



CHILD PROTECTION BEST PRACTICES FOR NONPROFITS & YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS



Child safety should not depend on one trusted adult noticing a problem. Nonprofits and youth organizations need clear boundaries, safe reporting, consistent supervision, and accountability across every program and role.

BEST-PRACTICE STANDARDS FOR CHILD PROTECTION

1

Clear Boundaries

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Safe Reporting

3

Screening & Supervision

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Ongoing Training

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Accountability & Pattern
Review

Trusted prevention and implementation resources

1

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Preventing Child Sexual Abuse Within Youth-Serving
Organizations](#)

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- Employee and volunteer screening
- Interaction guidelines and safer environments
- Monitoring, response procedures, and prevention training

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Praesidium

[Praesidium Accreditation](#)

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- Organization-wide abuse-prevention standards
- Self-assessment, auditing, and accreditation
- Risk management and culture-of-safety review

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Stop It Now!

[Circles of Safety for Youth-Serving Organizations](#)

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- Prevention before a child is harmed
- Training for staff, volunteers, parents, and caregivers
- Tools for safer programs and organizational culture

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Darkness to Light

[Stewards of Children](#)

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- Adult-focused prevention and recognition training
- Responsible response to child sexual abuse
- Training should support comprehensive policies and oversight

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ONLINE GROOMING AND EXPLOITATION

Online safety policies should address private messaging, social media, gaming, images, virtual meetings, and reporting.

[NCMEC Online Enticement](#)

Guidance on grooming, sextortion, and unsafe online contact.

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[NetSmartz](#)

Free, age-appropriate online safety materials for children, families, and educators.

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[CyberTipline](#)

Report suspected child sexual exploitation. Immediate danger: call 911 or local law enforcement.

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