

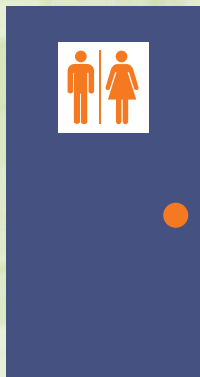
# PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN YOUTH SERVING ORGANIZATIONS

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

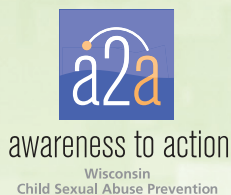
## COMPONENT 4: Ensuring Safe Environment

The goal of this component is to keep youth from situations in which they are at increased risk for sexual abuse.

- The organization has a physical environment that is open and visible whenever staff or volunteers are interacting with program participants.



- The organization has implemented written policies and procedures that reduce risk during activities such as toileting, showering or changing of clothes and these policies are communicated to staff, volunteers, program participants and their families.
- The organization has written policies and procedures for admitting and releasing youth so their whereabouts, and who they are with, are always known.



A2A provides training for youth serving organizations on enhancing their policies and procedures to protect children in their programs. Go to [www.a2awisconsin.org](http://www.a2awisconsin.org) for more information.