

PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

IN ORGANIZATIONS

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed six key components for preventing child sexual abuse within youth serving organizations.

COMPONENT 2: Guidelines on Interactions Between Individuals

The goal of this component is to ensure the safety of youth in their interactions with employees, volunteers and with each other.

- The organization has a written policy to limit one-on-one interactions between program participants with both staff and volunteers.
- The organization restricts and/or prohibits certain activities outside of the organization's programs, including overnight trips, social media "friending" and other unobservable interactions between program participants and staff & volunteers.
- The organization identifies behaviors that fall into the categories of appropriate and also inappropriate and harmful, and these behaviors are communicated to staff, volunteers, program participants and their families.

