

Rate of Sexual Abuse-2015

The Connecticut Department of Children and Families Juvenile Justice Services (DCFJJS) has adopted the principles associated with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) and maintains a zero tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents in the juvenile facility.

All complaints of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are thoroughly investigated. Allegations that appear to be of a criminal nature are referred to Law Enforcement for additional investigation and possible prosecution.

The Department of Children and Families Juvenile Justice Services (DCFJJS) had an average daily population of 105 residents at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School (CJTS) in 2015 (149 unique youth.)

There were zero (0) substantiated allegations of sexual abuse at CJTS in 2015.

Connecticut Juvenile Training School data for 2015

Sexual abuse allegations: 7	Sexual harassment allegations: 3
Youth on youth: 6	Youth on youth: 3
Substantiated: 0	Substantiated: 0
Unsubstantiated: 4	Unsubstantiated: 2
Unfounded: 2	Unfounded: 1
Staff on youth:1	Staff on youth: 0
Substantiated: 0	Substantiated: 0
Unsubstantiated: 0	Unsubstantiated: 0
Unfounded: 1	Unfounded: 0

Information regarding sexual victimization is provided to the Bureau of Justice Statistics in the yearly Survey of Sexual Violence.

The Department of Children and Families Juvenile Justice Services contracts with two private facilities for the confinement of juveniles. In 2015, the two contracted facilities had, in total, one allegation of sexual abuse and one allegation of sexual harassment. Both allegations resulted in a determination of “unfounded.” There were zero (0) substantiations of sexual abuse in the private contracted facilities in 2015.

The Department of Children and Families Juvenile Justice Services publishes this report as part of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) requirements in the agency’s webpage. The DCFJJS is committed to improving the service delivery to juveniles and to preventing, detecting and responding to incidents of sexual victimization. To accomplish this goal, the DCFJJS emphasizes the zero tolerance sexual abuse policy, conducts incident reviews according to PREA standard 115.386, facility assessments, and makes changes as needed to optimize the efficiency of the physical plant, staffing and monitoring technology.