



THE CENTER FOR Children's Justice

To promote community responsibility so every Pennsylvania child is protected from child abuse, including sexual abuse.

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Note of Explanation:

In June 2016, The Center for Children's Justice asked the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (PA DHS) to provide data about:

- * The total number of calls registered at ChildLine that translated into a child protective services (child abuse or neglect) investigation undertaken either by a county children and youth agency or a regional representative of the Office of Children, Youth and Families in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- * The total number of reports registered at ChildLine that triggered a child abuse investigation that were then substantiated as child abuse or neglect for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- * The total number of child victims (unduplicated) of child abuse or neglect for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- * The total number of child abuse and neglect reports that the county children and youth agency forwarded onto law enforcement (filed a CY 104 with law enforcement); and
- * The total number of law enforcement only reports (those not involving a person who can be named as a perpetrator under the Child Protective Services Law) sent forth from ChildLine to law enforcement in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2014.

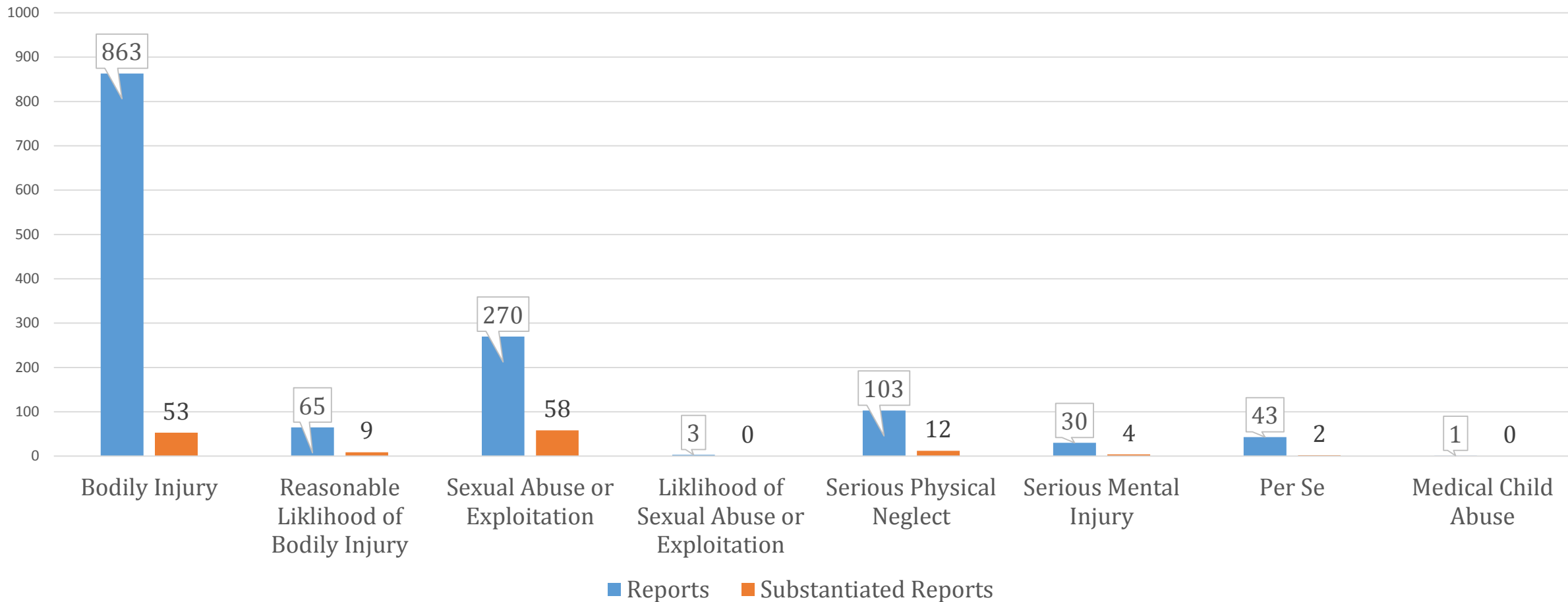
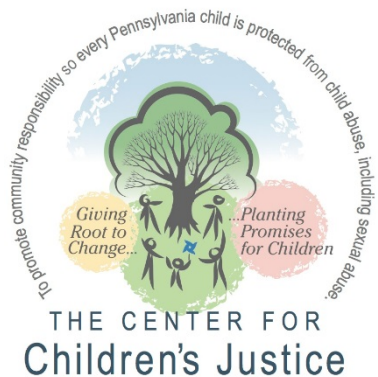
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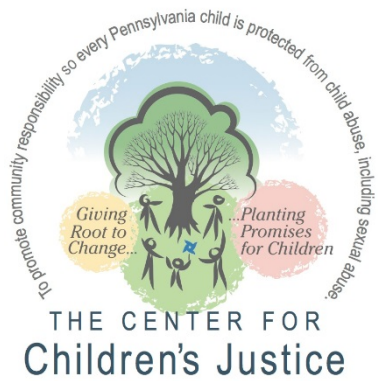
“You asked for the total of child victims to be unduplicated. Each referral relates to the report of abuse of only one child victim, and therefore, each referral represents one victim. Referrals are unique incidents, unless it is ongoing conduct, and are unduplicated. However, a child may be a victim of separate incidents in the same year that result in referrals which are unable to be unduplicated. Thus, the same child may be counted more than once if that child was a victim of more than one incident within the same year. A child's age is calculated as the age of the child at the time of the incident. Based on this information, the department is providing a document titled: “CPS Referrals – By County by Age of Child” containing the requested data. Please note that the numbers in the document being provided are based on the referral date and of those, how many were substantiated.

Berks County: All Ages

This chart reflects Child Protective Service (CPS) referrals received, substantiated as child abuse or neglect, and those sent to law enforcement in 2015.

Data Source: DHS Data Warehouse – Child Welfare Information Solution

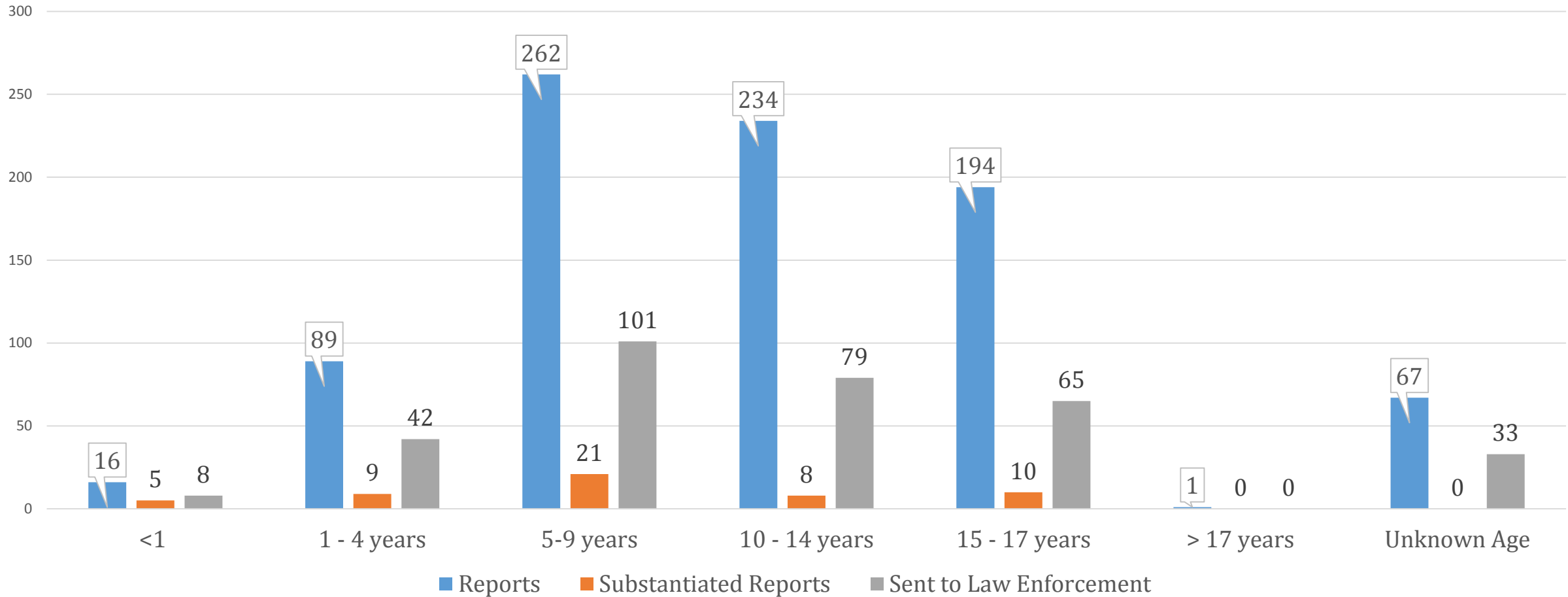


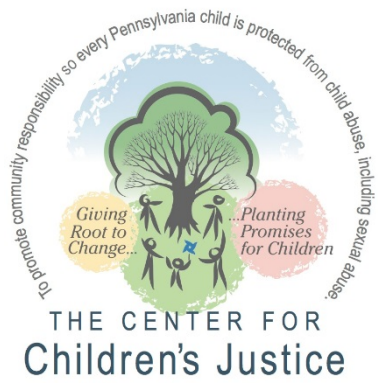


Berks County: Causing Bodily Injury

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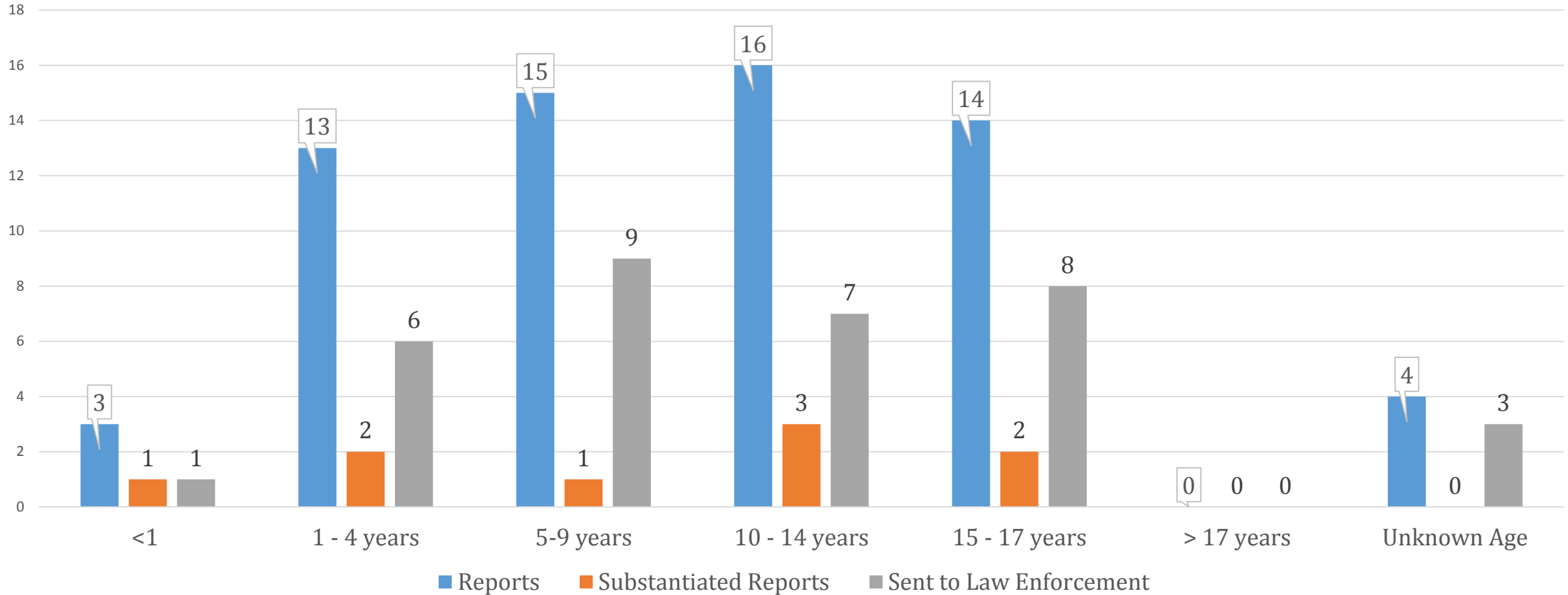


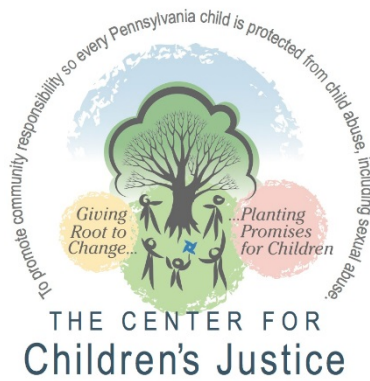


Berks County: Reasonable Likelihood of Causing Bodily Injury

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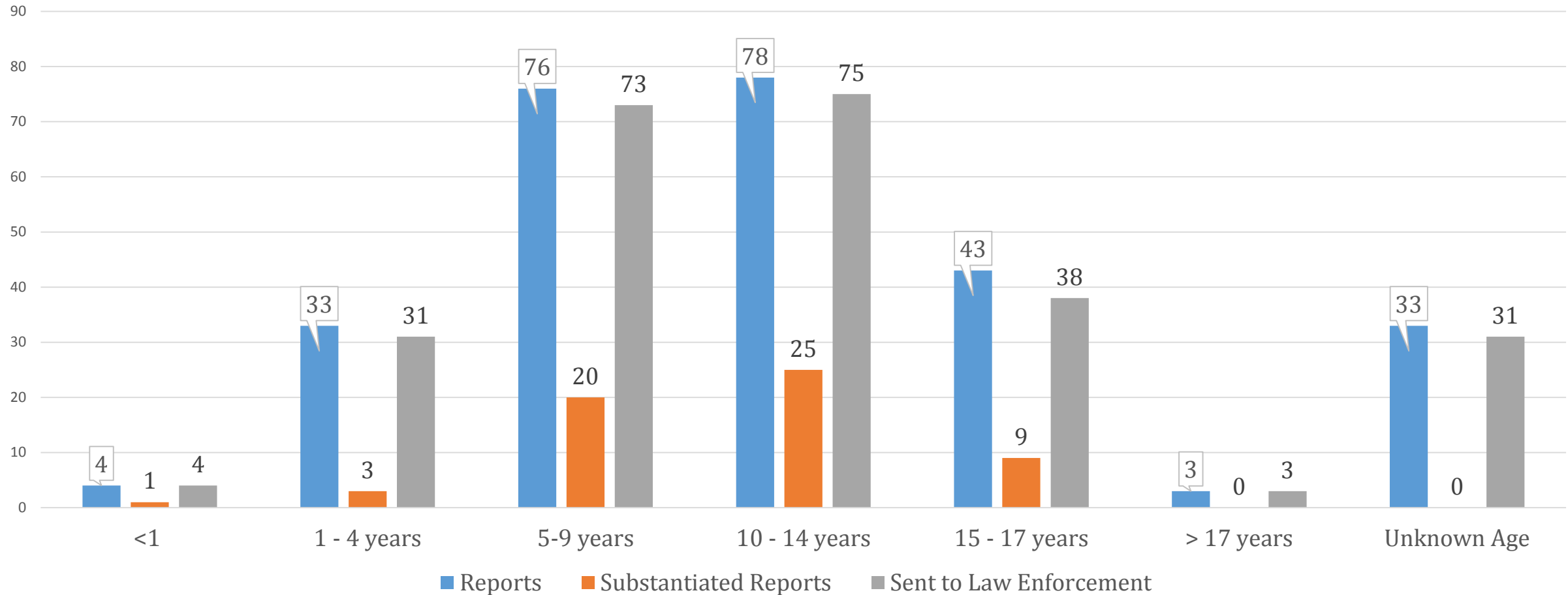


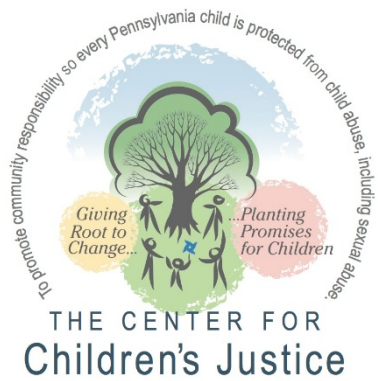


Berks County: Sexual Abuse or Exploitation

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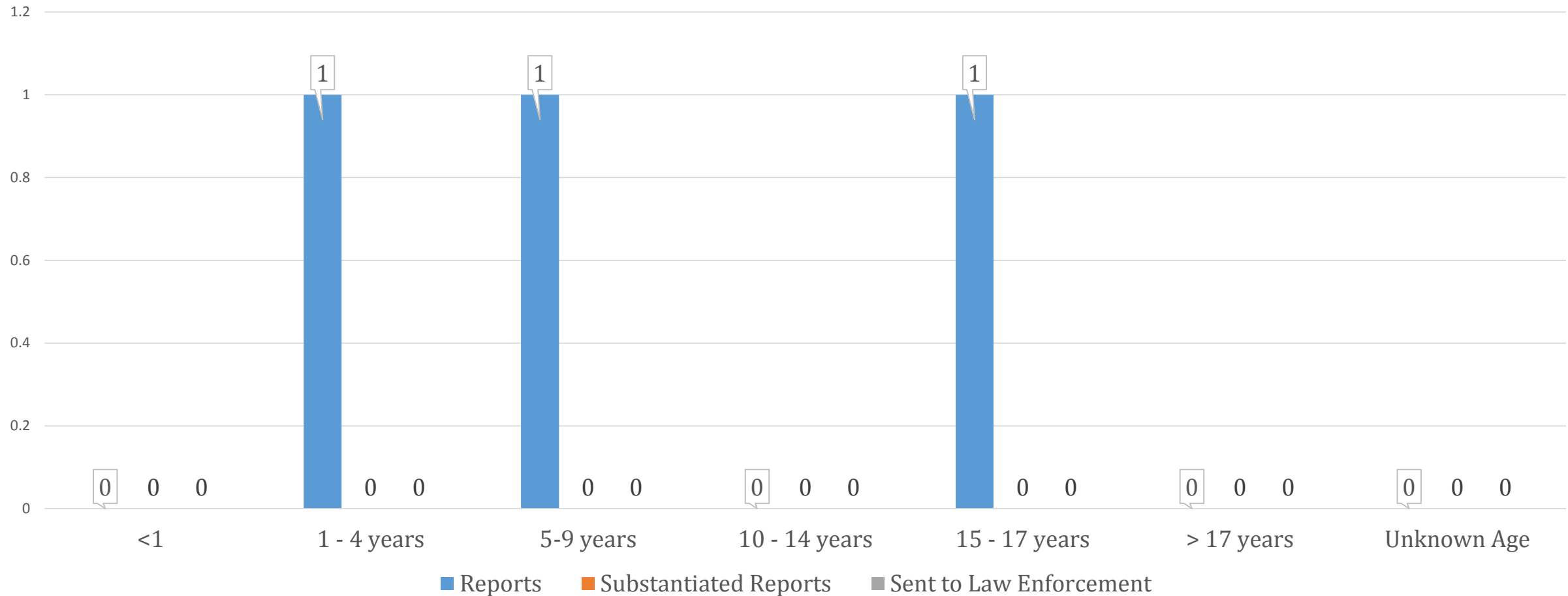


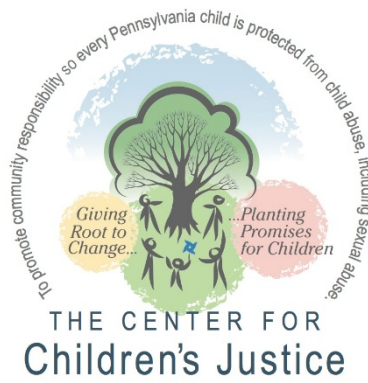


Berks County: Likelihood of Sexual Abuse or Exploitation

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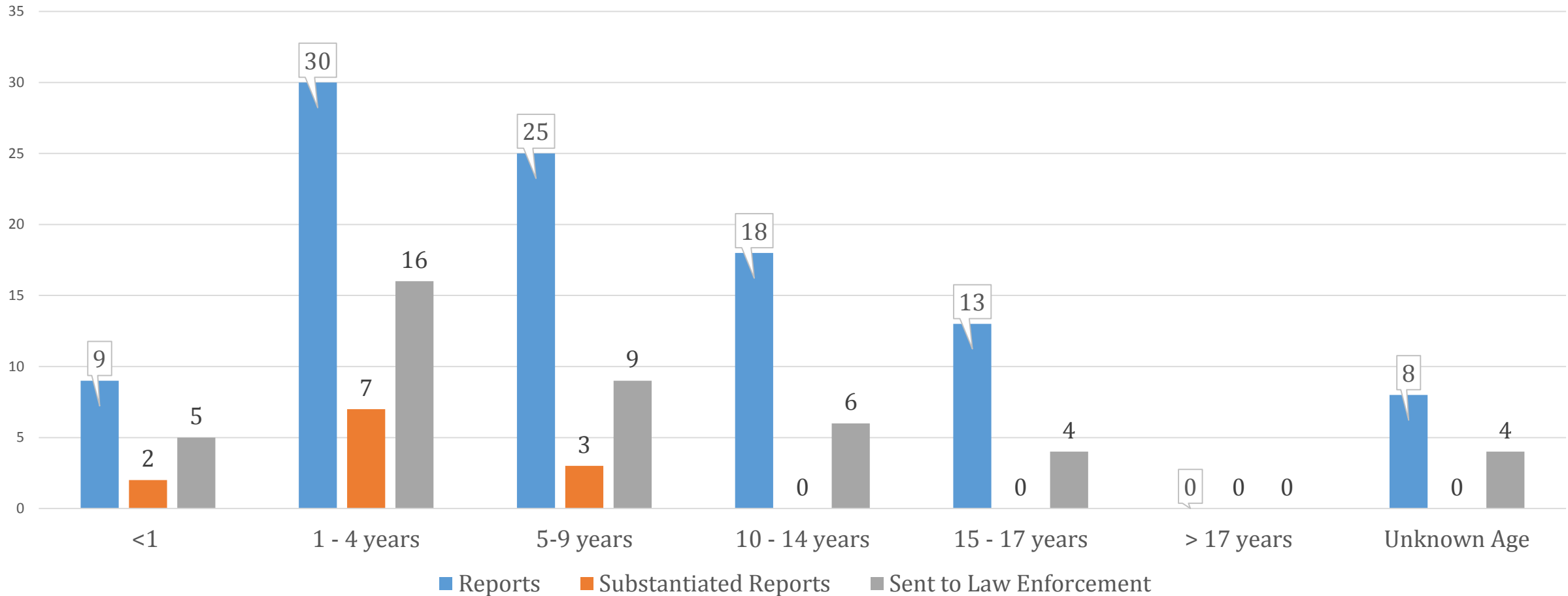


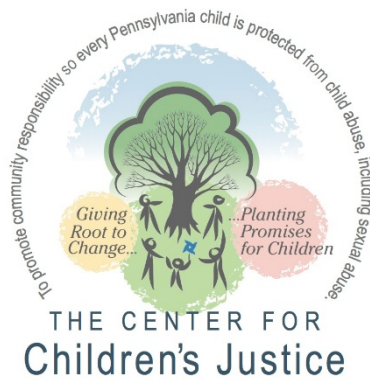


Berks County: Serious Physical Neglect

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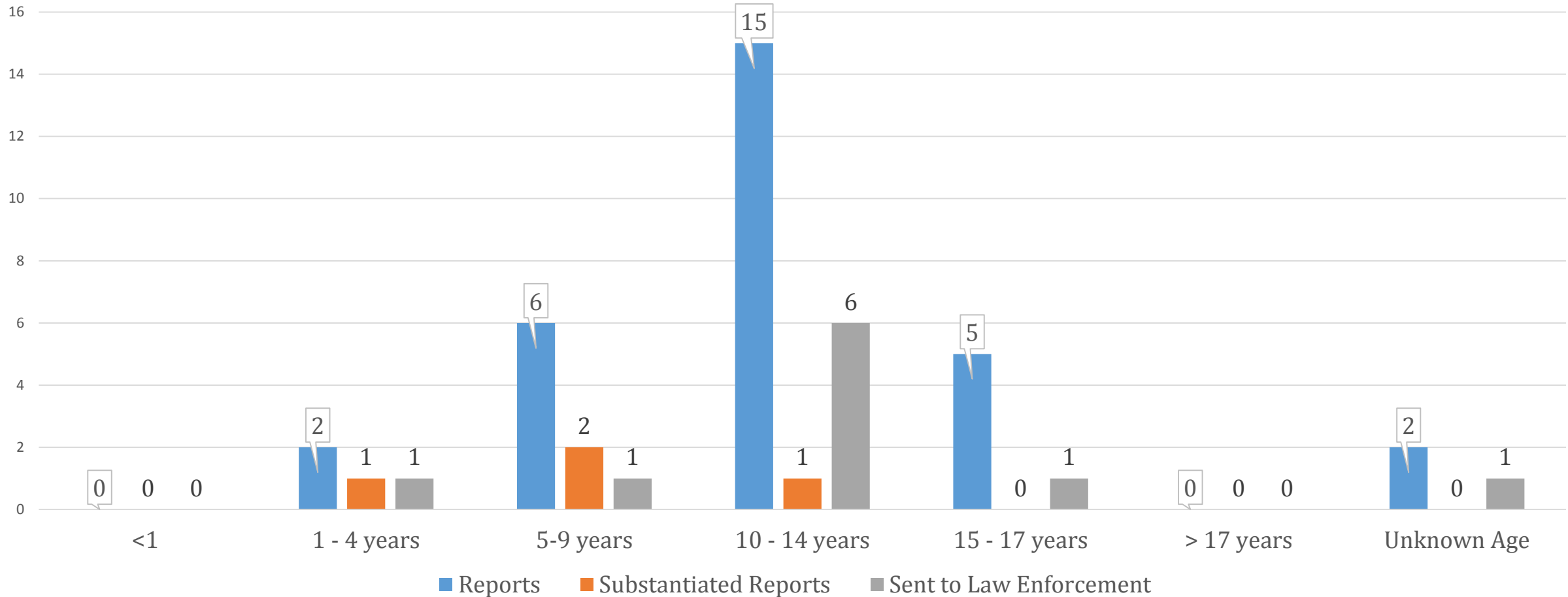


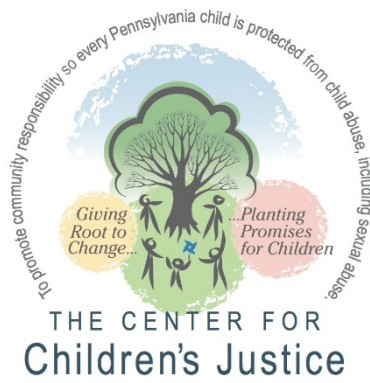


Berks County: Serious Mental Injury

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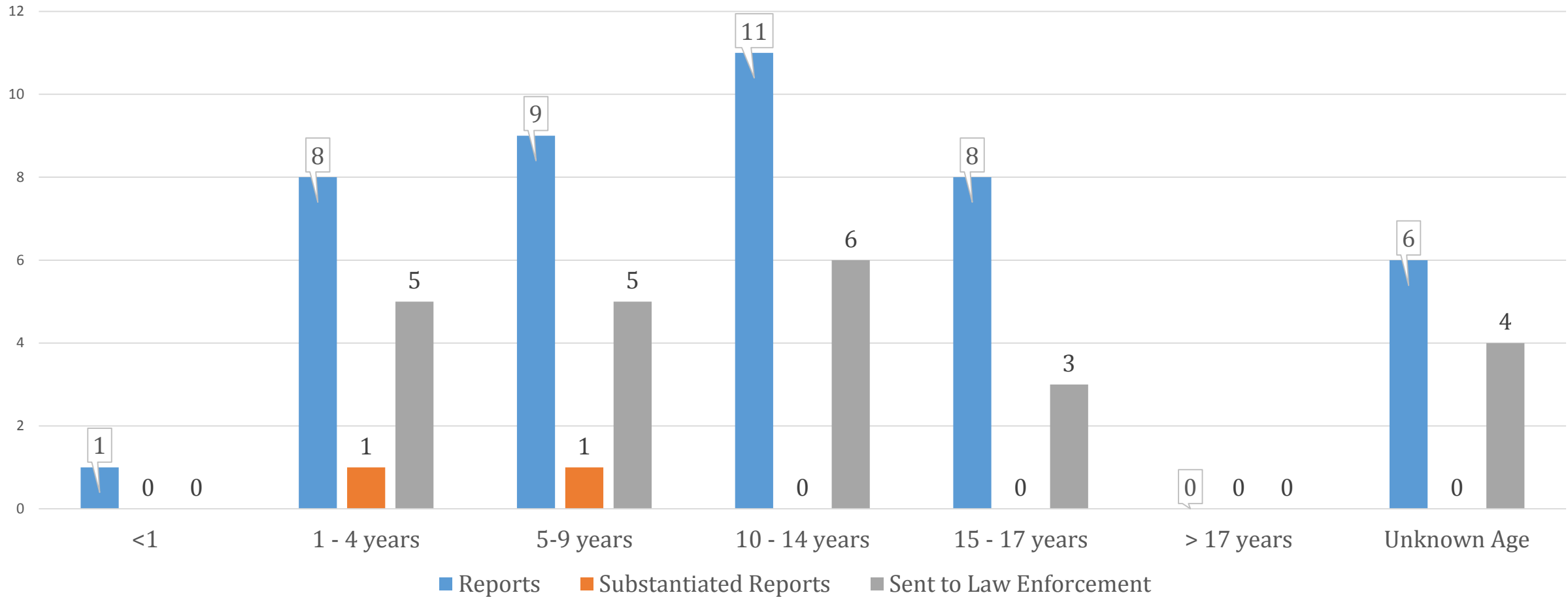


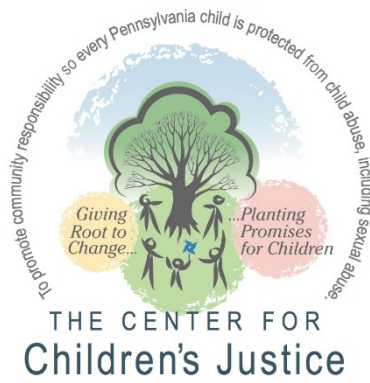


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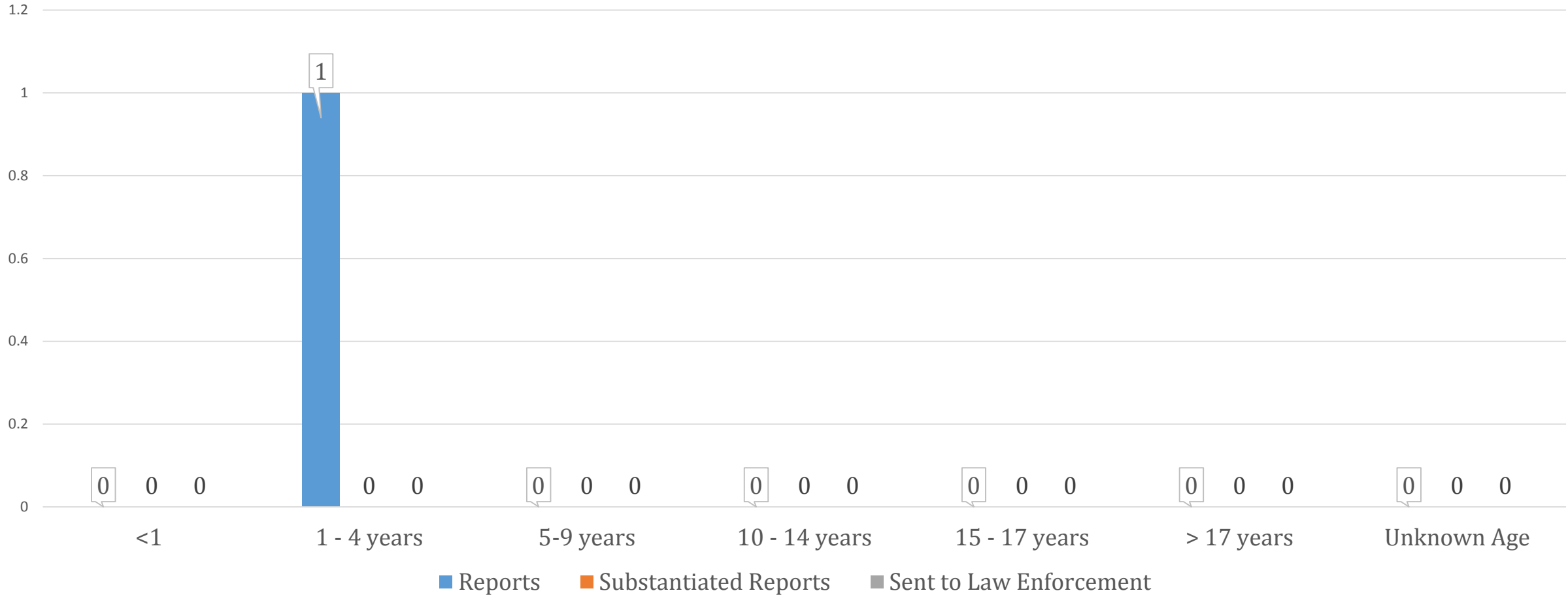


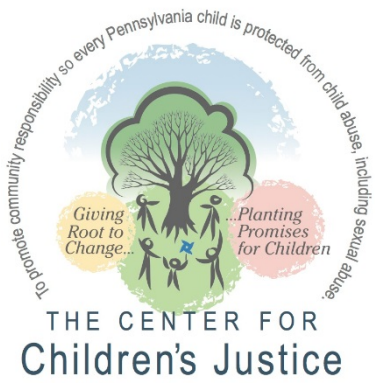


Berks County: Medical Child Abuse

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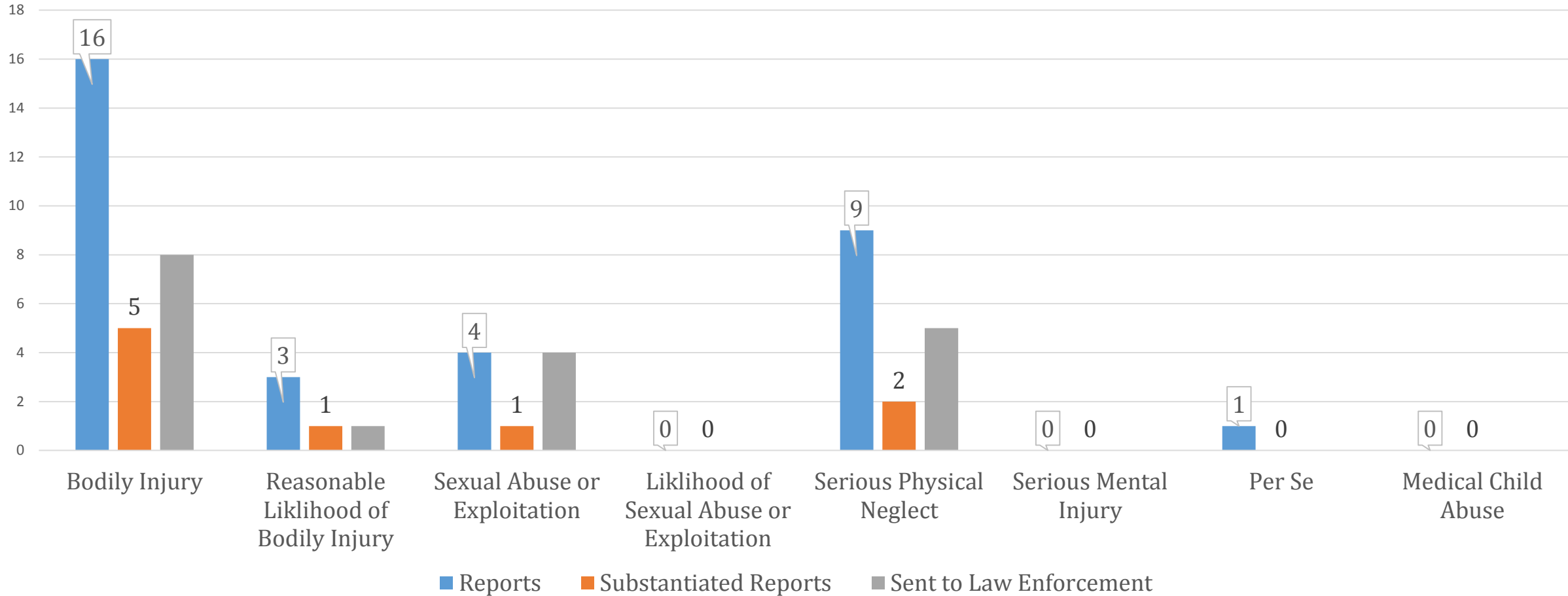


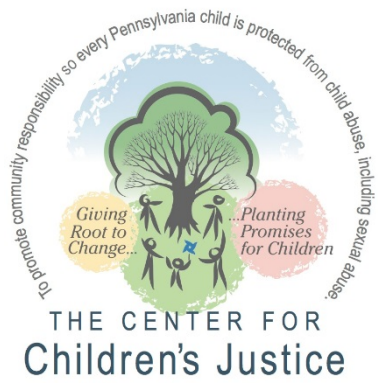


Berks County: Under 1 Year

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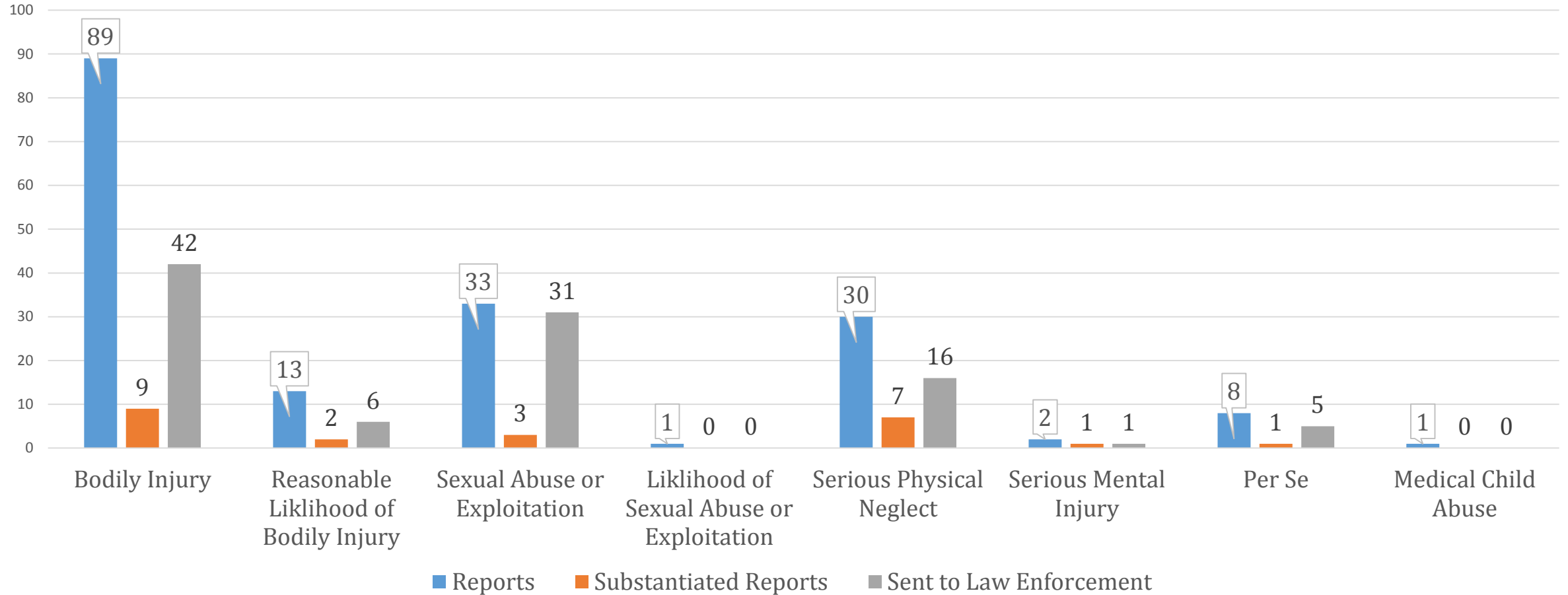


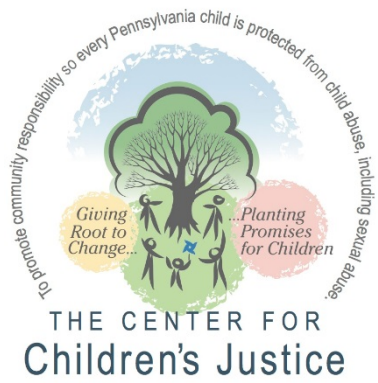


Berks County: 1 - 4 years

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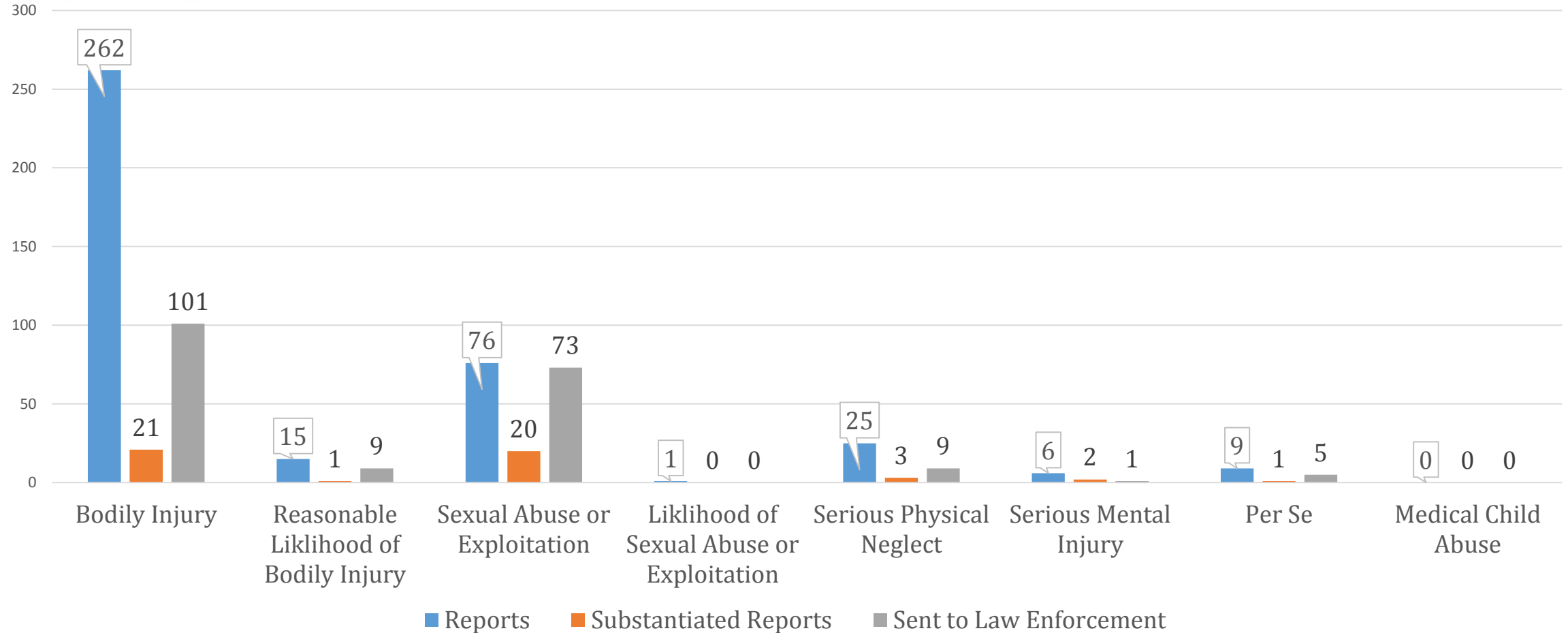


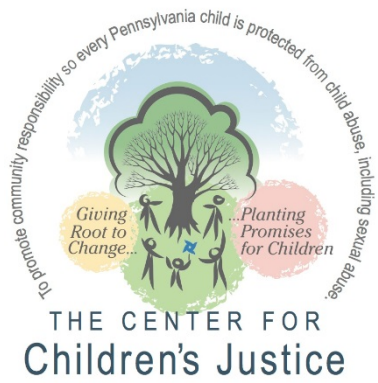


Berks County: 5 – 9 years

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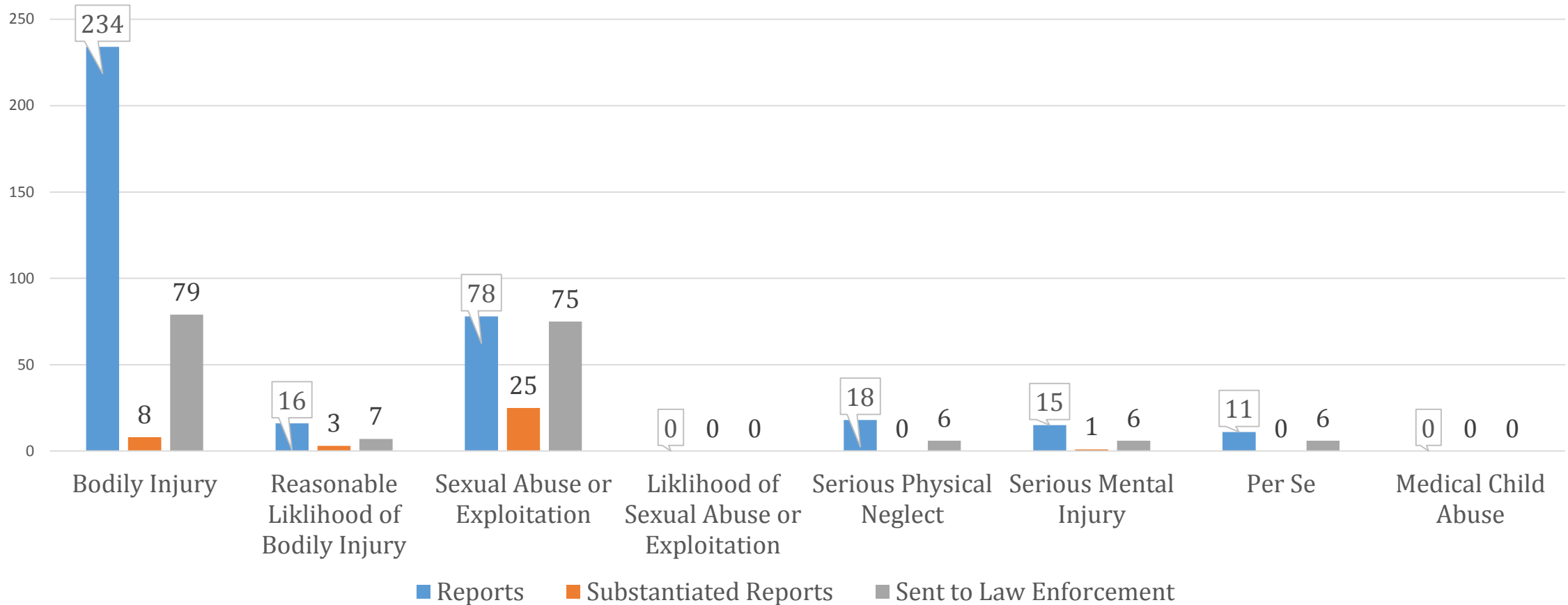


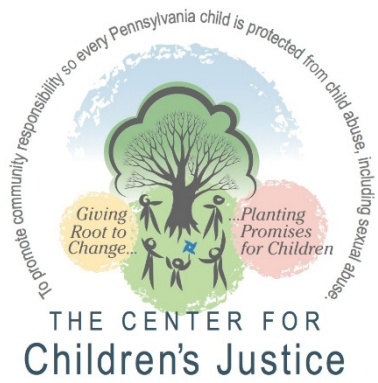


Berks County: 10 – 14 years

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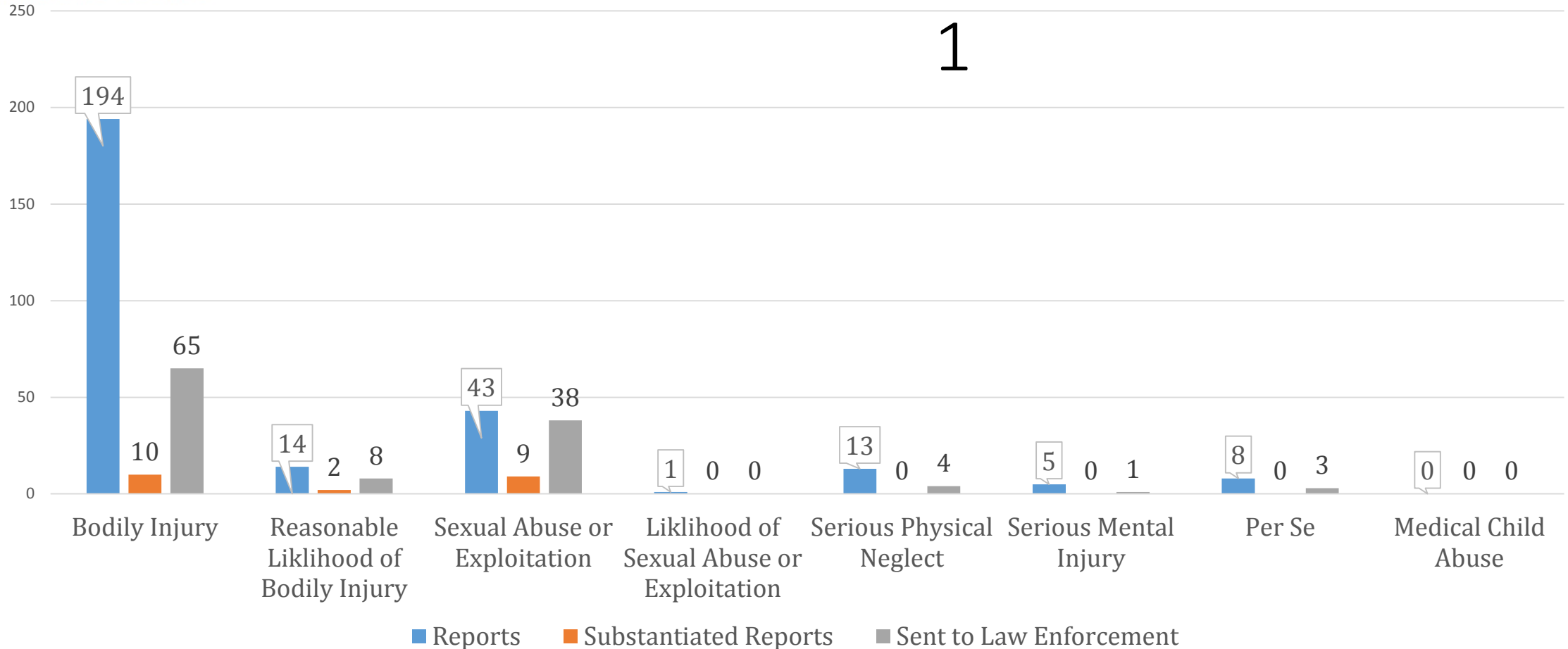


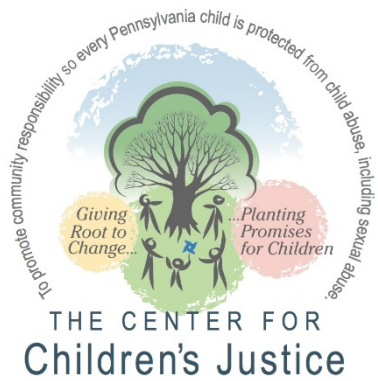


Berks County: 15 - 17 Years

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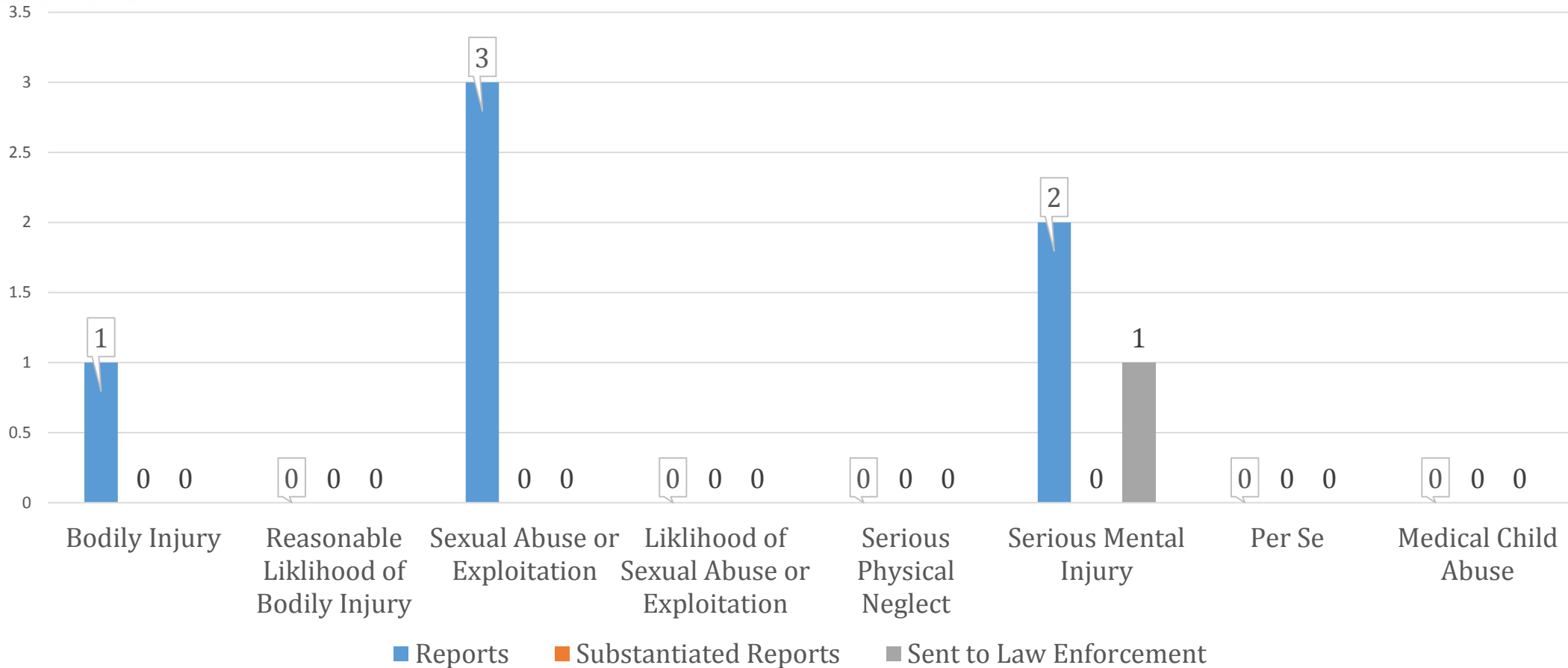


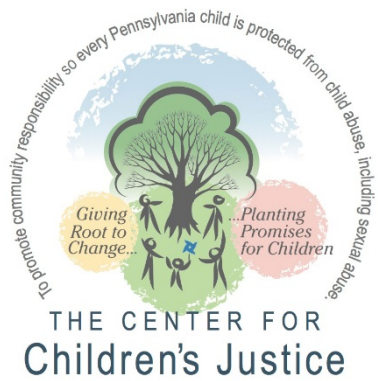


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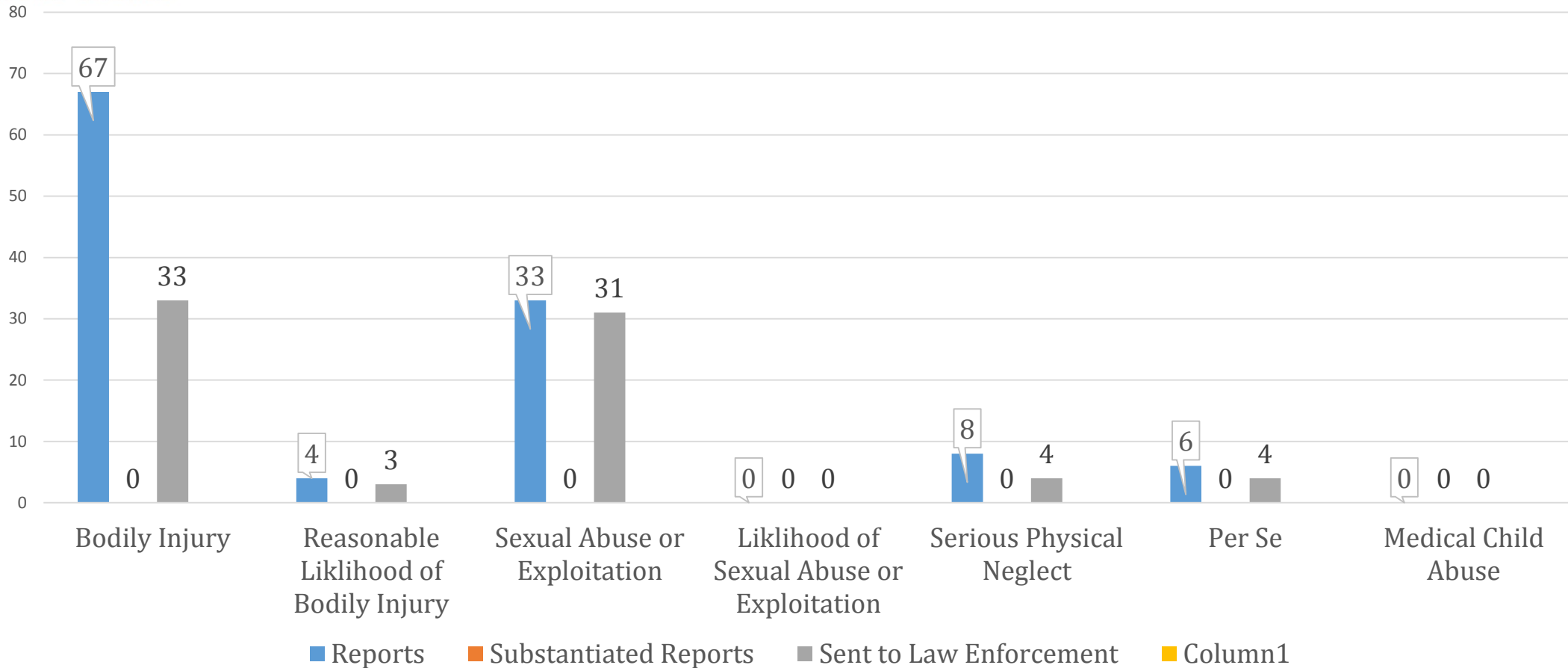


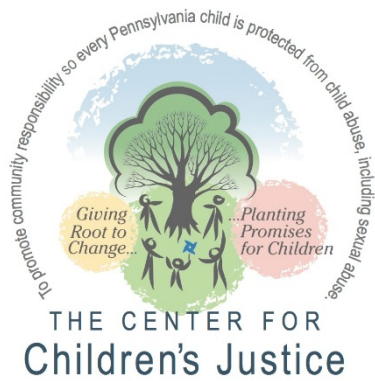


Berks County: Age Unknown

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Berks County: Law Enforcement Only Reports

The alleged perpetrator does not fall within definition of “perpetrator” in the CPSL so the report is not investigated as suspected child abuse or neglect under the Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) by a county children and youth agency. Instead the report is investigated solely by law enforcement.

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