

2017 Annual PREA Review

Dakota Women's Correctional and Rehabilitation Center (DWCRC) is committed to maintaining the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 and enhancing the safety and security for DWCRC offenders. DWCRC completed our second PREA audit by February 2017 and achieved full compliance with all applicable standards.

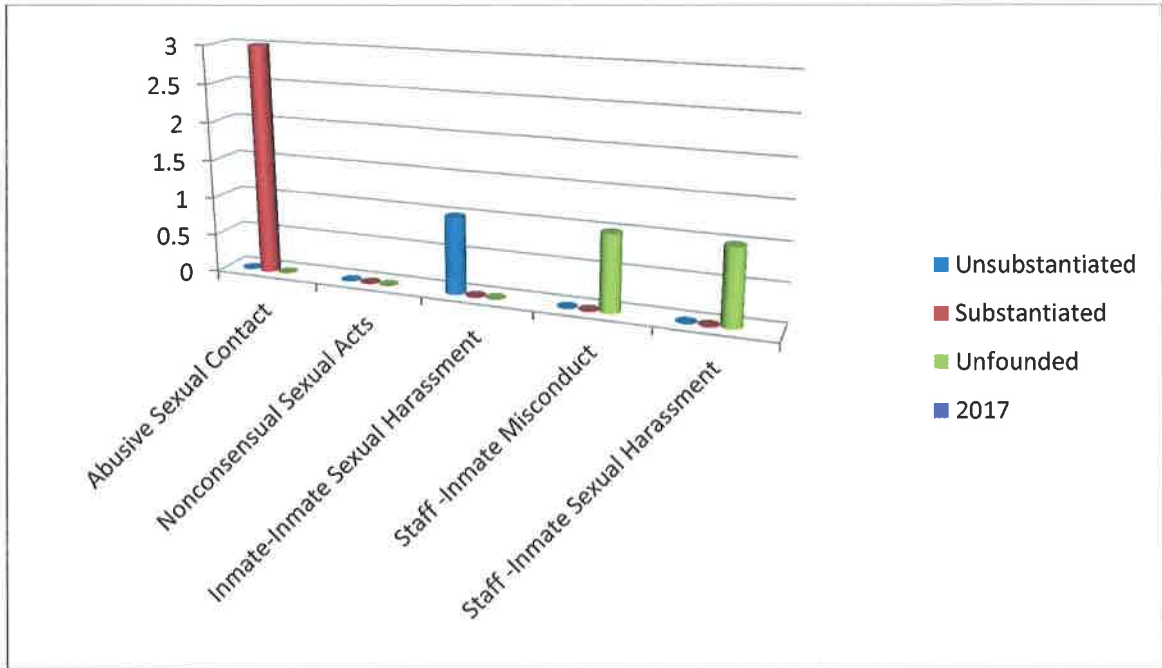
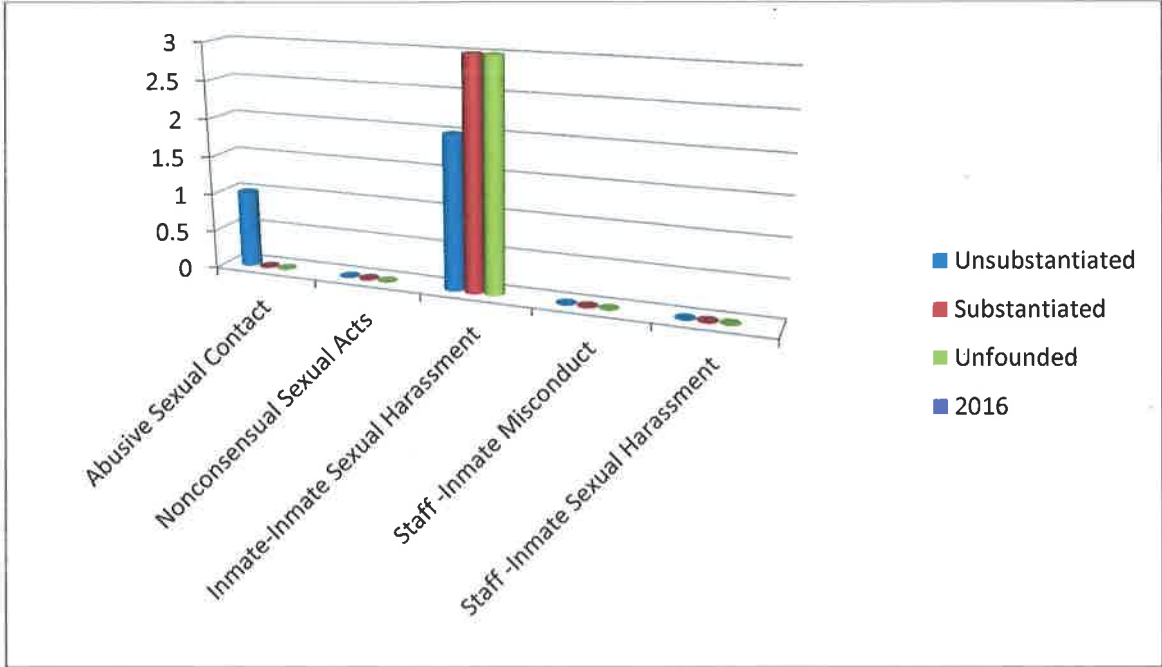
Purpose:

This document serves as an annual review to assess and improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection, response policies, practices, and training at DWCRC pursuant to §115.88 and §115.89 of the national PREA standards. Therein, the DWCRC is required to:

1. Review and aggregate incident-based sexual abuse data annually in order to improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training to include:
 - a. Identifying problem areas;
 - b. Taking corrective action on an on-going basis;
 - c. Preparing an annual report of its findings.
2. Compare the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.
3. Publish an annual report on the DWCRC website (swmccc.com) of its findings and corrective actions for each facility as well as for the agency as a whole.

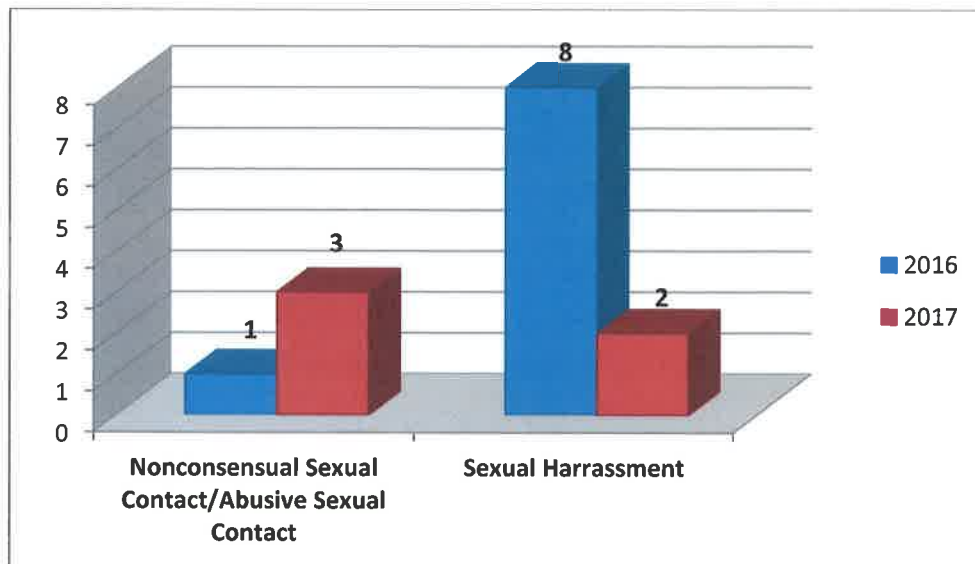
Aggregated Data:

DWCRC collects data from the referrals of investigations of abusive sexual contact/nonconsensual sexual acts and sexual harassment. The data in this section includes the aggregated data as well as comparison between CY 2016 and CY 2017.



Comparative Data Analysis:

The following graph is the comparison between CY 2016 and CY 2017 of DWCRC reports of Nonconsensual Sexual Contact/Abusive Sexual Contact and Sexual Harassment. These totals are all investigations, regardless of the findings of the investigation. Definitions for Nonconsensual Sexual Contact and Abusive Sexual Contact are from the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics.



Problem Areas/Corrective Actions:

The culture of consensual relationships among the inmate population although not PREA related and are prohibited by institutional rules have consequences when the relationship ends and is no longer consensual. Due to DWCRC small inmate population staff has the ability monitor consensual relationships for signs of intimidation.

The following are corrective actions completed at DWCRC:

1. Revision and updated DWCRC PREA policy.
2. Completed PREA audit, final audit report dated February 27, 2017
3. Addition of cameras in storage areas and public areas of Administration restrooms.
4. Windows placed in office doors to ensure unrestricted view.

5. Enhanced training for staff, contractors and volunteers with the guidance from the PREA Resource Center.
6. Continue to train additional PREA Investigators conducted by ND DOCR.

Conclusion:

Although the incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are low, a continued diligent effort to “Zero Tolerance” is warranted as every substantiated allegation is a cause for concern. For the wellbeing and safety of inmates and staff, DWCR remains committed to full compliance with all requirements of the PREA standards.