

Atlantic County Youth Center

PREA Annual Report - 2016

The Atlantic County Youth Center (AYC) publishes this annual report regarding PREA-related (Prison Rape Elimination Act) incidents and, where necessary, continues to improve AYC's prevention, detection and response efforts. Enhanced emphasis on AYC's zero tolerance of resident sexual abuse and sexual harassment has reinforced prompt reporting. AYC utilizes the PREA Incident Review Committee (PIRC) to conduct sexual abuse/assault incident reviews to determine if changes to or improvements in environmental, procedural, staffing and monitoring technology factors are required.

There were zero substantiated cases of sexual abuse for 2015 and 2016.

Specifically:

- In 2015, one (1) instance of alleged sexual abuse was reported which was investigated and determined as "unfounded".
- In 2016, one (1) instance of alleged sexual abuse was reported which was investigated and determined as "unfounded".

The above matters are also reflected in the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission's Survey of Sexual Violence which the agency completes each year for the Bureau of Justice Statistics.