

## Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Audit Report Juvenile Facilities

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### Auditor Information

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### Agency Information

Name of Agency AMIKids, Inc.		Governing Authority or Parent Agency (if Applicable)	
Physical Address: 5915 Center Drive		City, State, Zip: Tampa, Florida 33634	
Mailing Address: Same as above		City, State, Zip: Same as above	
Telephone: (813) 887-3300		Is Agency accredited by any organization? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
The Agency Is:		<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Private for Profit
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private not for Profit
Agency mission: AMIKids' mission is to protect public safety and positively impact as many youth as possible through the efforts of a diverse and innovative staff. AMIKids works in partnership with youth agencies, local communities and families.			
Agency Website with PREA Information: www.amikids.org			

### Agency Chief Executive Officer

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PREA Coordinator Reports to: Heyward Golden, VP of Operations		Number of Compliance Managers who report to the PREA Coordinator 12	
Facility Information			
Name of Facility: AMIKids Bennettsville			
Physical Address: 620 Marlboro Road, Bennettsville, SC 29512			
Mailing Address (if different than above):			
Telephone Number: 843-479-0420			
The Facility Is:		<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Private for Profit
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal		<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> State
<input type="checkbox"/> Detention		<input type="checkbox"/> Correction	<input type="checkbox"/> Intake
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
Facility Mission: To protect public safety and positively impact as many youth as possible through the efforts of a diverse and innovative staff. AMIKids works in partnership with youth agencies, local communities and families.			
Facility Website with PREA Information: www.amikids.org			
Is this facility accredited by any other organization? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Facility Administrator/Superintendent			
Name: Joshua Brown		Title: Executive Director	
Email: Bennettsville-Ed@amikids.org		Telephone: (843) 479-0420	
Facility PREA Compliance Manager			
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Facility Health Service Administrator			
Name: N/A		Title:	
Email:		Telephone:	

### Facility Characteristics

<b>Designated Facility Capacity:</b> 20		<b>Current Population of Facility:</b> 11	
<b>Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months</b>			54
<b>Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 10 days or more:</b>			45
<b>Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 72 hours or more:</b>			45
<b>Number of residents on date of audit who were admitted to facility prior to August 20, 2012:</b>			0
<b>Age Range of Population:</b>	15-17		
<b>Average length of stay or time under supervision:</b>			90 days
<b>Facility Security Level:</b>			Intensive
<b>Resident Custody Levels:</b>			Intensive
<b>Number of staff currently employed by the facility who may have contact with residents:</b>			24
<b>Number of staff hired by the facility during the past 12 months who may have contact with residents:</b>			8
<b>Number of contracts in the past 12 months for services with contractors who may have contact with residents:</b>			3
<b>Physical Plant</b>			
<b>Number of Buildings:</b> 5		<b>Number of Single Cell Housing Units:</b> 0	
<b>Number of Multiple Occupancy Cell Housing Units:</b>		0	
<b>Number of Open Bay/Dorm Housing Units:</b>		2	
<b>Number of Segregation Cells (Administrative and Disciplinary):</b>		0	
<b>Description of any video or electronic monitoring technology (Including any relevant information about where cameras are placed, where the control room is, retention of video, etc.):</b>			
There is no video or electronic monitoring technology used at this facility.			
<b>Medical</b>			
<b>Type of Medical Facility:</b>		None	
<b>Forensic sexual assault medical exams are conducted at:</b>		McCleod Health - Cheraw, SC	
<b>Other</b>			
<b>Number of volunteers and individual contractors, who may have contact with residents, currently authorized to enter the facility:</b>			6
<b>Number of investigators the agency currently employs to investigate allegations of sexual abuse:</b>			0

# Audit Findings

## Audit Narrative

*The auditor's description of the audit methodology should include a detailed description of the following processes during the pre-onsite audit, onsite audit, and post-audit phases: documents and files reviewed, discussions and types of interviews conducted, number of days spent on-site, observations made during the site-review, and a detailed description of any follow-up work conducted during the post-audit phase. The narrative should describe the techniques the auditor used to sample documentation and select interviewees, and the auditor's process for the site review.*

The AMIKids Bennettsville facility is located in Bennettsville, South Carolina. This is the facility's first PREA audit. This audit was attained and assigned to the Auditor by Diversified Correctional Services, LLC of Blackshear, Georgia.

In preparation for the on-site audit, a conference call was conducted with the AMIKids PREA Coordinator, the facility's Executive Director (ED), and this Auditor to discuss the audit process and data gathering. During the conference call, introductions were made and the audit process and requested documentation were reviewed. The pre-audit preparation phase included a review of all documentation, materials, and data submitted by the facility in the completed Pre-Audit Questionnaire (PAQ). The documentation reviewed included agency policies and procedures; forms; organizational charts; PREA related posters, brochures; training documentation for staff, volunteers and contractors; and interagency collaborative agreements.

The notifications of the on-site audit were posted in various parts of the facility at least six weeks prior to the site visit. Photographs were taken of the various sites where the notices had been posted and the photographs were electronically sent to this Auditor, noting their locations. The Pre-Audit Questionnaire and the supporting documentation were uploaded to a flash drive, which was received approximately three weeks prior to the on-site audit. During the review of the information on the flash drive, communication was maintained with the facility and agency staff and additional information was provided or clarified as requested.

During the onsite audit, an entrance meeting was held with the Executive Director and the Director of Operations. Following the meeting, a comprehensive tour of the facility was provided by the Executive Director and the Director of Operations. During the tour, direct-care staff was observed to be supervising and interacting with the residents. PREA signage was not displayed in all areas frequented by the residents; therefore, the Auditor recommended that additional PREA signage be posted and ensure postage has bold print and is youth friendly. Corrective actions were taken to rectify this issue. Photos of the additional signage were sent to the Auditor to verify the actions taken.

An early morning arrival at the facility allowed this Auditor to interview overnight shift and to observe overnight and early morning operations. Twelve random direct care staff from three shifts and seven specialized staff were interviewed. Overall, the interviews revealed staff are knowledgeable of PREA standards and were able to articulate their responsibilities. Ten

residents were also interviewed. The interviews revealed the residents were informed of their right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment and how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The interview selections were randomly made from rosters provided by the facility. The training records of staff interviewed, and the files of residents interviewed were reviewed along with policies and other secondary documentation.

The Auditor reviewed staff and volunteer training records to ensure all required training had been completed. The Auditor also reviewed staff personnel files to determine if there were any completed investigations and disciplinary actions taken regarding PREA related allegations.

The victims' advocacy service, Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault, was contacted to determine the scope of services provided. A live person responded to the call and indicated that there were no calls received from AMIKids Bennettsville residents over the past 12 months.

Additional information for the audit process was provided upon request and in a timely manner while on-site. A close-out meeting was held at the conclusion of the site visit and an opportunity for questions and a review of the on-site audit process were provided.

With the necessary corrective action addressed, the facility was found to be in compliance with all applicable standards as indicated below and detailed throughout this report.

## **Facility Characteristics**

*The auditor's description of the audited facility should include details about the facility type, demographics and size of the inmate, resident or detainee population, numbers and type of staff positions, configuration and layout of the facility, numbers of housing units, description of housing units including any special housing units, a description of programs and services, including food service and recreation. The auditor should describe how these details are relevant to PREA implementation and compliance.*

The AMIKids Bennettsville facility is a non-secure, moderate risk facility that serves male juvenile offenders between the ages of 15 -17. Residents have been committed to the care and custody of the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice through the juvenile court system. The average length of stay is approximately 90 days. The facility's rated capacity is 20. Fifty-four residents have been admitted to the AMIKids Bennettsville facility in the past 12 months. There is no video or electronic monitoring technology used at this facility.

The physical plant consists of one administration building, one dorm building with two housing units, one educational building, and cafeteria. There is an outside recreation area on the grounds where youth can participate in various sports activities. Visitation is conducted on Saturdays.

The facility provides supervision of residents in a safe, secure and humane environment. Full bathrooms are in each housing unit and provide a reasonable amount of privacy for the residents.

The AMiKids Bennettsville facility employs one Executive Director, one Administrative Assistant, one Director of Operations, four Shift Supervisors, fifteen Direct Care staff, one Director of Education, four Academic Teachers, one Human Services Director, two Human Services Professionals, and one Kitchen Manager. Medical services are provided by McLeod Health - Cheraw.

## Summary of Audit Findings

*The summary should include the number of standards exceeded, number of standards met, and number of standards not met, **along with a list of each of the standards in each category.** If relevant, provide a summarized description of the corrective action plan, including deficiencies observed, recommendations made, actions taken by the agency, relevant timelines, and methods used by the auditor to reassess compliance.*

**Auditor Note:** No standard should be found to be "Not Applicable" or "NA". A compliance determination must be made for each standard.

**Number of Standards Exceeded:** 0

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**Number of Standards Met:** 41

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**Number of Standards Not Met:** 0

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## Summary of Corrective Action (if any)

Specific corrective actions taken to address the deficiencies identified during the review and on-site visit are summarized in this report under the related standard.

Standard 115.333 Resident Education

## PREVENTION PLANNING

### Standard 115.311: Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by The Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.311 (a)

- Does the agency have a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Does the written policy outline the agency's approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No

#### 115.311 (b)

- Has the agency employed or designated an agency-wide PREA Coordinator?  Yes  No
- Is the PREA Coordinator position in the upper-level of the agency hierarchy?  Yes  No
- Does the PREA Coordinator have sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards in all of its facilities?  Yes  No

#### 115.311 (c)

- If this agency operates more than one facility, has each facility designated a PREA compliance manager? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.)  Yes  No  NA
- Does the PREA compliance manager have sufficient time and authority to coordinate the facility's efforts to comply with the PREA standards? (N/A if agency operates only one facility.)  Yes  No  NA

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

- Exceeds Standard** (*Substantially exceeds requirement of standards*)
- Meets Standard** (*Substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period*)
- Does Not Meet Standard** (*Requires Corrective Action*)

#### Instructions for Overall Compliance Determination Narrative

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

AMIKids Bennettsville PREA Policy 6.11 and Procedures mandates zero-tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and outlines how the facility carries out its approach to preventing, detecting and responding to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The policy includes definitions of prohibited behaviors and sanctions for those found to have participated in prohibited behaviors. The procedure also provides strategies and responses for reducing and preventing sexual abuse and harassment.

The facility is a juvenile residential facility operated by AMIKids, Inc. which employs an agency-wide PREA Coordinator who is in an upper-level management position within the agency. The PREA Coordinator was interviewed and revealed that he has sufficient time to oversee the agency's PREA compliance efforts and to perform his other duties.

The facility's Director of Operations serves as the PREA Compliance Manager. The Director of Operations was interviewed and revealed that he has sufficient time to oversee the facility's PREA compliance efforts and to perform his other duties.

### **Standard 115.312: Contracting with other entities for the confinement of residents**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

#### **115.312 (a)**

- If this agency is public and it contracts for the confinement of its residents with private agencies or other entities including other government agencies, has the agency included the entity's obligation to adopt and comply with the PREA standards in any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of residents.)  Yes  No  NA

#### **115.312 (b)**

- Does any new contract or contract renewal signed on or after August 20, 2012 provide for agency contract monitoring to ensure that the contractor is complying with the PREA standards? (N/A if the agency does not contract with private agencies or other entities for the confinement of residents OR the response to 115.312(a)-1 is "NO".)  Yes  No  NA

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The facility does not contract with other facilities for the confinement of residents.

### **Standard 115.313: Supervision and monitoring**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

#### **115.313 (a)**

- Does the agency ensure that each facility has developed a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect residents against sexual abuse?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility has implemented a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect residents against sexual abuse?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility has documented a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and, where applicable, video monitoring, to protect residents against sexual abuse?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: The prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse?  
 Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Generally accepted juvenile detention and correctional/secure residential practices?  
 Yes  No

- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Any judicial findings of inadequacy?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Any findings of inadequacy from Federal investigative agencies?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Any findings of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: All components of the facility's physical plant (including "blind-spots" or areas where staff or residents may be isolated)?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: The composition of the resident population?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: The number and placement of supervisory staff?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Institution programs occurring on a particular shift?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Any applicable State or local laws, regulations, or standards?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that each facility's staffing plan takes into consideration the 11 criteria below in calculating adequate staffing levels and determining the need for video monitoring: Any other relevant factors?  Yes  No

**115.313 (b)** Does the facility have a staffing plan that is reviewed and updated at least annually?

- Does the agency comply with the staffing plan except during limited and discrete exigent circumstances?  Yes  No
- In circumstances where the staffing plan is not complied with, does the facility document all deviations from the plan? (N/A if no deviations from staffing plan.)  Yes  No  NA

**115.313 (c)** Does the facility maintain staff ratios of a minimum of 1:8 during resident waking hours, except during limited and discrete exigent circumstances?

- Does the facility maintain staff ratios of a minimum of 1:8 during resident waking hours, except

during limited and discrete exigent circumstances? (N/A only until October 1, 2017.)

Yes  No  NA

- Does the facility maintain staff ratios of a minimum of 1:16 during resident sleeping hours, except during limited and discrete exigent circumstances? (N/A only until October 1, 2017.)  
 Yes  No  NA
- Does the facility fully document any limited and discrete exigent circumstances during which the facility did not maintain staff ratios? (N/A only until October 1, 2017.)  Yes  No  NA
- Does the facility ensure only security staff are included when calculating these ratios? (N/A only until October 1, 2017.)  Yes  No  NA
- Is the facility obligated by law, regulation, or judicial consent decree to maintain the staffing ratios set forth in this paragraph?  Yes  No

**115.313 (d)**

- In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The staffing plan established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section?  Yes  No
- In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: Prevailing staffing patterns?  Yes  No
- In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The facility's deployment of video monitoring systems and other monitoring technologies?  Yes  No
- In the past 12 months, has the facility, in consultation with the agency PREA Coordinator, assessed, determined, and documented whether adjustments are needed to: The resources the facility has available to commit to ensure adherence to the staffing plan?  Yes  No

**115.313 (e)**

- Has the facility implemented a policy and practice of having intermediate-level or higher-level supervisors conduct and document unannounced rounds to identify and deter staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment? (N/A for non-secure facilities)  Yes  No  NA
- Is this policy and practice implemented for night shifts as well as day shifts? (N/A for non-secure facilities)  Yes  No  NA
- Does the facility have a policy prohibiting staff from alerting other staff members that these supervisory rounds are occurring, unless such announcement is related to the legitimate operational functions of the facility? (N/A for non-secure facilities)  Yes  No  NA

## Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The facility's PREA Policy 6.13 and practices provide for the implementation of a staffing plan with adequate staffing levels to protect residents against sexual abuse and provides that the staffing ratios are per the current program contract. According to the staffing plan and staff interviews the ratios within the facility are 1:4 during the awake hours and 1:10 during the sleeping hours.

The staffing plan is based upon the facility's capacity of 20 residents. The facility's Policy requires the facility to document deviations from the staffing plan on the Shift Report; however, due to the facility's consistent staffing ratios, there were no deviations from the plan to review.

Documentation of the annual assessment of the staffing plan dated February 2, 2017 was reviewed and found to be in compliance with all elements contained in (d)-1 of this standard.

The facility utilizes direct staff supervision to protect residents from sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The facility's Policy requires intermediate or higher-level staff to conduct unannounced rounds to deter and identify staff sexual abuse and sexual harassment. An interview with a higher-level staff member and a review of unannounced rounds documentation revealed over time unannounced rounds are conducted on all three shifts in all areas of the facility.

## **Standard 115.315: Limits to cross-gender viewing and searches**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.315 (a)**

- Does the facility always refrain from conducting any cross-gender strip or cross-gender visual body cavity searches, except in exigent circumstances or by medical practitioners?  
 Yes  No

**115.315 (b)**

- Does the facility always refrain from conducting cross-gender pat-down searches in non-exigent circumstances?  Yes  No  NA

**115.315 (c)**

- Does the facility document and justify all cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender visual body cavity searches?  Yes  No
- Does the facility document all cross-gender pat-down searches?  Yes  No

**115.315 (d)**

- Does the facility implement policies and procedures that enable residents to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks?  Yes  No
- Does the facility require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering a resident housing unit?  Yes  No
- In facilities (such as group homes) that do not contain discrete housing units, does the facility require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an area where residents are likely to be showering, performing bodily functions, or changing clothing? (N/A for facilities with discrete housing units)  Yes  No  NA

**115.315 (e)**

- Does the facility always refrain from searching or physically examining transgender or intersex residents for the sole purpose of determining the resident's genital status?  Yes  No
- If a resident's genital status is unknown, does the facility determine genital status during conversations with the resident, by reviewing medical records, or, if necessary, by learning that

information as part of a broader medical examination conducted in private by a medical practitioner?

Yes  No

**115.315 (f)**

- Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct cross-gender pat down searches in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs?  Yes  No
  
- Does the facility/agency train security staff in how to conduct searches of transgender and intersex residents in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs?  Yes  No

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

AMIKids Bennettsville FOP PREA 6.15 prohibit cross-gender strip searches. It also prohibits pat down searches of residents, except in exigent circumstances and there have been no such searches conducted by direct care staff in the past 12 months as verified by random staff and random resident interviews.

The facility's PREA Policy states visual body cavity searches are prohibited.

The PREA Policy states the facility must be configured to allow residents to shower, perform bodily functions and change clothing without staff of the opposite sex viewing their bodies. Staff and resident interviews confirm there is no cross-gender viewing. Observation of the bathrooms revealed all shower stalls have shower curtains to allow privacy while taking showers.

The facility's PREA Policy require opposite sex staff, volunteers and contractors entering housing units to announce themselves. Resident interviews verified this is done on consistent basis.

The facility's PREA Policy prohibit the search of a transgender or intersex resident solely for the purpose of determining the resident's genital status and staff interviews verified compliance.

One hundred percent of direct care staff have received training on cross-gender pat down searches and searches of transgender and intersex residents. The training was verified during interviews of random staff. Training curriculum and training logs were reviewed and confirmed compliance.

## **Standard 115.316: Residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient**

### **All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

#### **115.316 (a)**

- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who are deaf or hard of hearing?  Yes  No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who are blind or have low vision?  Yes  No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who have intellectual disabilities?  Yes  No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who have psychiatric disabilities?  Yes  No
- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect,

and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Residents who have speech disabilities?  Yes  No

- Does the agency take appropriate steps to ensure that residents with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including: Other? (If "other," please explain in overall determination notes.)  Yes  No
- Do such steps include, when necessary, ensuring effective communication with residents who are deaf or hard of hearing?  Yes  No
- Do such steps include, when necessary, providing access to interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with residents with disabilities including residents who: Have intellectual disabilities?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with residents with disabilities including residents who: Have limited reading skills?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that written materials are provided in formats or through methods that ensure effective communication with residents with disabilities including residents who: Are blind or have low vision?  Yes  No

**115.316 (b)** *Does the agency take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment to residents who are limited English proficient?*

- Does the agency take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment to residents who are limited English proficient?  Yes  No
- Do these steps include providing interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary?  Yes  No

**115.316 (c)** *Does the agency always refrain from relying on resident interpreters, resident readers, or other types of resident assistants except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the resident's safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.364, or the investigation of the resident's allegations?*

- Does the agency always refrain from relying on resident interpreters, resident readers, or other types of resident assistants except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the resident's safety, the performance of first-response duties under §115.364, or the investigation of the resident's allegations?  Yes  No



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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

AMIKids Bennettsville PREA Policy 6.16, Residents with Disabilities and Limited English Proficiencies, require steps to be taken to ensure residents with disabilities or who are limited English proficient are provided meaningful access to all aspects of the facility’s efforts to prevent, protect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. This Policy also states the facility will not rely on resident interpreter, resident readers or any kind of resident assistants except when a delay in obtaining interpreters services could jeopardize a residents’ safety.

AMIKids Bennettsville has identified Language Line Solutions as a provider of interpreter services for Language interpretation needed by AMIKids Bennettsville youth that do not speak English. The interpreter will communicate with youth in their primary language and translate information back to Amlkids Bennettsville, and/or other related parties as determined.

Written material used to ensure effective communication about PREA with residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient are available for use when needed. Random staff interviews verified the facility does not use resident assistants and there were no instances of resident interpreter or readers being used in the past 12 months.

**Standard 115.317: Hiring and promotion decisions**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.317 (a)**

- Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with residents who: Has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement

facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)?  Yes  No

- Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with residents who: Has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse?  Yes  No
- Does the agency prohibit the hiring or promotion of anyone who may have contact with residents who: Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the question immediately above?  Yes  No
- Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with residents who: Has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997)?  Yes  No
- Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with residents who: Has been convicted of engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse?  Yes  No
- Does the agency prohibit the enlistment of services of any contractor who may have contact with residents who: Has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in the question immediately above?  Yes  No

**115.317 (b)** *Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the services of any contractor, who may have contact with residents?*

- Does the agency consider any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the services of any contractor, who may have contact with residents?  Yes  No

**115.317 (c)** *Before hiring new employees, who may have contact with residents, does the agency: Perform a criminal background records check? Consult any child abuse registry maintained by the State or locality in which the employee would work? Consistent with Federal, State, and local law, make its best efforts to contact all prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or any resignation during a pending investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse?*

- Before hiring new employees, who may have contact with residents, does the agency: Perform a criminal background records check?  Yes  No
- Before hiring new employees, who may have contact with residents, does the agency: Consult any child abuse registry maintained by the State or locality in which the employee would work?  Yes  No
- Before hiring new employees, who may have contact with residents, does the agency: Consistent with Federal, State, and local law, make its best efforts to contact all prior institutional employers for information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or any resignation during a pending investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse?  Yes  No

**115.317 (d)**

- Does the agency perform a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of

any contractor who may have contact with residents?  Yes  No

- Does the agency consult applicable child abuse registries before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents?  Yes  No

**115.317 (e)**

- Does the agency either conduct criminal background records checks at least every five years of current employees and contractors who may have contact with residents or have in place a system for otherwise capturing such information for current employees?  Yes  No

**115.317 (f)**

- Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with residents directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in written applications or interviews for hiring or promotions?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ask all applicants and employees who may have contact with residents directly about previous misconduct described in paragraph (a) of this section in any interviews or written self-evaluations conducted as part of reviews of current employees?  Yes  No
- Does the agency impose upon employees a continuing affirmative duty to disclose any such misconduct?  Yes  No

**115.317 (g)**

- Does the agency consider material omissions regarding such misconduct, or the provision of materially false information, grounds for termination?  Yes  No

**115.317 (h)**

- Unless prohibited by law, does the agency provide information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee upon receiving a request from an institutional employer for whom such employee has applied to work? (N/A if providing information on substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment involving a former employee is prohibited by law.)  Yes  No  NA

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

AMIKids, Inc. PREA Policy and the facility's PREA Policy 6.17, Hiring and Promotion Decisions, address hiring and promotion processes and decisions, including the requirement for background checks for new hires. The collective Policies and interview with the Human Resource staff member revealed information regarding the hiring process, completion of background checks, and the grounds for termination. The Policies are aligned with the requirements of the standard and provide that background checks are conducted every five years. A review of a sample of personnel files confirmed compliance.

A pre-hire form requires applicants to provide information regarding previously related sexual misconduct allegations and convictions. The policy prohibits hiring or promoting anyone who may have contact with residents and prohibit enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with residents who engaged in previous sexual misconduct.

According to the Human Resource staff, the facility considers any incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in determining whether to hire a person, contract for services, or whether to promote an employee. The policy and an interview with the Human Resource staff indicates staff has a continuing duty to report misconduct and provide omissions of misconduct or providing false information will be grounds for termination.

A review of personnel files for a sample of staff hired in the past 12 months revealed all had criminal records checks and a sample review of personnel files of current staff employed for more than 5 years revealed all have had criminal background checks conducted every five years.

## Standard 115.318: Upgrades to facilities and technologies

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

### 115.318 (a)

- If the agency designed or acquired any new facility or planned any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities, did the agency consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the agency's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse?

(N/A if agency/facility has not acquired a new facility or made a substantial expansion to existing facilities since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)

Yes  No  NA

#### 115.318 (b)

- If the agency installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, did the agency consider how such technology may enhance the agency's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse? (N/A if agency/facility has not installed or updated a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology since August 20, 2012, or since the last PREA audit, whichever is later.)

Yes  No  NA

#### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

AMIKids Bennettsville has not acquired any new facilities or updated surveillance technology since August 20, 2012.

## RESPONSIVE PLANNING

### Standard 115.321: Evidence protocol and forensic medical examinations

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.321 (a)

- If the agency is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, does the agency follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence

for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)  
 Yes  No  NA

**115.321 (b)**

- Is this protocol developmentally appropriate for youth where applicable? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)  Yes  No  NA
  
- Is this protocol, as appropriate, adapted from or otherwise based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women publication, "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/Adolescents," or similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocols developed after 2011? (N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations.)  Yes  No  NA

**115.321 (c)**

- Does the agency offer all residents who experience sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations, whether on-site or at an outside facility, without financial cost, where evidentiarily or medically appropriate?  Yes  No
  
- Are such examinations performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible?  Yes  No
  
- If SAFEs or SANEs cannot be made available, is the examination performed by other qualified medical practitioners (they must have been specifically trained to conduct sexual assault forensic exams)?  Yes  No
  
- Has the agency documented its efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs?  Yes  No

**115.321 (d)**

- Does the agency attempt to make available to the victim a victim advocate from a rape crisis center?  Yes  No
  
- If a rape crisis center is not available to provide victim advocate services, does the agency make available to provide these services a qualified staff member from a community-based organization, or a qualified agency staff member?  Yes  No
  
- Has the agency documented its efforts to secure services from rape crisis centers?  Yes  No

**115.321 (e)**

- As requested by the victim, does the victim advocate, qualified agency staff member, or

qualified community-based organization staff member accompany and support the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews?  Yes  No

- As requested by the victim, does this person provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals?  Yes  No

**115.321 (f)**

- If the agency itself is not responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, has the agency requested that the investigating entity follow the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting criminal AND administrative sexual abuse investigations.)  Yes  No  NA

**115.321 (g)**

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

**115.321 (h)**

- If the agency uses a qualified agency staff member or a qualified community-based staff member for the purposes of this section, has the individual been screened for appropriateness to serve in this role and received education concerning sexual assault and forensic examination issues in general? (Check N/A if agency attempts to make a victim advocate from a rape crisis center available to victims per 115.321(d) above.)  Yes  No  NA

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

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**AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:**

The facility's PREA Policy 6.21 addresses this standard and states that staff is expected to cooperate in investigations conducted by the Bennettsville Police Department, South Carolina Department of Social Service (SCDSS), and the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (SCDJJ). Administrative investigations are conducted by SCDJJ and criminal investigations are

conducted by the SCDSS and local law enforcement. The PREA Policy states that AMIKids Bennettsville will request that the investigators follow a uniform evidence protocol appropriate for youth.

The policy also requires resident victims of sexual assaults to have access to forensic examinations at no financial cost to the victim. During the past 12 months, there were no forensic examinations conducted.

AMIKids Bennettsville has a Letter of Agreement with the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault - Marlboro County for victims' advocacy services as verified during the PREA Compliance Manager's interview. The agreement describes services including a 24/7 hotline and a certified victims' advocate to respond to requests for advocacy and accompaniment during sexual assault forensic examinations and investigative interviews. Forensic examinations will be conducted by the McLeod Health Cheraw by a SAFE or SANE medical examiner as documented in the Letter of Agreement.

### **Standard 115.322: Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

#### **115.322 (a)**

- Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual harassment?  Yes  No

#### **115.322 (b)**

- Does the agency have a policy and practice in place to ensure that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior?  Yes  No
- Has the agency published such policy on its website or, if it does not have one, made the policy available through other means?  Yes  No
- Does the agency document all such referrals?  Yes  No

#### **115.322 (c)**

- If a separate entity is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, does such publication describe the responsibilities of both the agency and the investigating entity? [N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for criminal investigations. See 115.321(a).]



Yes  No  NA

**115.322 (d)**

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

**115.322 (e)**

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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AMIKids Bennetttsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

AMIKids, Inc. PREA Policy 6.22 identify the agencies that will conduct the criminal and Administrative investigations. Policy instructs the facility staff to cooperate with the investigators. Facility policy ensures that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. During the past 12 months, there were no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that required an administrative or criminal investigation.

AMIKids, Inc. Policy requires referrals of sexual abuse allegations to be submitted to the Bennetttsville Police Department, SCDSS, and SCDJJ. A review of AMIKids, Inc. website revealed a PREA page includes investigative entities responsibilities for conducting investigations of allegations of sexual abuse. The Agency's Policy provide staff report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and the appropriate investigative entity be contacted when allegations of sexual abuse are made.

The AMIKids, Inc. website contains information regarding the referral of allegations for investigations of sexual abuse and it has related information posted, which is accessible to the public. The website is informative and educational to the public as well as the staff.

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

### Standard 115.331: Employee training

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.331 (a)

- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: Its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: Residents' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The right of residents and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in juvenile facilities?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: The common reactions of juvenile victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse and how to distinguish between consensual sexual contact and sexual abuse between residents?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to avoid inappropriate relationships with residents?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to communicate effectively and professionally with residents, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming residents?  Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities?  
 Yes  No
- Does the agency train all employees who may have contact with residents on: Relevant laws regarding the applicable age of consent?  Yes  No

**115.331 (b)**

- Is such training tailored to the unique needs and attributes of residents of juvenile facilities?  Yes  No
- Is such training tailored to the gender of the residents at the employee's facility?  Yes  No
- Have employees received additional training if reassigned from a facility that houses only male residents to a facility that houses only female residents, or vice versa?  Yes  No

**115.331 (c)**

- Have all current employees who may have contact with residents received such training?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide each employee with refresher training every two years to ensure that all employees know the agency's current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures?  Yes  No
- In years in which an employee does not receive refresher training, does the agency provide refresher information on current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies?  Yes  No

**115.331 (d)**

- Does the agency document, through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees understand the training they have received?  Yes  No

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

AMIKids, Inc. Policy 6.31 documents training requirements for PREA. The training curriculums, documented staff training records and staff interviews validates compliance. The PREA training covered requirements for direct care, workers, medical personnel and contractors during initial training and annually refresher training.

Specific topics covered during PREA training are consistent with this standard's requirements and is tailored to the facility's male resident population. All employees are trained as new hires regardless of their previous experience. At the end of the PREA course, staff are tested and receive a score based upon their comprehension of the material provided.

### **Standard 115.332: Volunteer and contractor training**

#### **All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

##### **115.332 (a)**

- Has the agency ensured that all volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents have been trained on their responsibilities under the agency's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures?  Yes  No

##### **115.332 (b)**

- Have all volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents been notified of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents (the level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors shall be based on the services they provide and level of contact they have with residents)?  Yes  No

##### **115.332 (c)**

- Does the agency maintain documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received?  Yes  No

#### **Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

AMIKids, Inc. PREA Policy 6.32 requires volunteers and contractors who have contact with residents to receive PREA training. This training is provided online as well as on-site. Employees sign training rosters and at the end of the PREA course, staff are tested and receive a score based upon their comprehension of the material provided. Acknowledge completion Certificates were reviewed for volunteers and contractors. An interview with the Executive Director verified this information.

### **Standard 115.333: Resident education**

#### **All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

##### **115.333 (a)**

- During intake, do residents receive information explaining the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- During intake, do residents receive information explaining how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Is this information presented in an age-appropriate fashion?  Yes  No

##### **115.333 (b)**

- Within 10 days of intake, does the agency provide age-appropriate comprehensive education to residents either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Within 10 days of intake, does the agency provide age-appropriate comprehensive education to residents either in person or through video regarding: Their rights to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents?  Yes  No
- Within 10 days of intake, does the agency provide age-appropriate comprehensive education to residents either in person or through video regarding: Agency policies and procedures for responding to such incidents?  Yes  No

##### **115.333 (c)**

- Have all residents received such education?  Yes  No
- Do residents receive education upon transfer to a different facility to the extent that the policies and procedures of the resident's new facility differ from those of the previous facility?  
 Yes  No

##### **115.333 (d)**

- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents including those who: Are limited English proficient?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents including those who: Are deaf?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents including those who: Are visually impaired?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents including those who: Are otherwise disabled?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide resident education in formats accessible to all residents including those who: Have limited reading skills?  Yes  No

**115.333 (e)** *Does the agency maintain documentation of resident participation in these education sessions?*

- Does the agency maintain documentation of resident participation in these education sessions?  Yes  No

**115.333 (f)**

- In addition to providing such education, does the agency ensure that key information is continuously and readily available or visible to residents through posters, resident handbooks, or other written formats?  Yes  No

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

A review of the facility's PREA Policy 6.33, other documentation and interviews with residents and staff confirm residents receive information about the contents of the Policy, including how to report incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. According to the facility's PREA Policy, the facility will provide support services in accessible formats for residents who are limited English proficient, deaf, visually impaired, or otherwise disabled.

Posters displaying the phone number for the rape crisis center are visible to youth and staff throughout the facility. Youth interviews confirmed that they understand the PREA education received and could articulate their rights and the various ways they can report an allegation.

As a corrective action, the Executive Director has displayed additional and youth friendly postings of PREA information in all areas frequented by the residents. Photographs have been provided to this Auditor to verify additional postings.

### **Standard 115.334: Specialized training: Investigations**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

#### **115.334 (a)**

- In addition to the general training provided to all employees pursuant to §115.331, does the agency ensure that, to the extent the agency itself conducts sexual abuse investigations, its investigators have received training in conducting such investigations in confinement settings? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).]  Yes  No  NA

#### **115.334 (b)**

- Does this specialized training include: Techniques for interviewing juvenile sexual abuse victims? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).]  Yes  No  NA
- Does this specialized training include: Proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).]  Yes  No  NA
- Does this specialized training include: Sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).]  Yes  No  NA
- Does this specialized training include: The criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).]  Yes  No  NA

#### **115.334 (c)**

- Does the agency maintain documentation that agency investigators have completed the

required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations? [N/A if the agency does not conduct any form of administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).]  
 Yes  No  NA

**115.334 (d)**

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

There are no facility investigators. All criminal and administrative investigations are referred to outside agencies.

**Standard 115.335: Specialized training: Medical and mental health care**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.335 (a)**

- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How to detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How to preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse?  Yes  No
- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners



who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How to respond effectively and professionally to juvenile victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No

- Does the agency ensure that all full- and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in: How and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No

**115.335 (b)**

- If medical staff employed by the agency conduct forensic examinations, do such medical staff receive appropriate training to conduct such examinations? (N/A if agency medical staff at the facility does not conduct forensic exams.)  Yes  No  NA

**115.335 (c)**

- Does the agency maintain documentation that medical and mental health practitioners have received the training referenced in this standard either from the agency or elsewhere?  
 Yes  No

**115.335 (d)**

- Do medical and mental health care practitioners employed by the agency also receive training mandated for employees by §115.331?  Yes  No
- Do medical and mental health care practitioners contracted by and volunteering for the agency also receive training mandated for contractors and volunteers by §115.332?  Yes  No

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

AMIKids, Inc. PREA Policy 6.35 states that AMIKids Bennettsville does not employ medical or mental health staff; however, residents receive medical care from Agape Primary Senior Care through a contract with the facility as needed; forensic examinations will be conducted at McLeod Health-Cheraw by SANE or SAFE certified examiners as documented in a letter of agreement; and mental health care is provided through a contract with Care South Carolina.

According to AMIKids, Inc. Policy, medical and mental health care practitioners contracted by and volunteering for the agency receive training mandated for contractors and volunteers.

## SCREENING FOR RISK OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION AND ABUSIVENESS

### Standard 115.341: Screening for risk of victimization and abusiveness

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.341 (a)

- Within 72 hours of the resident's arrival at the facility, does the agency obtain and use information about each resident's personal history and behavior to reduce risk of sexual abuse by or upon a resident?  Yes  No
- Does the agency also obtain this information periodically throughout a resident's confinement?  Yes  No

#### 115.341 (b)

- Are all PREA screening assessments conducted using an objective screening instrument?  Yes  No

#### 115.341 (c)

- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Prior sexual victimization or abusiveness?  Yes  No
- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Any gender nonconforming appearance or manner or identification as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex, and whether the resident may therefore be vulnerable to sexual abuse?  Yes  No
- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Current charges and offense history?  Yes  No
- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to

ascertain information about: Age?  Yes  No

- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Level of emotional and cognitive development?  Yes  No
- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Physical size and stature?  Yes  No
- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Mental illness or mental disabilities?  Yes  No
- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Intellectual or developmental disabilities?  Yes  No
- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Physical disabilities?  Yes  No
- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: The resident's own perception of vulnerability?  Yes  No
- During these PREA screening assessments, at a minimum, does the agency attempt to ascertain information about: Any other specific information about individual residents that may indicate heightened needs for supervision, additional safety precautions, or separation from certain other residents?  Yes  No

**115.341 (d)**

- Is this information ascertained: Through conversations with the resident during the intake process and medical mental health screenings?  Yes  No
- Is this information ascertained: During classification assessments?  Yes  No
- Is this information ascertained: By reviewing court records, case files, facility behavioral records, and other relevant documentation from the resident's files?  Yes  No

**115.341 (e)**

- Has the agency implemented appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions asked pursuant to this standard in order to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the resident's detriment by staff or other residents?  Yes  No

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The facility's PREA Policy 6.41 address this standard. The screening for risk of sexual abuse victimization or sexual abusiveness toward other residents is being conducted on each resident. The initial screening is done during the intake process and the facility's PREA Policy states the treatment teams should continually review the resident's adjustment. Interviews with residents and staff and a review of documentation confirmed the practices.

A review of the Vulnerability to Victimization and Sexually Aggressive Behavior (VSAB) forms in residents' files and resident interviews revealed risk screenings are being conducted or reviewed by Intake staff within 72 hours of the resident's arrival at the facility. The VSAB form includes each component contained in section (c) of this standard.

Resident interviews indicated they were asked whether they identify with being gay, bi- sexual, transgender or intersex, if they think they are in danger of sexual abuse and if they have any disabilities. Random resident interviews verified they were asked the same questions by mental health staff during their initial interview.

Completed VSAB forms are maintained in residents' medical and Intake files and are available to staff only on a need to know basis.

**Standard 115.342: Use of screening information**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.342 (a)**

- Does the agency use all of the information obtained pursuant to § 115.341 and subsequently, with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse, to make: Housing Assignments?  Yes  No
- Does the agency use all of the information obtained pursuant to § 115.341 and subsequently, with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse, to make: Bed assignments?  Yes  No

- Does the agency use all of the information obtained pursuant to § 115.341 and subsequently, with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse, to make: Work Assignments?  Yes  No
- Does the agency use all of the information obtained pursuant to § 115.341 and subsequently, with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse, to make: Education Assignments?  Yes  No
- Does the agency use all of the information obtained pursuant to § 115.341 and subsequently, with the goal of keeping all residents safe and free from sexual abuse, to make: Program Assignments?  Yes  No

**115.342 (b)**

- Are residents isolated from others only as a last resort when less restrictive measures are inadequate to keep them and other residents safe, and then only until an alternative means of keeping all residents safe can be arranged?  Yes  No
- During any period of isolation, does the agency always refrain from denying residents daily large-muscle exercise?  Yes  No
- During any period of isolation, does the agency always refrain from denying residents any legally required educational programming or special education services?  Yes  No
- Do residents in isolation receive daily visits from a medical or mental health care clinician?  Yes  No
- Do residents also have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible?  Yes  No

**115.342 (c)**

- Does the agency always refrain from placing: Lesbian, gay, and bisexual residents in particular housing, bed, or other assignments solely on the basis of such identification or status?  Yes  No
- Does the agency always refrain from placing: Transgender residents in particular housing, bed, or other assignments solely on the basis of such identification or status?  Yes  No
- Does the agency always refrain from placing: Intersex residents in particular housing, bed, or other assignments solely on the basis of such identification or status?  Yes  No
- Does the agency always refrain from considering lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification or status as an indicator or likelihood of being sexually abusive?  Yes  No

**115.342 (d)**

- When deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex resident to a facility for male or female residents, does the agency consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the resident's health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems (NOTE: if an agency by policy or practice assigns residents to a male or female facility on the basis of anatomy alone, that agency is not in compliance with this standard)?  Yes  No
- When making housing or other program assignments for transgender or intersex residents, does the agency consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the resident's health and safety, and whether a placement would present management or security problems?  Yes  No

**115.342 (e)**

- Are placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex resident reassessed at least twice each year to review any threats to safety experienced by the resident?  Yes  No

**115.342 (f)**

- Are each transgender or intersex resident's own views with respect to his or her own safety given serious consideration when making facility and housing placement decisions and programming assignments?  Yes  No

**115.342 (g)**

- Are transgender and intersex residents given the opportunity to shower separately from other residents?  Yes  No

**115.342 (h)**

- If a resident is isolated pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section, does the facility clearly document: The basis for the facility's concern for the resident's safety? (N/A for h and i if facility doesn't use isolation?)  Yes  No  NA
- If a resident is isolated pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section, does the facility clearly document: The reason why no alternative means of separation can be arranged? (N/A for h and i if facility doesn't use isolation?)  Yes  No  NA

**115.342 (i)**

- In the case of each resident who is isolated as a last resort when less restrictive measures are inadequate to keep them and other residents safe, does the facility afford a review to determine whether there is a continuing need for separation from the general population EVERY 30 DAYS?  Yes  No

### Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The facility's PREA Policy 6.42 prohibits placing gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex residents in particular housing based solely on such identification or status. Housing and program assignments will be made for each transgender or intersex resident on a case by case basis and the resident's view regarding safety will be seriously considered. According to the facility's PREA Policy, the facility prohibits considering gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification or status as an indicator of the likelihood of being sexually abusive.

Victimization screening information may be used to determine a resident's room assignment and its proximity to direct care staff in the housing unit to ensure resident's safety.

Isolation is prohibited by the AMIKids, Inc. Facility staff and resident's interviews validated compliance.

## REPORTING

### Standard 115.351: Resident reporting

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

#### 115.351 (a)

- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Retaliation by other residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No

- Does the agency provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report: Staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents?  Yes  No

**115.351 (b)**

- Does the agency also provide at least one way for residents to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency?  Yes  No
- Is that private entity or office able to receive and immediately forward resident reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials?  Yes  No
- Does that private entity or office allow the resident to remain anonymous upon request?  Yes  No
- Are residents detained solely for civil immigration purposes provided information on how to contact relevant consular officials and relevant officials at the Department of Homeland Security to report sexual abuse or harassment?  Yes  No

**115.351 (c)**

- Do staff members accept reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties?  Yes  No
- Do staff members promptly document any verbal reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No

**115.351 (d)**

- Does the facility provide residents with access to tools necessary to make a written report?  Yes  No
- Does the agency provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents?  Yes  No

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

According to the facility's PREA Policy 6.51, there are internal ways a resident may report allegations of sexual abuse; sexual harassment; retaliation for reporting; and staff neglect or other violations that lead to abuse. A resident may place a note or PREA form in the PREA Box; complete a form requesting to see a specific staff member; talk to a staff member; and third parties may report allegations to staff or through the abuse hotline or rape crisis hotline. Interviews with staff and residents and a review of documentation support the practices.

PREA related information is posted in each housing unit. Residents are provided access to a telephone to report allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to the abuse reporting hotline. The abuse reporting hotline number is posted in the housing unit. Interviews revealed that staff members are aware of their responsibility to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Staff are also aware they are to accept and promptly document reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties.

Resident interviews revealed they may call or write his/her parent(s) or guardian or call or write his/her attorney or legal representative.

## **Standard 115.352: Exhaustion of administrative remedies**

### **All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

#### **115.352 (a)**

- Is the agency exempt from this standard? NOTE: The agency is exempt ONLY if it does not have administrative procedures to address resident grievances regarding sexual abuse. This does not mean the agency is exempt simply because a resident does not have to or is not ordinarily expected to submit a grievance to report sexual abuse. This means that as a matter of explicit policy, the agency does not have an administrative remedies process to address sexual abuse.  Yes  No  NA

#### **115.352 (b)**

- Does the agency permit residents to submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse without any type of time limits? (The agency may apply otherwise-applicable time limits to any portion of a grievance that does not allege an incident of sexual abuse.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- Does the agency always refrain from requiring a resident to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency

is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA

**115.352 (c)**

- Does the agency ensure that: A resident who alleges sexual abuse may submit a grievance without submitting it to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- Does the agency ensure that: Such grievance is not referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA

**115.352 (d)**

- Does the agency issue a final agency decision on the merits of any portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse within 90 days of the initial filing of the grievance? (Computation of the 90-day time period does not include time consumed by residents in preparing any administrative appeal.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- If the agency determines that the 90-day timeframe is insufficient to make an appropriate decision and claims an extension of time [the maximum allowable extension of time to respond is 70 days per 115.352(d)(3)], does the agency notify the resident in writing of any such extension and provide a date by which a decision will be made? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- At any level of the administrative process, including the final level, if the resident does not receive a response within the time allotted for reply, including any properly noticed extension, may a resident consider the absence of a response to be a denial at that level? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA

**115.352 (e)**

- Are third parties, including fellow residents, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, permitted to assist residents in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  
 Yes  No  NA
- Are those third parties also permitted to file such requests on behalf of residents? (If a third party, other than a parent or legal guardian, files such a request on behalf of a resident, the facility may require as a condition of processing the request that the alleged victim agree to have the request filed on his or her behalf, and may also require the alleged victim to personally pursue any subsequent steps in the administrative remedy process.) (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- If the resident declines to have the request processed on his or her behalf, does the agency document the resident's decision? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  
 Yes  No  NA

- Is a parent or legal guardian of a juvenile allowed to file a grievance regarding allegations of sexual abuse, including appeals, on behalf of such juvenile? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- If a parent or legal guardian of a juvenile files a grievance (or an appeal) on behalf of a juvenile regarding allegations of sexual abuse, is it the case that those grievances are not conditioned upon the juvenile agreeing to have the request filed on his or her behalf? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA

**115.352 (f)**

- Has the agency established procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance alleging that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- After receiving an emergency grievance alleging a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does the agency immediately forward the grievance (or any portion thereof that alleges the substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse) to a level of review at which immediate corrective action may be taken? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency provide an initial response within 48 hours? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- After receiving an emergency grievance described above, does the agency issue a final agency decision within 5 calendar days? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- Does the initial response and final agency decision document the agency's determination whether the resident is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- Does the initial response document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA
- Does the agency's final decision document the agency's action(s) taken in response to the emergency grievance? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA

**115.352 (g)**

- If the agency disciplines a resident for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse, does it do so ONLY where the agency demonstrates that the resident filed the grievance in bad faith? (N/A if agency is exempt from this standard.)  Yes  No  NA

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The PREA Policy 6.52 states the facility does not have administrative procedures in place for residents to report allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment through the grievance procedure. Youth may put a written complaint in the designated PREA box. There have been no complaints relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment received in the past 12 months. Staff and youth interviews confirmed their knowledge of how to use the PREA box to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The interview with the Executive Director pointed out that if a PREA allegation is found in the PREA box, then it is treated as a first responder incident.

### **Standard 115.353: Resident access to outside confidential support services and legal representation**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

#### **115.353 (a)** *Does the facility provide residents with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by providing, posting, or otherwise making assessable mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations?*

- Does the facility provide residents with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by providing, posting, or otherwise making assessable mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, State, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations?  Yes  No
- Does the facility provide persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available of local, State, or national immigrant services agencies?  Yes  No
- Does the facility enable reasonable communication between residents and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible?  Yes  No

#### **115.353 (b)** *Does the facility provide persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes reasonable communication between residents and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible?*

- Does the facility inform residents, prior to giving them access, of the extent to which such communications will be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws?  Yes  No

**115.353 (c)**

- Does the agency maintain or attempt to enter into memoranda of understanding or other agreements with community service providers that are able to provide residents with confidential emotional support services related to sexual abuse?  Yes  No
- Does the agency maintain copies of agreements or documentation showing attempts to enter into such agreements?  Yes  No

**115.353 (d)**

- Does the facility provide residents with reasonable and confidential access to their attorneys or other legal representation?  Yes  No
- Does the facility provide residents with reasonable access to parents or legal guardians?  Yes  No

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The PREA Policy 6.53 and the PREA Parent-Student Handbook ensures residents are provided access to outside confidential support services. Documentation was provided that identifies the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault as the community victims advocate to provide emotional support. Youth education rosters indicate youth have been provided

information about the victim advocacy service including how to access this service.

Posters containing the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault abuse number are prominently posted throughout the facility. Youth interviews confirmed that residents are aware of these posters and their right to call and make reports. Each youth has a primary Human Service Professional who can access outside support services upon request of the youth. Staff and youth interviews confirmed that staff provide youth with the limitations of confidentiality, regarding mandatory reporting laws. Youth communications are not monitored.

Youth interviews confirmed that those youth who currently have attorneys can communicate with them confidentially. None reported being denied access to their attorneys. All youth reported that they have family visitation and that they have never been denied access to their families. All youth are allowed phone calls each week to family members.

Random resident interviews assisted in verifying this standard.

## **Standard 115.354: Third-party reporting**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

### **115.354 (a)**

- Has the agency established a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Has the agency distributed publicly information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of a resident?  Yes  No

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The facility's PREA Policy 6.54 provides guidelines regarding third-party reporting. The agency website provides the public with information regarding the reporting of abuse. Parents and other visitors are informed about reporting incidents of sexual abuse through information posted in the facility. Parents are also mailed a packet which include PREA related information.

Resident interviews revealed their awareness of reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment to others outside of the facility including their parents/legal guardians.

## OFFICIAL RESPONSE FOLLOWING A RESIDENT REPORT

### Standard 115.361: Staff and agency reporting duties

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.361 (a)

- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of the agency?  Yes  No
- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding retaliation against residents or staff who reported an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment?  Yes  No
- Does the agency require all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment or retaliation?  Yes  No

#### 115.361 (b)

- Does the agency require all staff to comply with any applicable mandatory child abuse reporting laws?  Yes  No

#### 115.361 (c)

- Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials and designated State or local services agencies, are staff prohibited from revealing any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary, as specified in agency policy, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions?  Yes  No

#### 115.361 (d)

- Are medical and mental health practitioners required to report sexual abuse to designated supervisors and officials pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section as well as to the designated State or local services agency where required by mandatory reporting laws?  Yes  No
- Are medical and mental health practitioners required to inform residents of their duty to report, and the limitations of confidentiality, at the initiation of services?  Yes  No

**115.361 (e)** *Reporting of Sexual Abuse Allegations to Appropriate Authorities*

- Upon receiving any allegation of sexual abuse, does the facility head or his or her designee promptly report the allegation to the appropriate office?  Yes  No
- Upon receiving any allegation of sexual abuse, does the facility head or his or her designee promptly report the allegation to the alleged victim's parents or legal guardians unless the facility has official documentation showing the parents or legal guardians should not be notified?  Yes  No
- If the alleged victim is under the guardianship of the child welfare system, does the facility head or his or her designee promptly report the allegation to the alleged victim's caseworker instead of the parents or legal guardians? (N/A if the alleged victim is not under the guardianship of the child welfare system.)  Yes  No  NA
- If a juvenile court retains jurisdiction over the alleged victim, does the facility head or designee also report the allegation to the juvenile's attorney or other legal representative of record within 14 days of receiving the allegation?  Yes  No

**115.361 (f)** *Reporting of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment to Designated Investigators*

- Does the facility report all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third-party and anonymous reports, to the facility's designated investigators?  Yes  No

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AMIKids Bennetttsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

All AMIKids Bennetttsville staff are mandated reporters as required by AMIKids, Inc. Policy 6.62 to immediately report any knowledge, suspicion or information they receive regarding sexual abuse and harassment, retaliation against youth or staff who report any incidents or any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation. Random staff interviews also helped to verify the facility's compliance with this standard. An interview with the Human Services Professional confirmed her responsibility to inform youth 18 years old of her duty to report and limitations of confidentiality. Facility policy strictly prohibits the disclosure of information related to a report of sexual abuse, except on an "as needed" basis in order to make treatment and related decision.

## **Standard 115.362: Agency protection duties**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

### **115.362 (a)**

- When the agency learns that a resident is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, does it take immediate action to protect the resident?  Yes  No

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AMIKids Bennetttsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The facility's PREA Policy 6.62 provides when it is learned a resident is subject to substantial

risk of imminent sexual abuse, immediate action is taken to protect the resident. There were no residents identified as being at risk for sexual abuse in the past 12 months, as revealed in interviews with the Executive Director and random staff.

### **Standard 115.363: Reporting to other confinement facilities**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.363 (a)**

- Upon receiving an allegation that a resident was sexually abused while confined at another facility, does the head of the facility that received the allegation notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred?  Yes  No
- Does the head of the facility that received the allegation also notify the appropriate investigative agency?  Yes  No

**115.363 (b)**

- Is such notification provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation?  Yes  No

**115.363 (c)**

- Does the agency document that it has provided such notification?  Yes  No

**115.363 (d)**

- Does the facility head or agency office that receives such notification ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards?  Yes  No

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The facility's PREA Policy 6.63 address this standard. Upon receiving an allegation that a resident was sexually abused while confined in another facility, the Executive Director will notify the appropriate investigative agency (i.e. local law enforcement, Abuse hotline, SCDSS, and SCDJJ) of the allegation. Additionally, the Executive Director will notify the facility head of the other facility and document the notification. The notifications will be made within 72 hours of receipt of the allegation. There were no notifications made during the past 12 months.

### **Standard 115.364: Staff first responder duties**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

#### **115.364 (a)**

- Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Separate the alleged victim and abuser?  Yes  No
- Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence?  Yes  No
- Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence?  Yes  No
- Upon learning of an allegation that a resident was sexually abused, is the first security staff member to respond to the report required to: Ensure that the alleged abuser does not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating, if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence?  Yes  No

#### **115.364 (b)**

- If the first staff responder is not a security staff member, is the responder required to request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, and then notify security staff?  Yes  No

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

AMIKids, Inc. PREA Policy 6.65 requires staff to take specific steps to respond to a report of sexual abuse including; separating the alleged victim from the abuser; preserving any crime scene within a period of time that still allows for the collection of physical evidence; request the alleged victim not take any action that could destroy physical evidence; and ensure that the alleged abuser does not take any action to destroy physical evidence, if the abuse took place within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence.

There were no allegations of sexual abuse during the past 12 months. Random staff interviews revealed considerable knowledge of actions to be taken upon learning a resident alleges being sexually abused.

**Standard 115.365: Coordinated response**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.365 (a)**

- Has the facility developed a written institutional plan to coordinate actions among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse?  Yes  No

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

AMIKids, Inc. PREA 6.65 require the development of a written plan to coordinate actions taken in response to an incident of sexual assault among staff first responders and facility leadership. The facility's coordinated staff response plan was reviewed and found in compliance with the standard.

Interviews with the Executive Director and random staff revealed they are knowledgeable of their duties in response to an allegation of sexual abuse.

### **Standard 115.366: Preservation of ability to protect residents from contact with abusers**

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### **115.366 (a)**

- Are both the agency and any other governmental entities responsible for collective bargaining on the agency's behalf prohibited from entering into or renewing any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement that limits the agency's ability to remove alleged staff sexual abusers from contact with any residents pending the outcome of an investigation or of a determination of whether and to what extent discipline is warranted?  Yes  No

#### **115.366 (b)**

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The facility does not have any collective bargaining agreements.

### **Standard 115.367: Agency protection against retaliation**

#### **All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

##### **115.367 (a)**

- Has the agency established a policy to protect all residents and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other residents or staff?  Yes  No
- Has the agency designated which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation?  Yes  No

##### **115.367 (b)**

- Does the agency employ multiple protection measures for residents or staff who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations, such as housing changes or transfers for resident victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or resident abusers from contact with victims, and emotional support services?  Yes  No

##### **115.367 (c)**

- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of residents or staff who reported the sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by residents or staff?  Yes  No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor the conduct and treatment of residents who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by residents or staff?  Yes  No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Act promptly to remedy any such retaliation?  Yes  No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor: Any resident

disciplinary reports?  Yes  No

- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor: Resident housing changes?  Yes  No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor: Resident program changes?  Yes  No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor: Negative performance reviews of staff?  Yes  No
- Except in instances where the agency determines that a report of sexual abuse is unfounded, for at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, does the agency: Monitor: Reassignments of staff?  Yes  No
- Does the agency continue such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need?  Yes  No

**115.367 (d)**

- In the case of residents, does such monitoring also include periodic status checks?  
 Yes  No

**115.367 (e)**

- If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, does the agency take appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation?  
 Yes  No

**115.367 (f)**

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The facility's PREA Policy 6.67 require the protection of residents and staff who have reported sexual abuse or harassment or who have cooperated in a sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigation. The policy requires the monitoring to take place for a period of 90 days or longer, as needed.

The Executive Director and the Director of Operations are charged with monitoring for possible retaliation. There were no incidents of retaliation in the past 12 months, as revealed in interviews with the Executive Director and Director of Operations. Staff responsible for taking protection measures could articulate the requirements of the policy. AMIKids, Inc. has developed a form to document monitoring.

### **Standard 115.368: Post-allegation protective custody**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

#### **115.368 (a)**

- Is any and all use of segregated housing to protect a resident who is alleged to have suffered sexual abuse subject to the requirements of § 115.342?  Yes  No

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:



The facility does not use segregated housing; however, staff interviews revealed that protective measures may be used that include one to one supervision by staff and assigning the resident to another housing unit.

<b>INVESTIGATIONS</b>
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**Standard 115.371: Criminal and administrative agency investigations**

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

**115.371 (a)**

- When the agency conducts its own investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, does it do so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively? [N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).]  Yes  No  NA
  
- Does the agency conduct such investigations for all allegations, including third party and anonymous reports? [N/A if the agency/facility is not responsible for conducting any form of criminal OR administrative sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).]  Yes  No  NA

**115.371 (b)**

- Where sexual abuse is alleged, does the agency use investigators who have received specialized training in sexual abuse investigations involving juvenile victims as required by 115.334?  Yes  No

**115.371 (c)**

- Do investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data?  Yes  No
  
- Do investigators interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses?  Yes  No
  
- Do investigators review prior reports and complaints of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator?  Yes  No

**115.371 (d)**

- Does the agency always refrain from terminating an investigation solely because the source of the allegation recants the allegation?  Yes  No

**115.371 (e)**

- When the quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, does the agency conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution?  Yes  No

**115.371 (f)**

- Do agency investigators assess the credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness on an individual basis and not on the basis of that individual's status as resident or staff?  
 Yes  No
- Does the agency investigate allegations of sexual abuse without requiring a resident who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding?  Yes  No

**115.371 (g)**

- Do administrative investigations include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse?  Yes  No
- Are administrative investigations documented in written reports that include a description of the physical evidence and testimonial evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings?  Yes  No

**115.371 (h)**

- Are criminal investigations documented in a written report that contains a thorough description of the physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where feasible?  Yes  No

**115.371 (i)**

- Are all substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal referred for prosecution?  
 Yes  No

**115.371 (j)**

- Does the agency retain all written reports referenced in 115.371(g) and (h) for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by the agency, plus five years unless the abuse was committed by a juvenile resident and applicable law requires a shorter period of retention?  
 Yes  No

**115.371 (k)**

- Does the agency ensure that the departure of an alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of the agency does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation?  
 Yes  No

**115.371 (l)**

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

**115.371 (m)**

- When an outside entity investigates sexual abuse, does the facility cooperate with outside investigators and endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigation? (N/A if an outside agency does not conduct administrative or criminal sexual abuse investigations. See 115.321(a).)  Yes  No  NA

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The facility's PREA Policy 6.71 address this standard. Administrative investigations are conducted by the SCDJJ Office of Inspector General and criminal investigations are conducted by the SCDSS and local law enforcement. The Policy direct facility staff to cooperate with investigations. There were no allegations, referrals, or investigations during the past 12 months.

**Standard 115.372: Evidentiary standard for administrative investigations**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.372 (a)**

- Is it true that the agency does not impose a standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated?  Yes  No

## Auditor Overall Compliance Determination

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The facility's PREA Policy 6.72 address this standard. The Policy states that AMIKids Bennettsville imposes a standard no higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated.

## Standard 115.373: Reporting to residents

### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.373 (a)

- Following an investigation into a resident's allegation that he or she suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency inform the resident as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded?  Yes  No

#### 115.373 (b)

- If the agency did not conduct the investigation into a resident's allegation of sexual abuse in an agency facility, does the agency request the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the resident? (N/A if the agency/facility is responsible for conducting administrative and criminal investigations.)  Yes  No  NA

#### 115.373 (c)

- Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer posted within the resident's unit?  Yes  No

- Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The staff member is no longer employed at the facility?  Yes  No
- Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse in the facility?  Yes  No
- Following a resident's allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the resident, unless the agency has determined that the allegation is unfounded, or unless the resident has been released from custody, does the agency subsequently inform the resident whenever: The agency learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?  Yes  No

**115.373 (d)**

- Following a resident's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another resident, does the agency subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?  
 Yes  No
- Following a resident's allegation that he or she has been sexually abused by another resident, does the agency subsequently inform the alleged victim whenever: The agency learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within the facility?  
 Yes  No

**115.373 (e)**

- Does the agency document all such notifications or attempted notifications?  Yes  No

**115.373 (f)**

- Auditor is not required to audit this provision.

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The facility's PREA Policy 6.73 require at the conclusion of any law enforcement investigation into sexual abuse, the victim or the victim's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall be notified the investigation has concluded. In lieu of the fact that there were no criminal or administrative investigations during the past 12 months, there have been no notices sent to youth.

The Director of Operations/PREA Compliance Manager interview confirmed his knowledge of the reporting process.

## DISCIPLINE

### Standard 115.376: Disciplinary sanctions for staff

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

**115.376 (a)** Are staff subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies?  Yes  No

- Are staff subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies?  Yes  No

**115.376 (b)**

- Is termination the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse?  Yes  No

**115.376 (c)**

- Are disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the staff member's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar histories?  Yes  No

**115.376 (d)**

- Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to:

Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)?  Yes  No

- Are all terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, reported to: Relevant licensing bodies?  Yes  No

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The facility's PREA Policy 6.76 provides for disciplinary sanctions for staff to be up to and including termination for violation of the sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies. In the past 12 months, no staff has been terminated or has resigned for violating PREA related policies.

#### **Standard 115.377: Corrective action for contractors and volunteers**

##### All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

##### 115.377 (a)

- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse prohibited from contact with residents?  Yes  No
- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Law enforcement agencies (unless the activity was clearly not criminal)?  Yes  No
- Is any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse reported to: Relevant licensing bodies?  Yes  No

##### 115.377 (b)

In the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer, does the facility take appropriate remedial measures, and consider whether to prohibit further

contact with residents?  Yes  No

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

An incident regarding sexual abuse by a contractor or volunteer will be reported as required, including to relevant licensing bodies, according to the facility's PREA Policy 6.77. The facility will prohibit future contact with residents in the case of any violation of the facility's PREA related policies. During the past 12 months, no contractor or volunteer has been reported to law enforcement or any investigative entity for allegations of sexual abuse.

**Standard 115.378: Interventions and disciplinary sanctions for residents**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.378 (a)** *Are disciplinary sanctions imposed only pursuant to a formal disciplinary process?*

- Following an administrative finding that a resident engaged in resident-on-resident sexual abuse, or following a criminal finding of guilt for resident-on-resident sexual abuse, may residents be subject to disciplinary sanctions only pursuant to a formal disciplinary process?  Yes  No

**115.378 (b)** *Are disciplinary sanctions commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the resident's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other residents with similar histories?*

- Are disciplinary sanctions commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the resident's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other residents with similar histories?  Yes  No



- In the event a disciplinary sanction results in the isolation of a resident, does the agency ensure the resident is not denied daily large-muscle exercise?  Yes  No
- In the event a disciplinary sanction results in the isolation of a resident, does the agency ensure the resident is not denied access to any legally required educational programming or special education services?  Yes  No
- In the event a disciplinary sanction results in the isolation of a resident, does the agency ensure the resident receives daily visits from a medical or mental health care clinician?  Yes  No
- In the event a disciplinary sanction results in the isolation of a resident, does the resident also have access to other programs and work opportunities to the extent possible?  Yes  No

**115.378 (c)**

- When determining what types of sanction, if any, should be imposed, does the disciplinary process consider whether a resident's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his or her behavior?  Yes  No

**115.378 (d)**

- If the facility offers therapy, counseling, or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for the abuse, does the facility consider whether to offer the offending resident participation in such interventions?  Yes  No
- If the agency requires participation in such interventions as a condition of access to any rewards-based behavior management system or other behavior-based incentives, does it always refrain from requiring such participation as a condition to accessing general programming or education?  Yes  No

**115.378 (e)**

- Does the agency discipline a resident for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact?  Yes  No

**115.378 (f)**

- For the purpose of disciplinary action does a report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred NOT constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation?  Yes  No

**115.378 (g)**

- Does the agency always refrain from considering non-coercive sexual activity between residents to be sexual abuse? (N/A if the agency does not prohibit all sexual activity between residents.)  
 Yes  No  NA

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

AMIKids, Inc. PREA 6.78 require an administrative process for dealing with violations of resident-on-resident sexual abuse and for sexual contact with staff only when it has been determined the staff member did not consent to the sexual contact. Youth found to have sexually harmed others shall be offered therapy counseling or other interventions designed to address and correct the underlining reasons for their conduct. The Executive Director's interview confirms the administrative process.

AMIKids, Inc. PREA 6.78 provide anyone reporting in good faith will not receive any repercussions. The policies and interview with the Human Services Professional confirms counseling or other interventions will be offered to address and correct the underlying reasons or motivations for abuse when the resident remains in or returns to the facility after a sexual abuse incident. The interview also revealed any type interventions or treatment services provided are not as a condition for the resident to access participation in the behavior management system, education services, or other programs.

**MEDICAL AND MENTAL CARE**

**Standard 115.381: Medical and mental health screenings; history of sexual abuse**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.381 (a)**

- If the screening pursuant to § 115.341 indicates that a resident has experienced prior sexual victimization, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure

that the resident is offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening?  Yes  No

**115.381 (b)**

- If the screening pursuant to § 115.341 indicates that a resident has previously perpetrated sexual abuse, whether it occurred in an institutional setting or in the community, do staff ensure that the resident is offered a follow-up meeting with a mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening?  Yes  No

**115.381 (c)**

- Is any information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness that occurred in an institutional setting strictly limited to medical and mental health practitioners and other staff as necessary to inform treatment plans and security management decisions, including housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments, or as otherwise required by Federal, State, or local law?  Yes  No

**115.381 (d)**

- Do medical and mental health practitioners obtain informed consent from residents before reporting information about prior sexual victimization that did not occur in an institutional setting, unless the resident is under the age of 18?  Yes  No

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The facility's PREA Policy 6.81 addresses the elements of this standard. The policy indicates information related to sexual victimization or abusiveness which occurred in an institutional setting is limited to outside medical and mental health practitioners and other staff, based on

their need to know.

Residents who disclose a history of sexual abuse or who disclose previously perpetrating sexual abuse will be offered a follow-up meeting with a medical or mental health practitioner within 14 days of the intake screening.

**Standard 115.382: Access to emergency medical and mental health services**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.382 (a)**

- Do resident victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services, the nature and scope of which are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment?  Yes  No

**115.382 (b)**

- If no qualified medical or mental health practitioners are on duty at the time a report of recent sexual abuse is made, do staff first responders take preliminary steps to protect the victim pursuant to § 115.362?  Yes  No
- Do staff first responders immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners?  Yes  No

**115.382 (c)**

- Are resident victims of sexual abuse offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate?  Yes  No

**115.382 (d)**

- Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident?  Yes  No

**Auditor Overall Compliance Determination**

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

According to the facility's PREA Policy 6.82, timely and unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services for victims of sexual abuse will be provided. The nature and scope of the services are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment. Interviews confirmed what is stated in the facility's PREA Policy.

### **Standard 115.383: Ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims and abusers**

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### **115.383 (a)**

- Does the facility offer medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all residents who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility?  Yes  No

#### **115.383 (b)**

- Does the evaluation and treatment of such victims include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody?  Yes  No

#### **115.383 (c)**

- Does the facility provide such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care?  Yes  No

#### **115.383 (d)**

- Are resident victims of sexually abusive vaginal penetration while incarcerated offered pregnancy tests? (N/A if all-male facility.)  Yes  No  NA

#### **115.383 (e)**

- If pregnancy results from the conduct described in paragraph § 115.383(d), do such victims receive timely and comprehensive information about and timely access to all lawful pregnancy-related medical services? (N/A if all-male facility.) Yes  No  NA

**115.383 (f)**

- Are resident victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate?  Yes  No

**115.383 (g)**

- Are treatment services provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident?  Yes  No

**115.383 (h)**

- Does the facility attempt to conduct a mental health evaluation of all known resident-on-resident abusers within 60 days of learning of such abuse history and offer treatment when deemed appropriate by mental health practitioners?  Yes  No

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The facility's PREA Policy 6.83 provides for ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims. It also provides for medical and mental health evaluations and appropriate treatment in accordance with the standard. AMIKids Bennettsville does not employ medical or mental health staff; however, residents receive medical care from Agape Primary Senior Care through a contract with the facility as needed; forensic examinations will be conducted at McLeod Health-Cheraw by SANE or SAFE certified examiners as documented in a letter of agreement; and mental health care is provided through a contract with Care South Carolina.

## DATA COLLECTION AND REVIEW

### Standard 115.386: Sexual abuse incident reviews

Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.386 (a)

- Does the facility conduct a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, including where the allegation has not been substantiated, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded?  Yes  No

#### 115.386 (b)

- Does such review ordinarily occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation?  Yes  No

#### 115.386 (c)

- Does the review team include upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners?  Yes  No

#### 115.386 (d)

- Does the review team: Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse?  Yes  No
- Does the review team: Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; gang affiliation; or other group dynamics at the facility?  Yes  No
- Does the review team: Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse?  Yes  No
- Does the review team: Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts?  Yes  No
- Does the review team: Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff?  Yes  No
- Does the review team: Prepare a report of its findings, including but not necessarily limited to determinations made pursuant to §§ 115.386(d)(1) - (d)(5), and any recommendations for improvement and submit such report to the facility head and PREA compliance manager?  Yes  No

**115.386 (e)**

- Does the facility implement the recommendations for improvement, or document its reasons for not doing so?  Yes  No

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The facility's PREA Policy 6.86 require an incident review team meeting within 30 days of the conclusion of each investigation.

The interview with the Compliance Manager and a review of the form used to document the incident review team's findings indicate the team: consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse considers whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; gang affiliation; or other group dynamics at the facility; examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse; assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts; assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff.

The incident review team consist of upper-level management officials. The Executive Director's interview indicated familiarity with the role of the incident review team regarding incidents of sexual abuse. There have been no incident reviews conducted in the past 12 months.

**Standard 115.387: Data collection**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**



**115.387 (a)**

- Does the agency collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions?  Yes  No

**115.387 (b)**

- Does the agency aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually?  Yes  No

**115.387 (c)**

- Does the incident-based data include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice?  Yes  No

**115.387 (d)**

- Does the agency maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews?  Yes  No

**115.387 (e)**

- Does the agency also obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its residents? (N/A if agency does not contract for the confinement of its residents.)  Yes  No  NA

**115.387 (f)**

- Does the agency, upon request, provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30? (N/A if DOJ has not requested agency data.)  Yes  No  NA

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information on specific corrective actions taken by the facility.

AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The agency's PREA Policy 6.87 requires the collection of accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse. The AMIKids, Inc. is responsible for collecting accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under the direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions. AMIKids Bennettsville will provide AMIKids, Inc. with information/data when requested to accomplish that task.

The facility collects and maintains data in accordance with directives by AMIKids, Inc. and AMIKids, Inc. aggregates the sexual abuse data which culminates into an annual report. The agency provides the U.S. Department of Justice with data as requested.

### **Standard 115.388: Data review for corrective action**

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### **115.388 (a)**

- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.387 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Identifying problem areas?  Yes  No
- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.387 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis?  Yes  No
- Does the agency review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.387 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by: Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole?  Yes  No

#### **115.388 (b)**

- Does the agency's annual report include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse?  Yes  No

#### **115.388 (c)**

- Is the agency's annual report approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means?  Yes  No

#### **115.388 (d)**

- Does the agency indicate the nature of the material redacted where it redacts specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility?  Yes  No

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The facility’s PREA Policy 6.88 address this standard. The AMIKids, Inc. is responsible for reviewing data collected and aggregated pursuant to 115.387 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, and training, including:

- Identifying problem areas.
- Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis: and corrective actions from each facility, as well as the agency as a whole.

AMIKids, Inc. is responsible for completing any annual reports. AMIKids Bennettsville will provide AMIKids, Inc. with information/data when requested to accomplish this task.

AMIKids, Inc. will review the collected data to identify problem areas and develop a corrective Action plan if needed. There were no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in the past 12 months.

**Standard 115.389: Data storage, publication, and destruction**

**All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

**115.389 (a)**

- Does the agency ensure that data collected pursuant to § 115.387 are securely retained?

Yes  No

**115.389 (b)**

- Does the agency make all aggregated sexual abuse data, from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts, readily available to the public at least annually through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means?  Yes  No

**115.389 (c)**

- Does the agency remove all personal identifiers before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available?  Yes  No

**115.389 (d)**

- Does the agency maintain sexual abuse data collected pursuant to § 115.387 for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection, unless Federal, State, or local law requires otherwise?  Yes  No

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

The facility's PREA Policy 6.89 requires that data is collected and securely retained for 10 years, unless otherwise required by law. The aggregated PREA data is reviewed and all personal identifiers are removed. According to the policy, the aggregated sexual abuse data from all facilities will be readily available to the public.

## AUDITING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

### Standard 115.401: Frequency and scope of audits

All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report

#### 115.401 (a)

- During the three-year period starting on August 20, 2013, and during each three-year period thereafter, did the agency ensure that each facility operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited at least once? (N/A before August 20, 2016.)  
 Yes  No  NA

#### 115.401 (b)

- During each one-year period starting on August 20, 2013, did the agency ensure that at least one-third of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, was audited?  Yes  No

#### 115.401 (h)

- Did the auditor have access to, and the ability to observe, all areas of the audited facility?  
 Yes  No

#### 115.401 (i)

- Was the auditor permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information)?  Yes  No

#### 115.401 (m)

- Was the auditor permitted to conduct private interviews with inmates, residents, and detainees?  
 Yes  No

#### 115.401 (n)

- Were residents permitted to send confidential information or correspondence to the auditor in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel?  Yes  No

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

During the initial three-year period, audits were completed where the PREA audits were mandated by the contract agency. This facility audit was mandated to occur during the current audit cycle.

The Auditor was provided complete access to the facility and observed all areas of the facility's buildings and grounds. Additionally, all relevant documents were provided upon request. The facility made space available for private staff and resident interviews. Residents were provided information on the "Notice of the Auditor's On-site Visit" regarding how to send confidential information to the Auditor.

### **Standard 115.403: Audit contents and findings**

#### **All Yes/No Questions Must Be Answered by the Auditor to Complete the Report**

#### **115.403 (f)**

- The agency has published on its agency website, if it has one, or has otherwise made publicly available, all Final Audit Reports within 90 days of issuance by auditor. The review period is for prior audits completed during the past three years PRECEDING THIS AGENCY AUDIT. In the case of single facility agencies, the auditor shall ensure that the facility's last audit report was published. The pendency of any agency appeal pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 115.405 does not excuse noncompliance with this provision. (N/A if there has been no Final Audit Reports issued in the past three years, or in the case of single facility agencies that there has never been a Final Audit Report issued.)  Yes  No  NA

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AMIKids Bennettsville meets the requirements of this standard based upon the following evidence:

AMIKids, Inc. will publish this Final Audit Report on its agency website within 90 days of issuance by the auditor. This report does not contain any personal identifying information and there were no conflicts of interest regarding the completion of the audit. The facility and agency policies were reviewed regarding compliance with the standards and have been identified in the report. The audit findings were based on a review of policies and procedures and supporting documentation; interviews with staff and residents; and observations.

## AUDITOR CERTIFICATION

I certify that:

- The contents of this report are accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- No conflict of interest exists with respect to my ability to conduct an audit of the agency under review, and
- I have not included in the final report any personally identifiable information (PII) about any resident or staff member, except where the names of administrative personnel are specifically requested in the report template.

### Auditor Instructions:

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Cheryl M. Anderson  
**Auditor Signature**

April 20, 2018  
**Date**

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<sup>2</sup> See *PREA Auditor Handbook*, Version 1.0, August 2017; Pages 68-69.