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.

A2A provides training for youth serving organizations on enhancing their policies and procedures to protect children in their programs. Go to www.a2awisconsin.org for more information.