

# — Key Terms —

## Acceptable Zone

Behaviors that are acceptable in your organization. (i.e., high fives, side hugs, encouragement statements, etc.). This could also be behaviors that are deemed as acceptable within your organization's policies (i.e. gift giving limitations, social media interactions, and contact with consumers outside of the organization's activities).

## Access

Physical or emotional proximity to a youth.

## Adult-to-Youth Abuse

Contact or interaction between a youth and an adult when the youth is being used for sexual stimulation of the adult. This occurs when an adult engages a youth in any sexual activity, including direct sexual contact as well as sexual non-contact, such as frottage, exhibitionism, and the distribution, downloading, and/or intentional viewing of child pornography.

## Boundaries

Limits and guidelines used to draw a line between what is and is not acceptable.

## Child Abuse

The physical maltreatment or sexual assault of a child.

## Control

Using power and authority to influence a youth's behavior or emotions.

# Grooming

A broad term that encompasses any behavior meant to increase access to potential victims and prevent the discovery of child sexual abuse. For more details, visit <https://www.praesidiuminc.com/what-is-grooming/>

# Line of Sight

A straight line in which an observer has an unobstructed view.

# Privacy

Interacting with a child or youth without being observed by others. The state or condition of being free from being observed or disturbed by other people.

# PTSD (Post-traumatic Stress Disorder)

An anxiety disorder that develops in reaction to physical injury or severe mental or emotional distress.

# Red-flag Behaviors

Behaviors that fall outside of the Acceptable Zone. (i.e., excessive hugs, sharing inappropriate information, showing favoritism, violating policies on appropriate interactions with consumers, etc.)

# Trauma-informed

Acknowledges the need to understand a survivor's experiences in order to better recognize and create effective procedures.

# Youth-to-Youth Abuse

Contact or interaction between youths when at least one youth is being used for sexual stimulation of another.