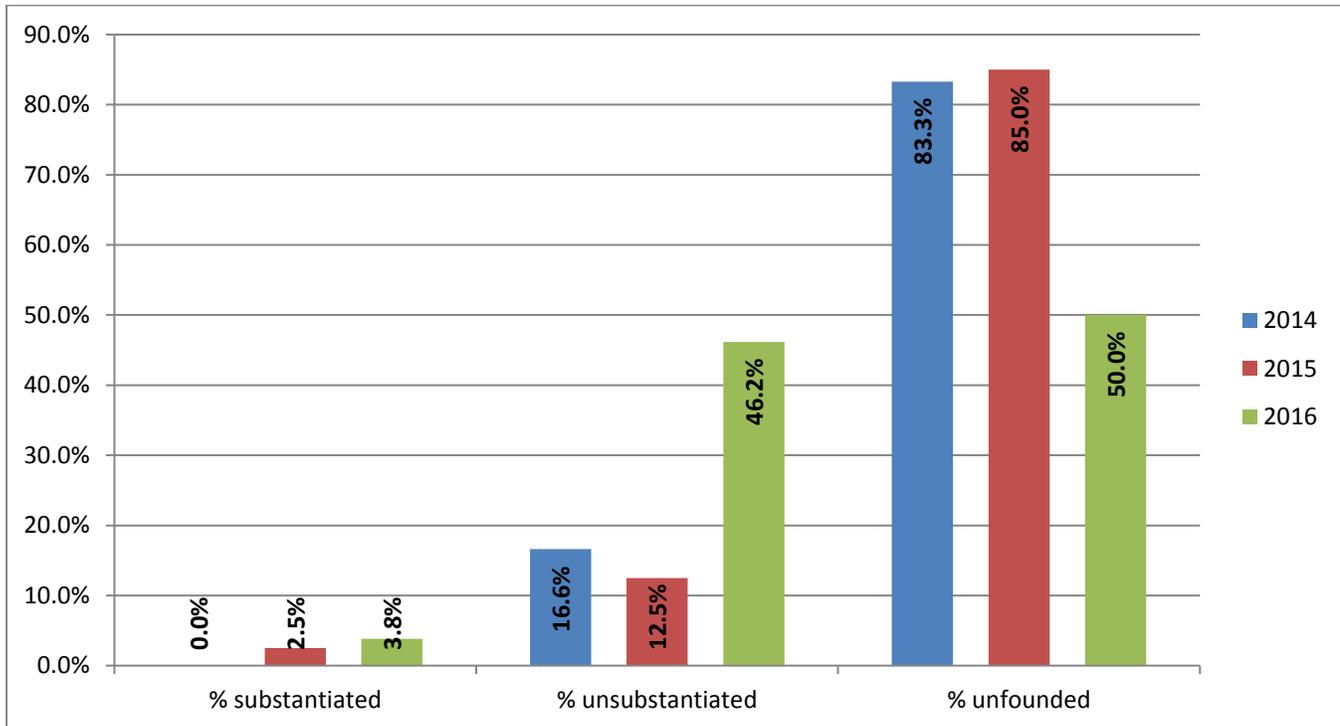
The chart below represents the number of **staff on youth** PREA related incidents reported in the secure facilities and the outcomes of the investigations.



Secure Facility	2016	2015	2014
BCCY	5	10	12
SCY-M	10	10	8
SCY-C	0	1	1
Total Number	15	21	21

- In 2016 and 2014 there were no substantiated staff/youth PREA related cases, (there was one in 2015).
- In 2016 and 2015 there were seven unsubstantiated staff on youth PREA related cases and in 2014, there were a total of three unsubstantiated cases.
- In 2016 BCCY experienced a 50% decrease in staff on youth PREA related incidents from the previous year's total. Of the 5 incidents reported, 4 were Unfounded and 1 Unsubstantiated.
- SCY-M did experience a change in the number of staff on youth PREA related incidents, 7 of 10 incidents reported were investigated and determined to be unfounded.
- SCY-C did not experience receive any staff on youth PREA related reports during 2016.

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



Secure Facility	2016	2015	2014
BCCY	8	13	32
SCY-M	16	21	17
SCY-C	2	6	5
Total Number	26	40	54

- In 2016 & 2015 there was only one substantiated youth-on-youth PREA related incident. There weren't any substantiated PREA related incidents in 2014 at either of OJJ's secure care facilities.
- In 2016 there was a total of 12 unsubstantiated youth on youth PREA related incidents and in 2015 there were five (increase by eight).
- BCCY continues to experience a decrease in the number of youth on youth PREA related incidents. In 2016, this facility received 5 fewer reports than the previous year (**38.5 % decrease**).
- SCY-M also experienced a decrease in the number of youth on youth PREA related incidents in 2016. Also received, 5 fewer reports from the previous year (**23.8% decrease**).
- SCY-C experienced a decrease as well, receiving 4 fewer reports than the previous year (**66.6% decrease**).

## Month to Month Comparison

### Secure Facilities

2014	
January	7
February	2
March	6
April	6
May	17
June	11
July	10
August	4
September	3
October	5
November	0
December	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>

2015	
January	4
February	7
March	4
April	3
May	1
June	3
July	2
August	8
September	4
October	16
November	2
December	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>

2016	
January	7
February	3
March	5
April	4
May	3
June	1
July	6
August	5
September	2
October	3
November	2
December	
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>

Side-by Side Facility Comparison	2016	2015	2014
BCCY	13	23	44
SCY-M	26	31	25
SCY-C	2	7	6
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>75</b>

### Overall Data Review

- Overall, the total number of PREA related incidents continue to decrease each year at all secure facilities.
- Bridge City Center for Youth (BCCY) continues to experience a significant decrease in the number of incidents from 44 in 2014 to 23 in 2015 and 13 total PREA incidents in 2016 (**over a 70% decrease from the previous 2 years**).
- Swanson Center for Youth-Monroe (SCY-M) experienced a marginal decrease in the number of PREA related incidents, from 31 in 2015 to 26 in 2016 (**16% decrease**).
- Swanson Center for Youth-Columbia (SCY-C) experienced a decrease in the total number of PREA related incidents, from 7 in 2015 to 2 in 2016 (**71.4% decrease**).
- The month-to-month comparison indicate months that may need further review for patterns in incidents are: January, July, and August.

**2016 Residential Contract Providers PREA related incidents**  
**(January –December)**

<b>Christian Acres</b>	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>13</b>	0	0	2	7	2	2

<b>AMikids-Acadiana</b>	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>1</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1

<b>Rutherford House</b>	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>2</b>	0	0	0	1	0	1

<b>Renaissance</b>	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>2</b>	0	0	1	0	0	1

<b>Johnny Robinson's Boys Home</b>	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>2</b>	0	0	0	0	1	1

<b>Ware Youth Center-Intensive Residential</b>	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>1</b>	0	0	1	0	0	0

<b>Ware Youth Center-Group Home</b>	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

<b>Ware Youth Center-Shelter</b>	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

<b>Ware Youth Center-Treatment Center</b>	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

<b>Boys Village</b>	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

<b>Harmony Center</b>	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>1</b>	0	0	1	0	0	0

<b>ETC- Harbour House</b>	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>4</b>	0	0	0	2	0	2

<b>Boy's Town-Residential</b>	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

<b>Boy's Town-Shelter</b>	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

**2015 Residential Contract Providers PREA related incidents**  
(January –December)

<b>Christian Acres</b>	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>7</b>	0	0	0	6	1	0

<b>AMikids-Acadiana</b>	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>2</b>	0	1	0	0	0	1

<b>Rutherford House</b>	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>4</b>	0	0	0	1	1	2

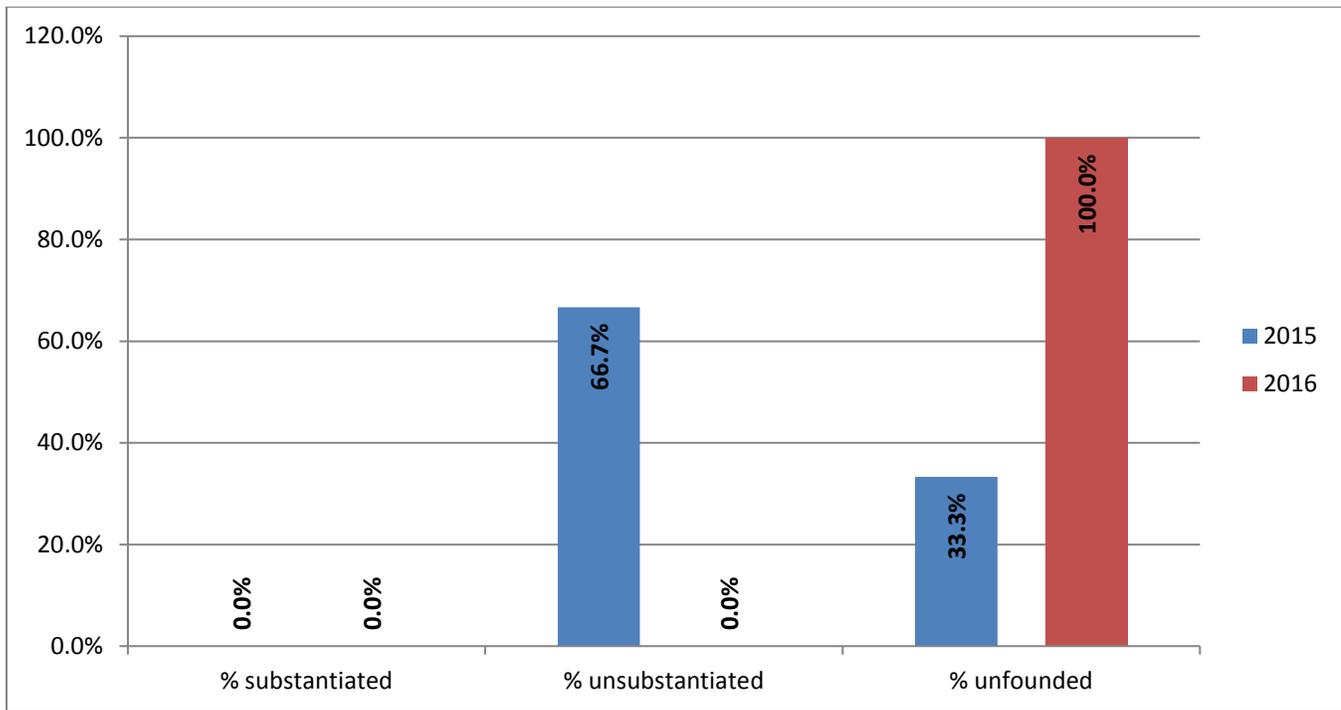
<b>Renaissance</b>	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>3</b>	0	0	1	0	1	1

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

<b>Ware Youth Center-Intensive Residential</b>	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

<b>Ware Youth Center-Group Home</b>	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

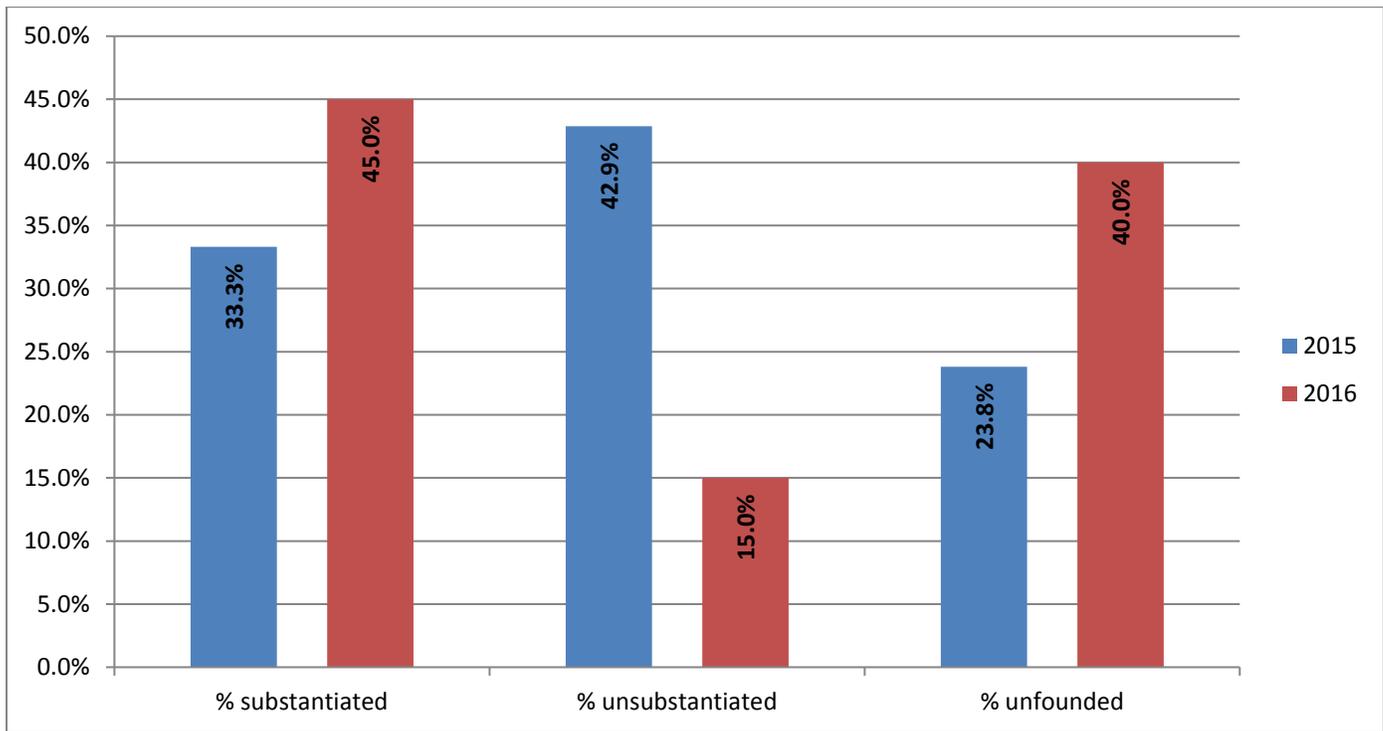
The chart below represents the number of **staff on youth** PREA related incidents reported in OJJ’s non-secure contract facilities and the outcomes of the investigations.



<b>Non-Secure Residential Facilities</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Christian Acres Youth Center	2	0
AMIkids-Acadiana	0	1
Rutherford House	0	0
Renaissance Home for Youth	1	1
Johnny Robinson’s Boys Home	0	1
Ware Youth Center-residential	1	0
Ware Youth Center-shelter	0	0
Boy’s Village	0	N/A
Harmony Center	1	N/A
ETC-Harbour House	0	N/A
Boy’s Town- residential	0	N/A
Boy’s Town- shelter	0	N/A
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>

- Only 5 of the total 25 PREA related incidents in 2016 involved staff (all 5 were Unfounded) and only 3 of the 24 incidents reported in 2015 involved staff (1 Unfounded and 2 Unsubstantiated).

The chart below represents the number of **youth on youth** PREA related incidents reported in OJJ’s non-secure contract facilities and the outcomes of the investigations.



<b>Non-Secure Residential Facilities</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Christian Acres Youth Center	11	7
AMIkids-Acadiana	1	1
Rutherford House	1	4
Renaissance Home for Youth	1	2
Johnny Robinson’s Boys Home	2	7
Ware Youth Center-residential	0	0
Ware Youth Center-shelter	0	0
Boy’s Village	0	N/A
Harmony Center	0	N/A
ETC-Harbour House	4	N/A
Boy’s Town- residential	0	N/A
Boy’s Town- shelter	0	N/A
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>

- Of the 20 youth on youth PREA related incidents reported in 2016, 9 were substantiated and of the 21 occurring in 2015, 7 were substantiated (majority occurring at Christian Acres Youth Center which is one of the larger residential contract facilities).
- There were a total of 25 PREA related incidents in 2016 and 24 PREA incidents in 2015 reported by the non-secure contract providers. (Note: more facilities were added in 2016; therefore, this number does not completely reflect the decrease in the number of PREA incidents among the facilities having a contract with OJJ in both 2016 and 2015).

## Summary

OJJ understands that PREA implementation is an agency-wide initiative, therefore the efforts for improvement include its secure and non-secure contract facilities. Below are some of the steps OJJ has taken during 2016 to enhance the prevention, detection, and response to sexual abuse and sexual harassment incidents in all of its facilities.

- OJJ continues to require all new staff to attend and successfully complete a comprehensive PREA training. In addition, all staff receive PREA refresher training on an annual basis. This same curriculum is offered to OJJ's non-secure contract providers to improve their staffs' understanding of PREA and to maintain compliance efforts with juvenile PREA standard §115.331.
- Cross gender and transgender pat search training is provided to all direct care and field staff who may have contact with youth in accordance with juvenile PREA standard §115.315.
- Trained field PREA investigators (Probation and Parole Officers) are actively involved in following the protocol for investigating & working with local law enforcement agencies to enhance the investigation of all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in contract facilities. These Probation & Parole Officers are available to provide support and improve compliance with juvenile PREA standard §115.371.
- Use of the Field PREA database for field investigators throughout the agency for incident tracking of incidents alleged within non-secure facilities.
- Held an agency-wide Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Training with all secure and non-secure contract facilities to improve response and establish consistency among all facilities.

Because OJJ appreciates the magnitude of sexual safety within its facilities, the agency will continue its efforts to improve sexual safety throughout all of its facilities. Some of these actions may include the following:

- Improve the 72 hour and periodic screenings process to enhance housing decisions.
- Provide trauma informed care training to direct care staff in secure facilities.
- 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.
- Improve the Agency PREA Compliance database for use by secure facilities to allow routine data entry to monitor compliance.
- Seek ways to improve the investigation outcomes in secure facilities by decreasing the number of unsubstantiated cases.
- Obtain additional cameras to enhance PREA investigation outcomes in the secure facilities and serve as an overall deterrent for sexual misbehavior.

In accordance with PREA standard §115.388, a comparison was made between 2016, 2015 and 2014 for the secure facilities. And as stated earlier, data continues to reflect a decrease in PREA related incidents in the secure facilities. The same comparison was made for the non-secure contract providers between years 2016 and 2015. Again, the data reflects an overall decrease in PREA related incidents. OJJ will make this information available to the public on its website, by the posting of this report.