

DWCRC 2018 Annual PREA Review

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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:

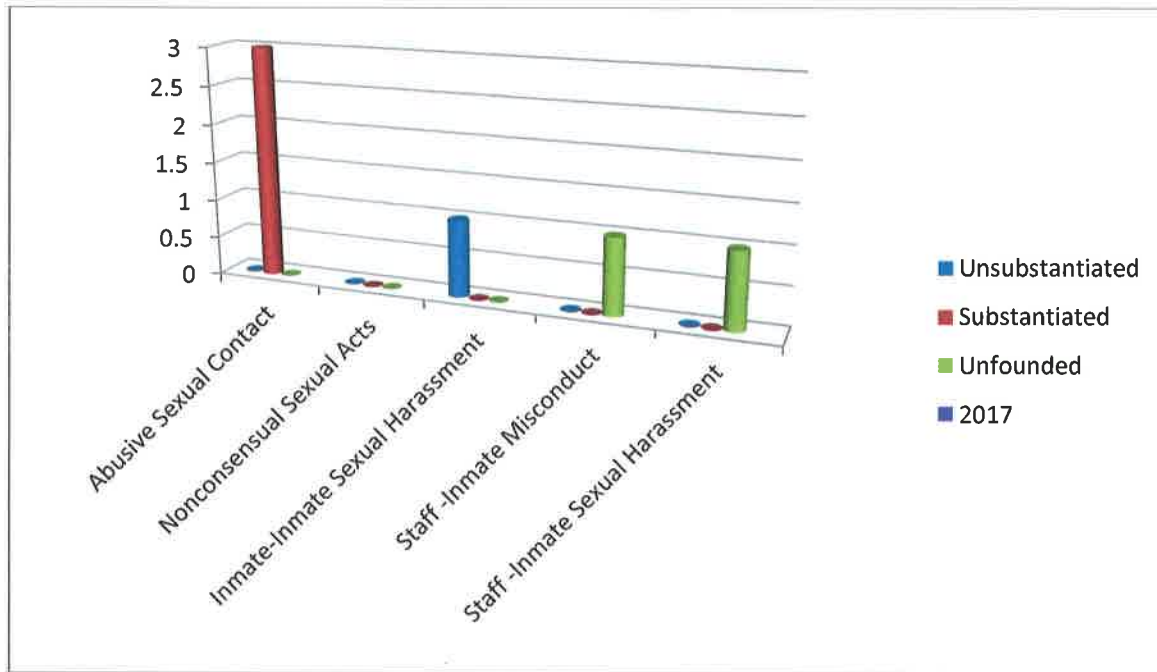
1. Review and aggregate incident-based sexual abuse data annually in order to improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training to include:
 - a. Identifying problem areas;
 - b. Taking corrective action on an on-going basis;
 - c. Preparing 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:

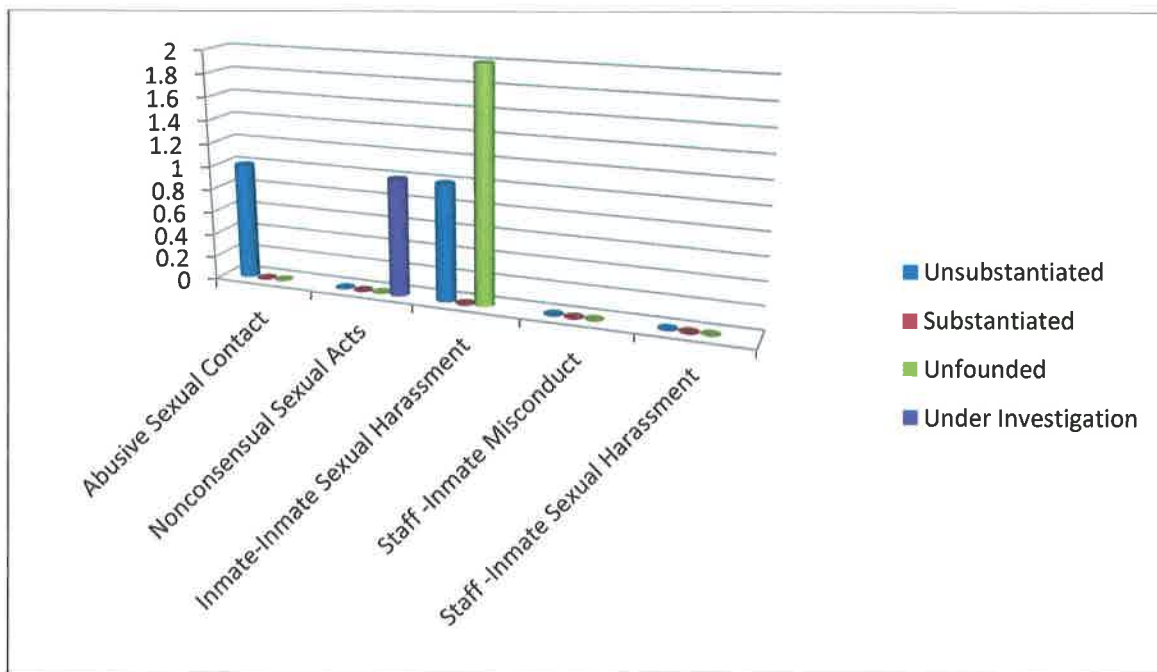
DWCRC collects data from the referrals of investigations of abusive sexual contact/nonconsensual sexual acts and sexual harassment. The data in this

section includes the aggregated data as well as comparison between CY 2017 and CY 2018.

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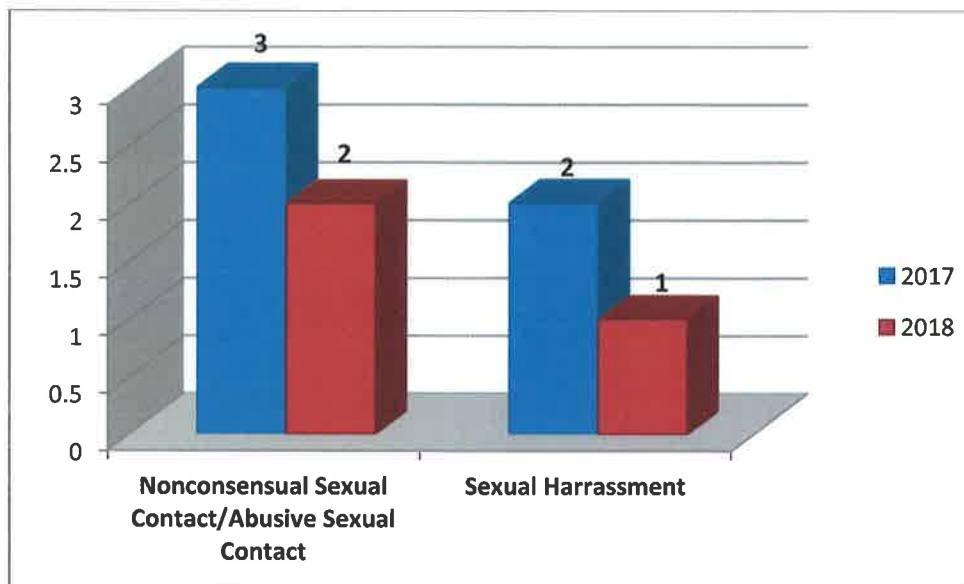


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Comparative Data Analysis:

The following graph is the comparison between CY 2017 and CY 2018 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:

DWCRC is dedicated to the maintaining the compliance with requirements of the PREA standards to safeguard that all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are taken seriously and fully investigated. DWCRC is dedicated to monitoring and taking corrective action in order to maintain full compliance with all PREA standards to ensure safety of the residents in our custody.

DWCRC has implemented systemic change to policy and procedures to integrate PREA standards where relevant. DWCRC places every effort to ensure the safety of our residents in our care.

The following are corrective actions completed:

1. Revised and updated DWCRC PREA policy.
2. Continue to enhance training for staff, contractors, volunteers and residents in a relatable and clear fashion to ensure full understanding of the PREA standards.
3. Expanded camera coverage that included cameras that have audio as well as video coverage in several areas of the facility.

Conclusion:

DWCRC remains committed to continuous evaluation of culture of residence and staff to remain in full compliance with all requirements of PREA standards. This is accomplished by immediate staff response to reports of all allegations for sexual abuse and sexual harassment, timely investigation and staff and offender education.

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