



Lake County Sheriff's Office

PREA 2022-23 Annual Report

July 2023

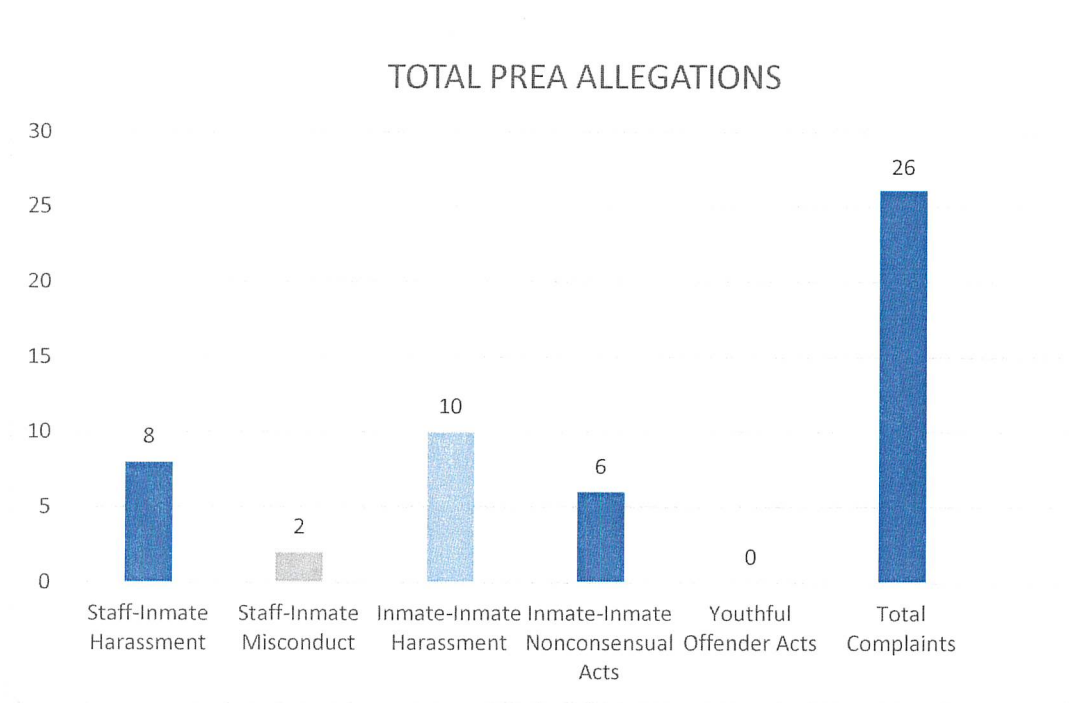
Purpose

The 2022-23 Annual Report was conducted to assess and possibly improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection and response policies, policies and training for the Lake County Detention Center (LCDC), pursuant to 115.88 and 115.89 of the national PREA standards. Therein, the Agency 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; and
 - 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 the annual report on the Lake County Sheriff's Office website of its findings and corrective actions for the agency as a whole.

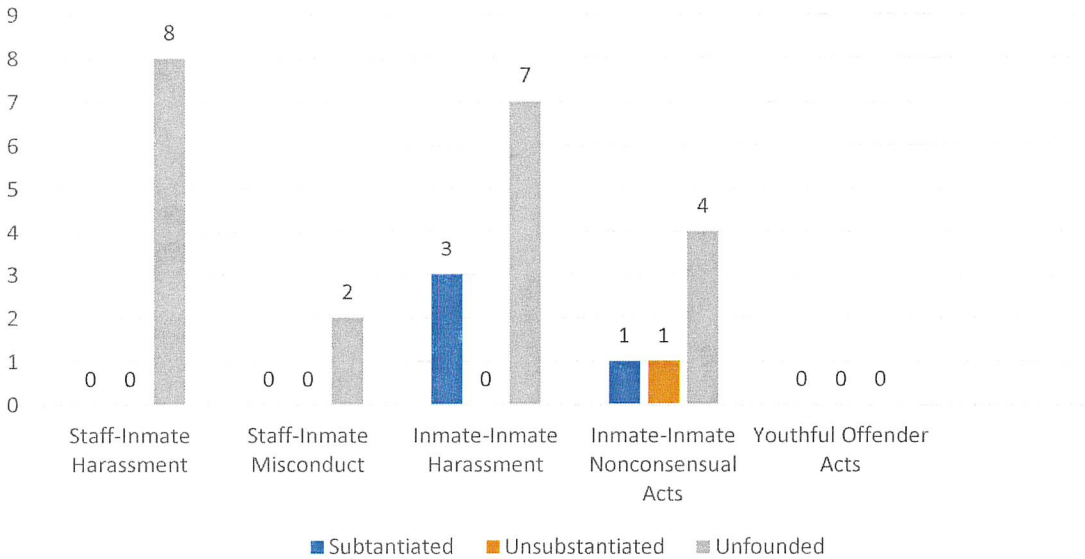
Aggregate Data

The LCDC collects data on a continual basis from the investigations of sexual abuse/misconduct and sexual harassment; both inmate-on-inmate and staff-on-inmate. This section contains aggregate data for PREA Data Collection Year 2022-2023.

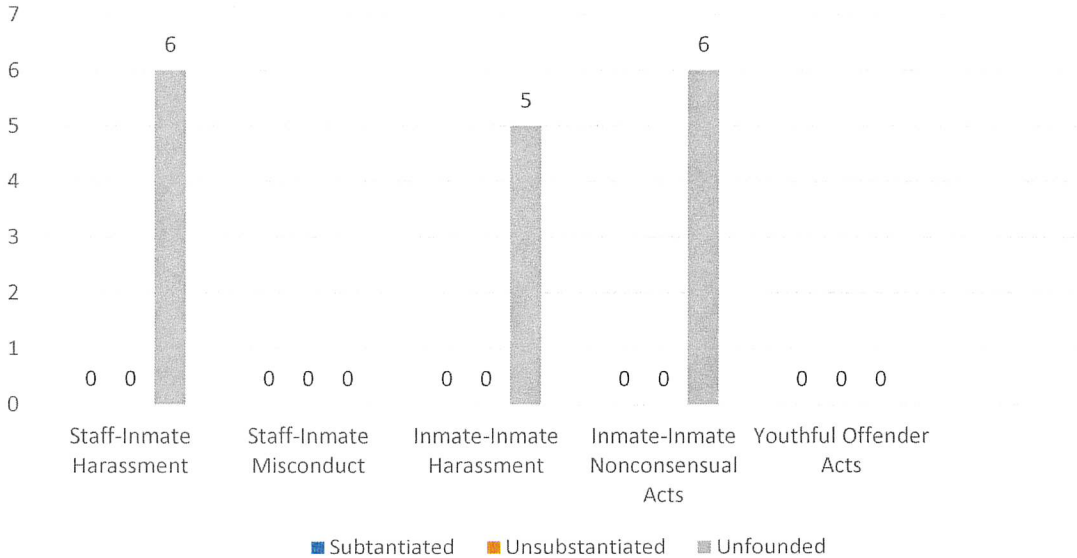


The two following graphs represent a comparison between allegations received in 2021 and 2022 and their dispositions. In 2021, the total was (17) while the total for 2022 was (26).

2021 PREA Allegations



2020 PREA Allegations



Comparative Data Analysis

The Lake County Detention Center saw a slight increase in the amount of reported sexual abuse and harassment allegations from 2021 to 2022. However, during this same period, the results of each investigation ultimately proved to be unfounded in every case in 2022-23. The awareness of policy and the criminal prosecution efforts clearly contributed to this outcome.

The agency continues to see the majority of allegations upon investigation are determined to be unfounded. All unfounded allegations requires either conclusive evidence that the allegation was false or that the inmate who submitted the claim was being untruthful. The ability to clearly identify that the allegation is false is a credit to the investigative process and the work of the agency investigators. Notice to inmates regarding the outcome of the investigation helps to reinforce to the inmate population that the agency will not tolerate false allegations for manipulation purposes.

Corrective Actions

The Lake County Detention Center staff and facility leadership is dedicated to on-going monitoring and corrective action in order to maintain full PREA compliance. The agency has not identified any patterns of allegations or behavior based on the recorded number of allegations of abuse in 2022. No changes to the housing or staffing were warranted.

With continual improvements in technology with regard to video monitoring, the facility staff utilizes every resource on hand to maintain a safe and secure environment for all inmates housed within the county jail. Constant visual coverage of all common areas, secure corridors, work and inmate learning areas enhance the sexual security and safety of inmates and staff.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office will continue to provide annual refresher training to all staff, volunteers, and contractors to reinforce the agency's commitment to the prevention, detection, and response to allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Approved:



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