

2016 Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Report

The Connecticut Judicial Branch is subject to the standards set forth in the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA), 42 U.S.C. § 15601, et seq. PREA established federal requirements for the prevention, detection and response to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement facilities. The PREA standards for lockups, juvenile facilities and community confinement facilities are all applicable to the Judicial Branch.

The Connecticut Judicial Branch has lockups in 39 courthouses that are overseen by Judicial Marshal Services.¹

The Judicial Branch operates two Juvenile Detention Centers located in Bridgeport and Hartford run by the Court Support Services Division (CSSD) Juvenile Residential Services.

The Judicial Branch also contracts with adult and juvenile providers throughout the state to provide residentially-based services for individuals in need of supervision, substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, and housing services.

The Connecticut Judicial Branch is committed to meeting its requirements under the Prison Rape Elimination Act. When individuals are placed in the custody of the Judicial Branch, the Judicial Branch has an obligation to keep them safe and free from all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The Judicial Branch must be accountable to those individuals. They have the right to be held in an environment where sexual abuse and sexual harassment will not be tolerated; and if it does occur, appropriate remedial steps will be taken to prevent it from happening in the future.

Individuals in the custody of the Judicial Branch are entitled to have access to justice. Their status as a confined individual must not interfere with that. All individuals who utilize the court system must have confidence that they will be treated fairly and with respect. Complying with the PREA standards helps to ensure that.

¹Prior to July 1, 2016, the Judicial Branch also operated two 24-hour adult lockup facilities located in Hartford and New Haven. These facilities were certified as PREA compliant by a Department of Justice (DOJ)-certified PREA auditor in 2015. On July 1, 2016, control of the two facilities was turned over to the police departments in the respective towns where the facilities are located.

Judicial Branch Progress in Addressing the PREA Standards

The Connecticut Judicial Branch continued to make tremendous strides in implementing the PREA standards during the course of 2016. In 2016, the following actions took place:

- Conducted on-site PREA audits of juvenile detention centers, 24-hour adult lockup facilities, courthouse lockups, contracted juvenile and adult community residential programs
- Developed Juvenile Residential Services “PREA Refresher” curriculum for 2016 In-Service
- Trained 190 Juvenile Residential Services staff in “PREA Refresher” during 2016 In-Service
- Trained 35 medical and mental health clinicians in “PREA Refresher”
- Trained 31 new dental providers in “PREA Standards and Education Training”
- The Girls Community Residential Program (CARE) in Waterbury successfully completed their PREA Audit in June of 2016
- CHR Milestone, Liberation, Renaissance West and Waterbury Transitional Housing successfully completed their PREA audits
- Successfully passed National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) re-accreditation at the Bridgeport and Hartford Juvenile Detention Centers.

In the coming year, the Judicial Branch will be focusing on the following tasks:

- Juvenile Detention Centers in Hartford and Bridgeport to undergo their second audit by a Department of Justice certified PREA auditor
- Develop refresher training for all PREA coordinators and compliance managers
- Create PREA brochure for contractors entering confinement areas
- Revise on-line training program for new Judicial Branch employees
- Develop refresher training program for Judicial Branch employees
- Develop on-line training program for Judges and Family Support Magistrates
- Review PREA language in existing supervisor training for sexual harassment and general supervisors responsibilities (Essentials of Justice)
- Update Judicial Marshal Services PREA policy
- Update Judicial Marshal Services refresher training

Judicial Marshal Services

Judicial Marshal Services is responsible for courthouse security and the transportation and custody of prisoners. Judicial Marshals oversee lockups in 39 courthouses throughout the state. These lockups are subject to the PREA Lockup Standards.

In 2016, 95,257 individuals were in the custody of Judicial Marshal Services.

In 2016, there were no reports of a Judicial Marshal sexually harassing a detainee.

In 2016, there were four unfounded reports of sexual abuse involving a Judicial Marshal and an individual in the custody of the Judicial Branch.

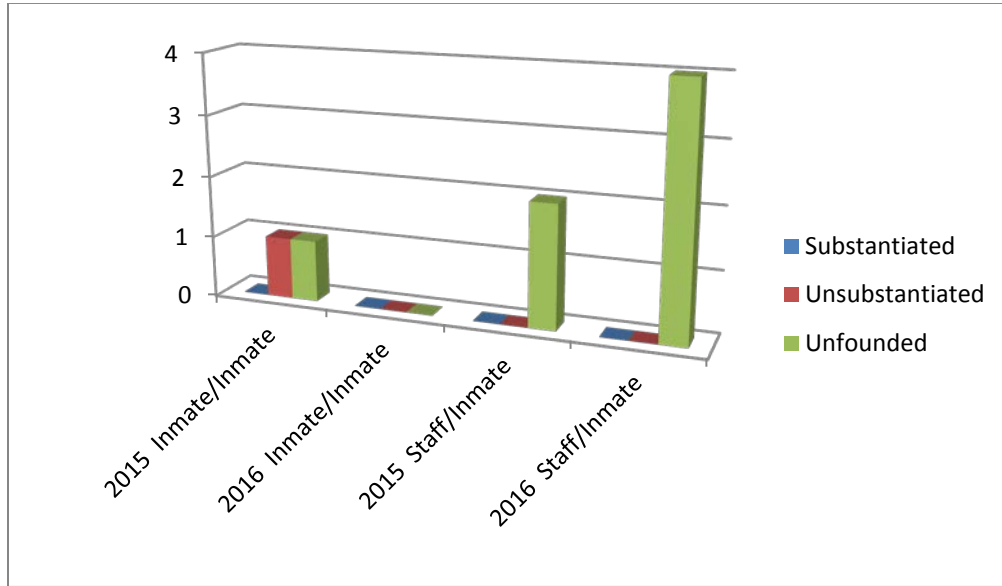
In 2016, there were no reports of detainee on detainee sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

In 2016, there were three reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that were reported to Judicial Marshals that occurred at confinement facilities not under the control of Judicial Marshal Services. In all of those cases, the Judicial Marshal Services' PREA Coordinator contacted the highest ranking officer at the location where the alleged incident occurred to inform them of the allegation.

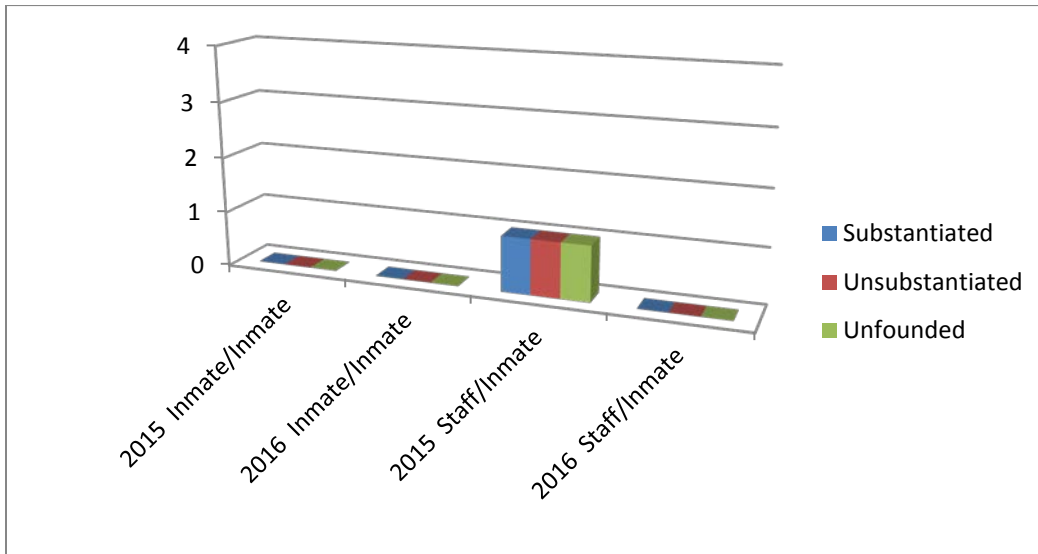
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2015-2016 Judicial Marshal Services

Sexual Abuse Investigations



Sexual Harassment Investigations



Juvenile Residential Services

Juvenile Residential Services oversees two juvenile detention facilities that are American Correctional Association (ACA) and National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) accredited. These facilities are subject to the PREA Juvenile Facility Standards.

Both juvenile detention centers were audited in 2014 by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor and were certified as compliant with the PREA Juvenile Facility Standards.

In 2016, 1,589 juveniles were admitted into the two detention centers.

In 2016, there were two unfounded reports of sexual harassment by a juvenile against a juvenile.

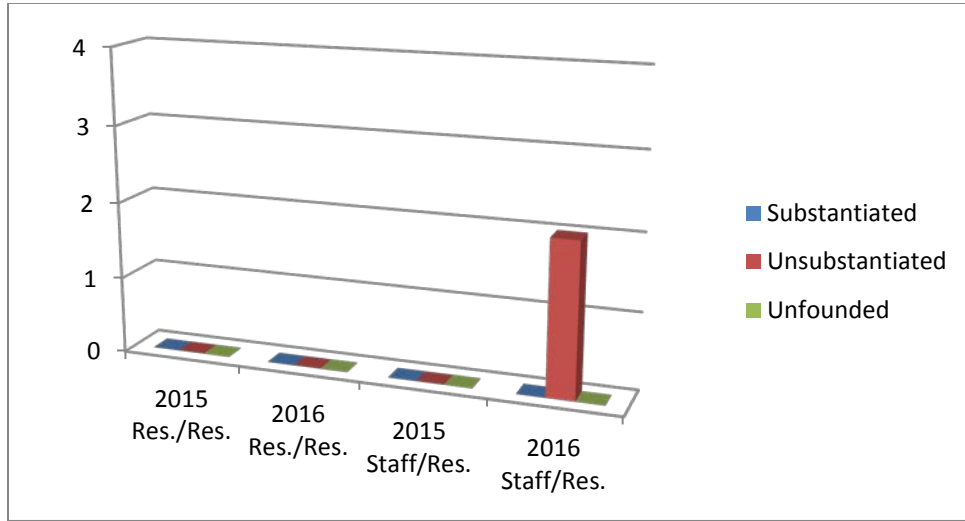
In 2016, there were two reports of sexual harassment by a juvenile against staff. One report was substantiated; the other report was unsubstantiated.

In 2016, there were two reports of sexual abuse by a juvenile against staff. Both reports were unsubstantiated.

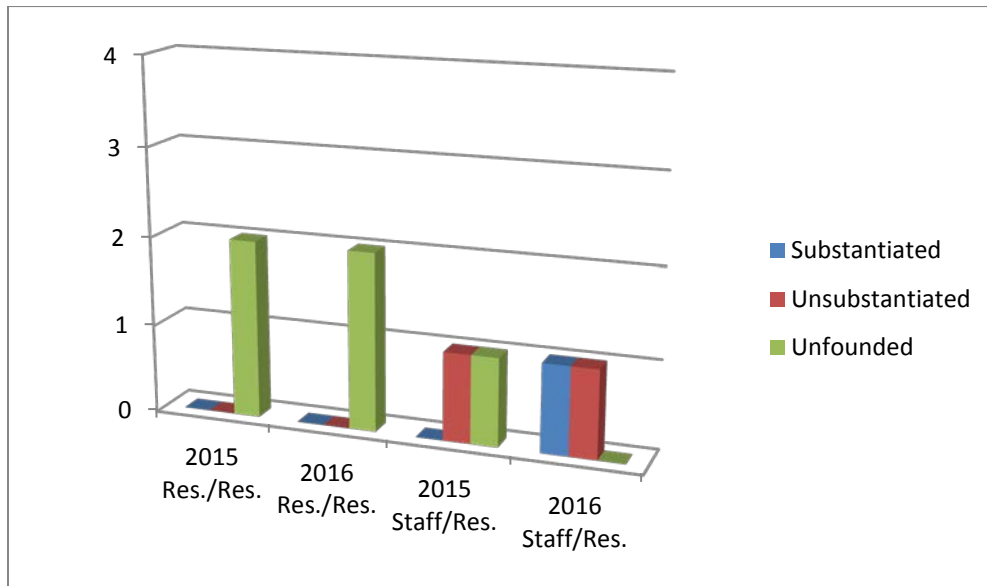
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Juvenile Residential Services – Detention Centers

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Juvenile Contracted Providers

The Connecticut Judicial Branch contracts with community providers for 6 community residential programs for juveniles within their care and custody. These facilities are subject to the PREA Juvenile Facility Standards.

BRAVE, Hamden

BRAVE is a community residential program for boys. BRAVE was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2016, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

SAGE, Hamden

SAGE is a secure community residential program for boys. SAGE was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2016, there were two substantiated reports of juvenile on juvenile sexual harassment.

In 2016, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse in this facility.

Connecticut Junior Republic (CJR), Intermediate Residential Program, Litchfield

CJR is an intermediate community residential program for boys. CJR was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2016, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

North American Family Institute (NAFI), Litchfield

NAFI is an intermediate community residential program for girls. NAFI was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2016, there was one substantiated reported incident of juvenile on juvenile sexual abuse.

In 2016, there were no reported incidents of sexual harassment in this facility.

Connecticut Junior Republic, Therapeutic Respite and Assessment Center (TRAC) Program, Litchfield

TRAC is a community residential program for boys. TRAC was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2016, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

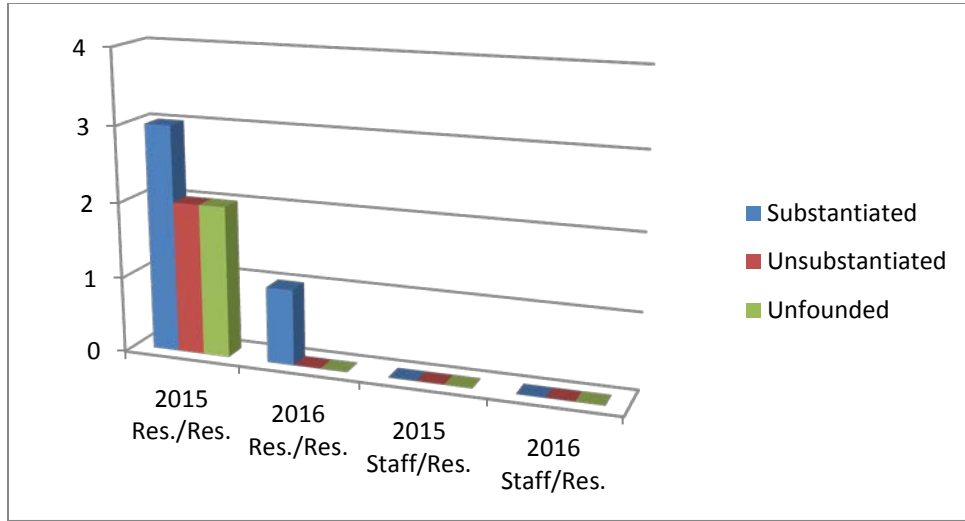
Connecticut Junior Republic, Center for Assessment, Respite and Education (CARE) Program, Waterbury

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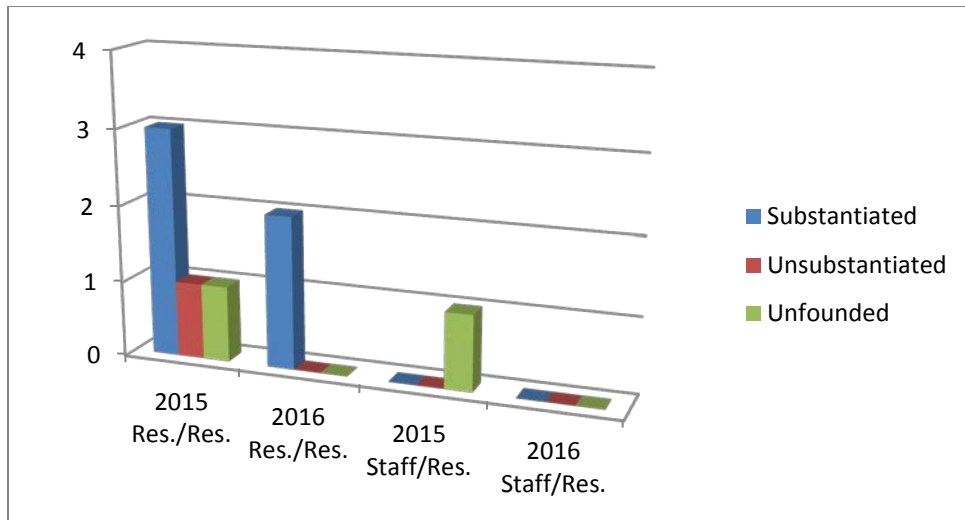
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Juvenile Residential Services - Contracted Programs

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Adult Contracted Providers

The Connecticut Judicial Branch contracts with community-based providers and/or has entered into Memorandums of Agreement with other state agencies for 19 programs for adults within their care and custody. These facilities are subject to the PREA Community Confinement Standards.

Sierra Center, New Haven

The Sierra Center is a long-term mental health and substance abuse counseling, employment readiness, community service program. The Sierra Center was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified auditor in 2015.

In 2016, there was one unsubstantiated report of client on client sexual abuse. There was also one unfounded report of client on client sexual abuse and one unfounded report of staff on client sexual abuse.

In 2016, there was one unfounded incident of client on client sexual harassment in this facility.

APT Foundation, Bridgeport

The APT Foundation is a substance abuse treatment program. APT Foundation was audited by a DOJ-certified auditor in January 2017. Results of the audit were not available at the time the report was drafted.

In 2016, there was one unsubstantiated report of client on client sexual abuse.

In 2016, there were no reported incidents of sexual harassment in this facility.

Crossroads, New Haven

Crossroads is a substance abuse treatment program.

In 2016, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Morris Shelter, Waterbury

The Morris Shelter is a short-term case management program with treatment services. Morris Shelter was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified auditor in 2014.

In 2016, there was one unsubstantiated report of client on client sexual harassment.

In 2016, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse in this facility.

Help, Inc., Waterbury

Help Inc. is a substance abuse and mental health treatment center. Help, Inc. was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2016, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Renaissance West, Waterbury

Connecticut Renaissance (West) is a substance abuse treatment program. Renaissance West was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2016.

In 2016, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

McCall Foundation, Torrington

McCall Foundation is a substance abuse treatment program. McCall Foundation was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2016, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Liberation House, Stamford

Liberation House is a substance abuse treatment program. Liberation House was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2016.

In 2016, there were two reported incidents of client on client sexual harassment. One report was unsubstantiated, the other report was unfounded.

In 2016, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse in this facility.

Perception House, Willimantic

Perception House is a substance abuse and mental health treatment program. Perception House was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2016, there was one substantiated report of sexual harassment by a client against a client. There was also one unfounded report of sexual harassment by a client against a staff member.

In 2016, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse in this facility.

Milestone (CHR), Putnam

Milestone is an intensive short-term substance abuse treatment program. Milestone was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2016, there was one substantiated report of sexual harassment by a client against a staff member.

In 2016, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse in this facility.

Farrell Treatment Center, New Britain

Farrell Treatment Center is an intensive short-term substance abuse treatment program. Farrell Treatment Center was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified auditor in 2015.

In 2016, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Lebanon Pines, Lebanon

Lebanon Pines is a long-term substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation program.

In 2016, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Elm City Women and Children, New Haven

Elm City Women and Children is a comprehensive substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation program for women.

In 2016, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Hartford Transitional Housing, Hartford

Hartford Transitional Housing is a transitional housing program. Hartford Transitional Housing was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2016, there was one unfounded report of client on client sexual abuse.

In 2016, there were no reported incidents of sexual harassment in this facility.

Waterbury Transitional Housing, Waterbury

Waterbury Transitional Housing is a transitional housing program. Waterbury Transitional Housing was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2016.

In 2016, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Project More Transitional Housing, New Haven

Project More is a transitional housing program. Project More was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified auditor in 2015.

In 2016, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Union House Transitional Housing, Bridgeport

Union House is a transitional housing program. Union House was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2016, there were no reported incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in this facility.

Virginia Wells Women's Transitional Housing, New Haven

Virginia Wells is a transitional housing program. Virginia Wells was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified PREA auditor in 2015.

In 2016, there was one substantiated report of client on client sexual abuse.

In 2016, there were two reported incidents of client on client sexual harassment in this facility. One report was substantiated; the other report was unsubstantiated.

The January Center, Uncasville

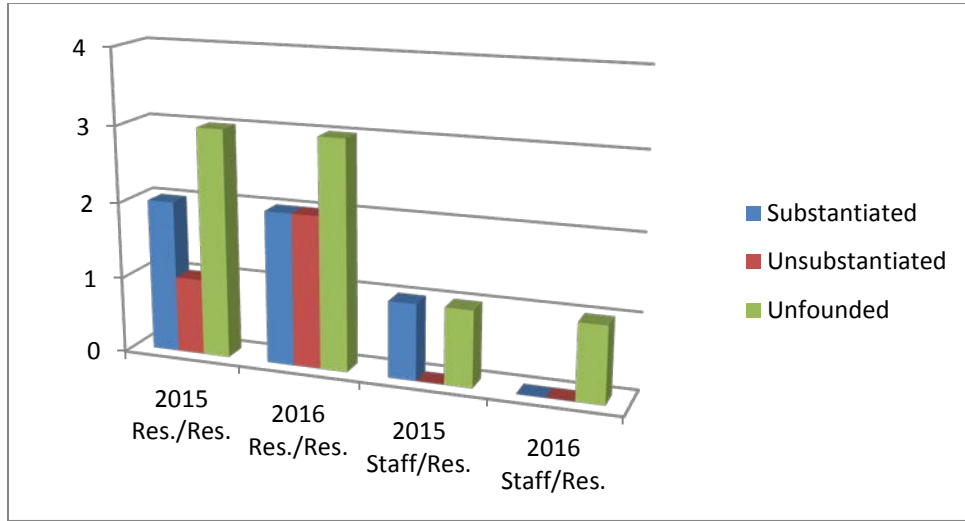
The January Center is a sex offender treatment program. The January Center was certified as PREA compliant by a DOJ-certified auditor in 2015.

In 2016, there were two reported incidents of client on client sexual abuse. One report was substantiated; the other report was unfounded.

In 2016, there were three reports of client on client sexual harassment. Two of the incidents were substantiated, one was unsubstantiated.

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