



**WE EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE
TO BECOME CONFIDENT,
SUCCESSFUL ADULTS.**

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was signed into law in September 2003 by the President of the United States. PREA establishes a zero-tolerance standard against all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment of incarcerated persons of any age.

The act also created the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission, whose responsibility was to conduct studies of policies and practices concerning sexual assault in prisons and jails, and develop draft standards to enhance detection, prevention, reduction, and punishment of sexual assault in prison settings. These standards were published in June 2009, and then reviewed by the Department of Justice for approval and passage as a final rule. The National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape were adopted and became effective August 20, 2012. These standards have subparts to address adult prisons and jails, lockups, community confinement, and juvenile facilities. The juvenile standards cover the following topics:

- Prevention Planning
- Supervision and Monitoring
- Staffing Juvenile Facilities
- Juveniles in Adult Facilities
- Cross-Gender Searches and Viewing
- Training and Education
- Screening
- Reporting
- Responsive Planning
- Investigations
- Discipline
- Medical and Mental Health Care
- Grievances
- Audits
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Intersex (LGBTI) Youth
- Youth with Disabilities and Limited English Proficient (LEP) Youth

The juvenile standards can be found [here](#).

AMIkids has made maintaining full compliance with PREA a top priority.

Reporting a PREA Incident

All reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment will be investigated and addressed. Youth, employees, and third parties can report incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in verbal or written formats. All parties can file a report by calling 1-813-887-3300. Reporters can remain anonymous or provide contact information in the event more information is needed.

State entities will process any allegations or complaints related to abuse and/or neglect. To avoid potential impediments, AMIkids will not conduct their internal investigation until law enforcement, Protective Services, and other applicable agencies have completed their investigation, and the Program is cleared to do so.