

# OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

## 2017 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 (2017, 2016, and 2015) 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 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 reduce any potential 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**

**2017 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
	0	3	0	2	13	2

<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
	0	1	2	4	6	12

<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
	0	2	0	0	0	0

<b>Staff/Youth</b>	<b>Youth/Youth</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>39</b>

**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>
<b>15</b>	<b>26</b>

## 2015 PREA Investigations (January –December)

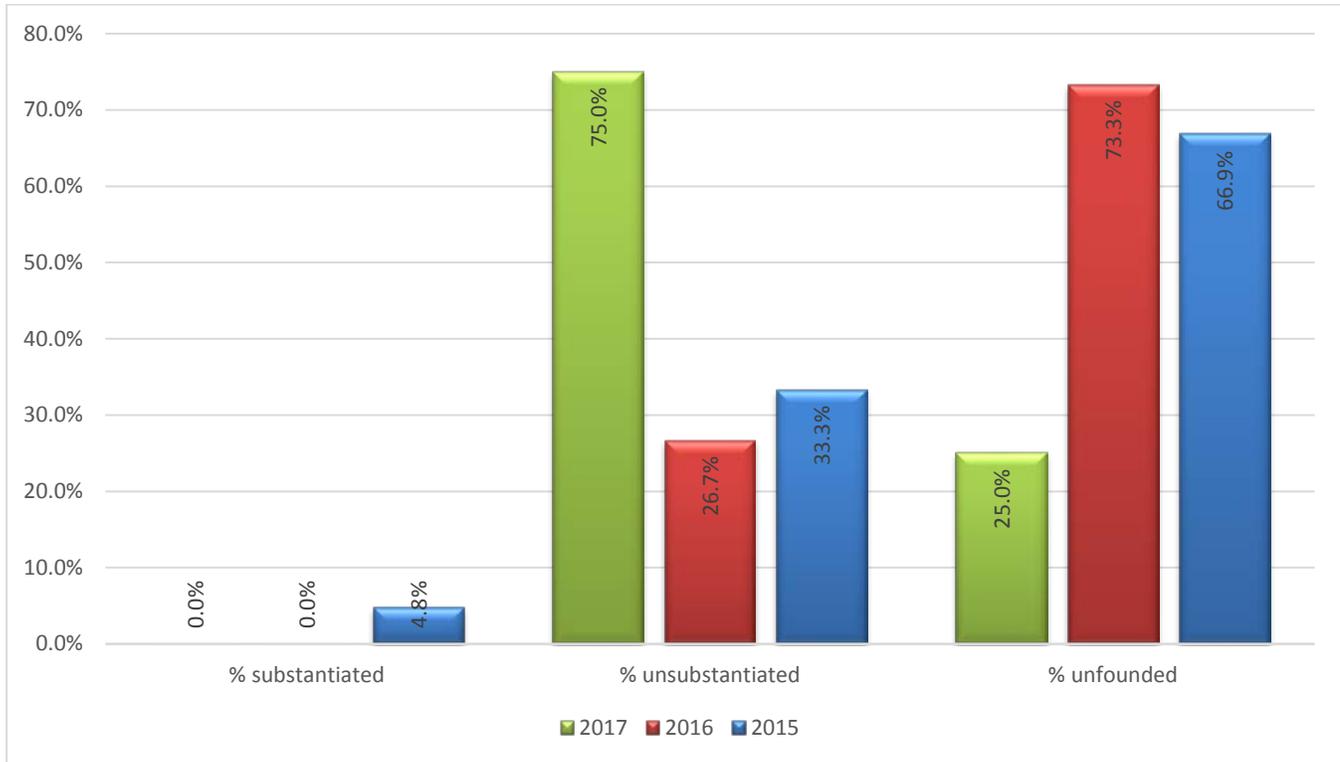
<b>BCCY</b>	Staff on Youth	Staff on Youth	Staff on Youth	Youth on Youth	Youth on Youth	Youth on Youth
	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded
<b>23</b>	1	5	4	1	2	10

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

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

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

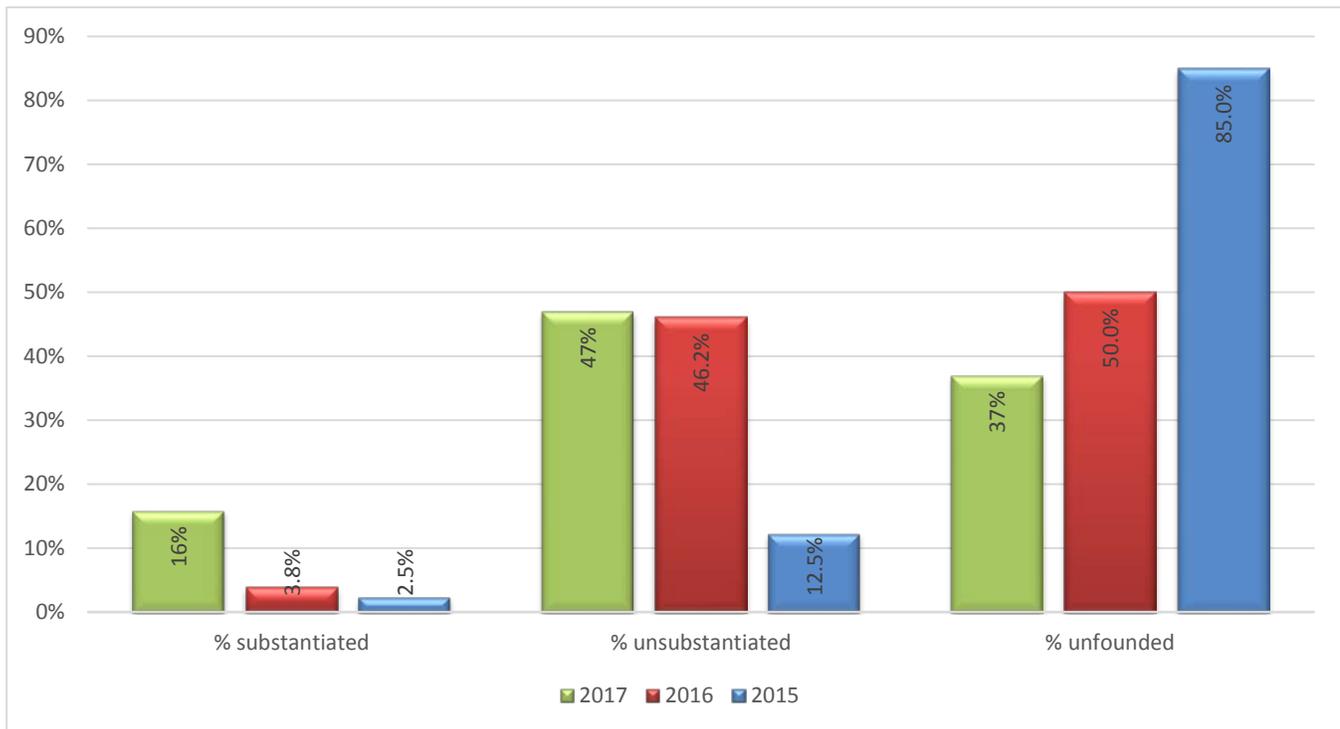
The chart below represents the number of **staff on youth** PREA related incidents reported in the secure facilities (Bridge City Center for Youth (BCCY), Swanson Center for Youth-Monroe (SCY-M) and Swanson Center for Youth-Columbia (SCY-C) and the outcomes of the investigations.



Secure Facility	2017	2016	2015
BCCY	3	5	10
SCY-M	3	10	10
SCY-C	2	0	1
Total Number	8	15	21

- In 2017, the Agency experienced an overall decrease of 47% of staff on youth PREA related incidents from the previous year.
- BCCY and SCY-M reported a reduction in staff on youth PREA related incidents, SCY-M experienced the largest decrease from the previous year (70%).
- In 2017 and 2016 there were no substantiated staff on youth PREA related cases.
- In 2017 there were 6 unsubstantiated staff on youth PREA related cases, in 2016 there were 4, and 2015 there were seven.

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	2017	2016	2015
BCCY	17	8	13
SCY-M	22	16	21
SCY-C	0	2	6
Total Number	39	26	40

- In 2017 there was a 34 % increase in the total number of youth on youth PREA related incidents when compared to the 2016 year.
- BCCY experienced a 50% increase in the total number of reported youth on youth PREA related incidents., SCY experienced a 28% increase while SCY-C did not have any reported incidents in 2017.
- There were 6 substantiated youth on youth related incidents reported in 2017. In 2016 & 2015 there was only one substantiated youth-on-youth PREA related incident.
- In 2017 there was a total of 18 unsubstantiated youth on youth PREA related incidents and in 2016 there were 12 (increase by six).

## Month to Month Comparison

### Secure Facilities

2017	
January	6
February	3
March	6
April	9
May	8
June	0
July	4
August	2
September	5
October	3
November	1
December	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</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	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</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>

Side-by Side Facility Comparison	2017	2016	2015
BCCY	20	13	23
SCY-M	25	26	31
SCY-C	2	2	7
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>61</b>

### Overall Data Review

- Overall, the Agency experienced an average 49 PREA related incidents each year within its secure facilities.
- Bridge City Center for Youth (BCCY) experienced a slight increase of 7 incidents, SCY-M experienced only 1 more than the previous year and SCY-C remained the same (2).
- The 2017 month-to month comparison indicate the months that experienced larger PREA related incidents are April and May.

**2017 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>6</b>	0	0	0	1	4	1

<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>4</b>	0	1	0	0	3	0

<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>3</b>	0	1	0	0	2	0

<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	1	0	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>1</b>	0	0	0	0	0	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>2</b>	1	0	0	0	0	1

<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>1</b>	0	0	0	0	1	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>3</b>	0	0	0	0	2	1

<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>2</b>	0	0	0	0	0	2

<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>2</b>	0	1	0	0	0	1

<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>1</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1

<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

**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
0	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
0	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
1	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
4	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
0	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
0	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

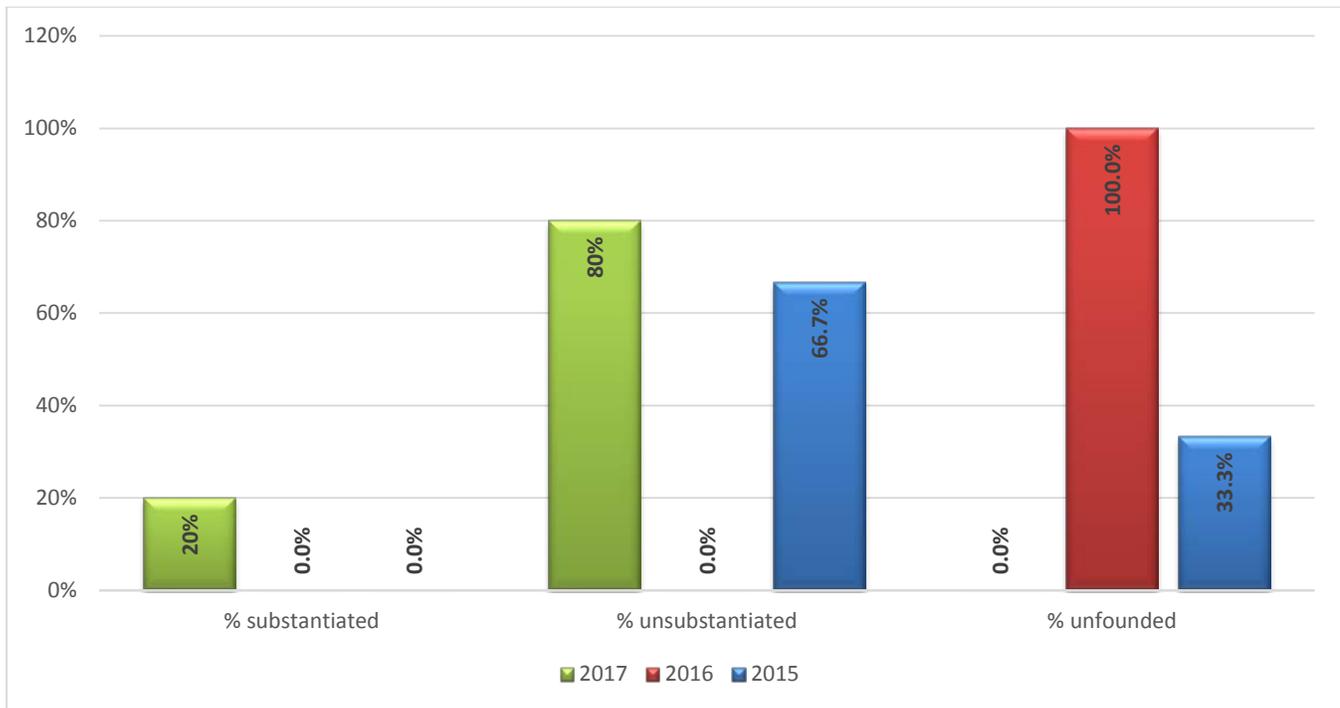
<b>Renaissance</b>	Staff on Staff Substantiated	Staff on Youth Unsubstantiated	Staff on Youth Unfounded	Youth on Youth Substantiated	Youth on Youth Unsubstantiated	Youth on Youth Unfounded
<b>3</b>	0	0	1	0	1	1

<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

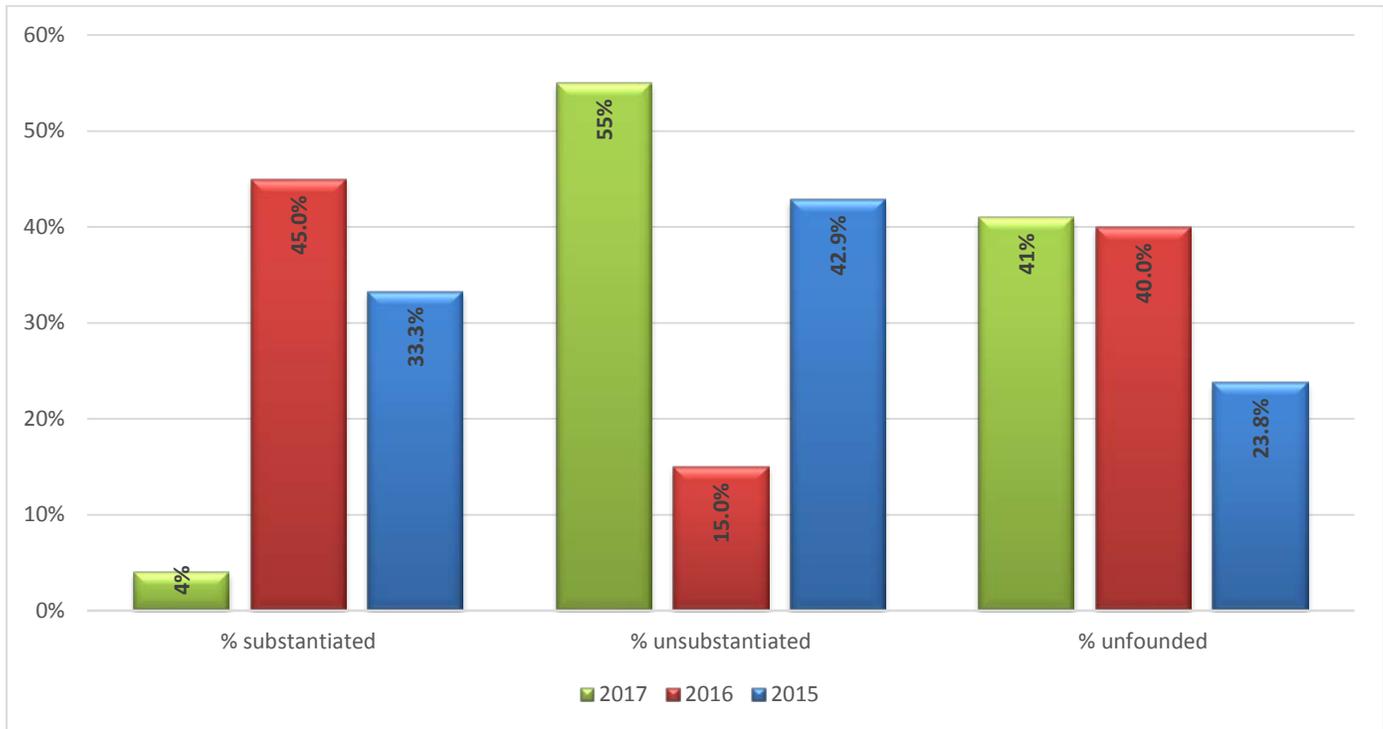
The chart below represents the number of **staff on youth** PREA related incidents reported in OJJ’s non-secure contract facilities and the outcomes of the investigations.



<b>Non-Secure Residential Facilities</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Christian Acres Youth Center (CA)	0	2	0
AMIkids-Acadiana (AMI)	1	0	1
Rutherford House (RH)	1	0	0
Renaissance Home for Youth (RHY)	1	1	1
Johnny Robinson’s Boys Home (JRBH)	0	0	1
Ware Youth Center-residential (WYC-R)	1	1	0
Ware Youth Center-shelter (WYC-S)	0	0	0
Boy’s Village (BV)	0	0	N/A
Harmony Center (HC)	1	1	N/A
ETC-Harbour House (HH)	0	0	N/A
Boy’s Town- residential (BT-R)	0	0	N/A
Boy’s Town- shelter (BT-S)	0	0	N/A
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>

- Only 5 of the total 27 PREA related incidents in 2017 involved staff (20% Substantiated and 80% were Unsubstantiated).
- In 2016 all 5 reported PREA incidents were determined to be Unfounded.
- In 2015 only 3 of the 24 incidents reported involved staff (1 Unfounded and 2 Unsubstantiated).
- Additional contract providers were added in 2016; therefore, data from several facilities was not available in 2015.

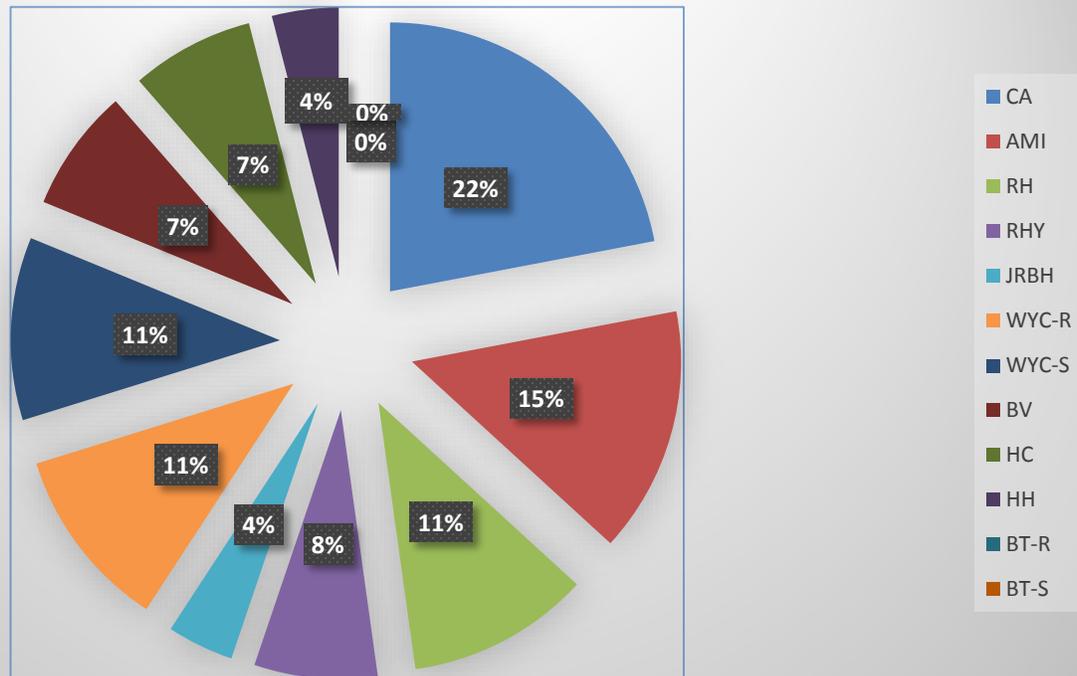
The chart below represents the number of **youth on youth** PREA related incidents reported in OJJ’s non-secure contract facilities and the outcomes of the investigations.



<b>Non-Secure Residential Facilities</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Christian Acres Youth Center (CA)	6	11	7
AMIkids-Acadiana (AMI)	3	1	1
Rutherford House (RH)	2	1	4
Renaissance Home for Youth (RHY)	1	1	2
Johnny Robinson’s Boys Home (JRBH)	1	2	7
Ware Youth Center-residential (WYC-R)	2	0	0
Ware Youth Center-shelter (WYC-S)	3	0	0
Boy’s Village (BV)	2	0	N/A
Harmony Center (HC)	1	0	N/A
ETC-Harbour House (HH)	1	4	N/A
Boy’s Town- residential (BT-R)	0	0	N/A
Boy’s Town- shelter (BT-S)	0	0	N/A
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>

- Of the 22 youth on youth PREA related incidents reported in 2017, only 1 was substantiated compared to 9 in 2016 and 7 in 2015.
- Additional contract providers were added in 2016; therefore, data from several facilities was not available in 2015.

**% of PREA related Incidents by Contract Providers**



<b>Non-Secure Residential Facilities</b>
Christian Acres Youth Center ( <b>CA</b> )
AMIkids-Acadiana ( <b>AMI</b> )
Rutherford House ( <b>RH</b> )
Renaissance Home for Youth ( <b>RHY</b> )
Johnny Robinson’s Boys Home ( <b>JRBH</b> )
Ware Youth Center-residential ( <b>WYC-R</b> )
Ware Youth Center-shelter ( <b>WYC-S</b> )
Boy’s Village ( <b>BV</b> )
Harmony Center ( <b>HC</b> )
ETC-Harbour House ( <b>HH</b> )
Boy’s Town- residential ( <b>BT-R</b> )
Boy’s Town- shelter ( <b>BT-S</b> )

- There was a total of 27 PREA related incidents in 2017, 22 in 2016, and 24 in 2015 reported by the non-secure contract providers.
- Of the 27 PREA related incidents occurring in 2017, Christian Acres experienced the majority of the allegations (6). All PREA related allegations reported by Christian Acres in 2017 were youth on youth incidents.
- Boy’s Town- Residential and Shelter did not have any PREA related incidents in 2017.

## Summary

OJJ understands that PREA implementation is an agency-wide initiative, therefore efforts to advance PREA implementation include its secure and non-secure contract facilities. Below are several steps OJJ took during 2017 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 services 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 ensuring the protocol for investigating PREA related incidents is followed in contract facilities. These Probation & Parole Officers are available to provide support to local law enforcement to improve compliance with juvenile PREA standard §115.371.
- Use of the Field PREA database for field investigators throughout the agency for tracking incidents alleged within non-secure facilities.
- Held a Trauma Informed Care training for trainers within the Agency to improve the framework of understanding and recognizing some of the responses of victims of sexual assault.
- Improved Unannounced Round documentation by requiring the completion of a specific form during such rounds.

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:

- Implement Trauma Informed Care training during pre-service and in-service trainings.
- Annual review of staffing plan for all facilities to identify patterns or trends in incidents of sexual abuse.
- Enhance 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.
- Obtain additional cameras to enhance PREA investigation outcomes in the secure facilities and serve as an overall deterrent for sexual misconduct.

In accordance with PREA standard §115.388, a comparison was made between 2017, 2016, and 2015 for the secure and non-secure contract facilities. Data reflects an overall decrease in PREA related incidents. In compliance with juvenile PREA standard §115.388, OJJ will make this information available to the public on its website, by the posting of this report.