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## **AMIKids Named Overall Winner of the 2015 Nonprofit of the Year Awards**

*AMIKids also awarded Best Nonprofit of the Year in the Family Services category*

TAMPA, FL – AMIKids Inc., a nationally-recognized, nonprofit organization that helps young people with a troubled past discover their potential, was named the overall winner of the *Tampa Bay Business Journal's* 2015 Nonprofit of the Year awards. AMIKids also received a \$10,000 donation from SunTrust as the overall award winner.



“The honor of winning this award is a testament to the dedication of our tireless staff and hundreds of board members throughout the country in providing the opportunity for kids to distance themselves from their troubled pasts and discover their full potential,” said Mark Criser, National Chair of the AMIKids Board of Trustees. “With the ever-increasing issues of crime, mistrust, and negativity facing our Nation, it is important for all of us to change the conversation from blame for the issues we face to discovering positive solutions.”

“With over 45 years of experience, AMIKids is a proven solution of changing the lives of kids here in the Bay Area and throughout the Country,” added Criser.



The ceremony was held Thursday, June 11, 2015 at the Museum of Science & Industry in Tampa, Florida. The awards had over 250 nominees and 60 finalists for eight categories, covering Arts, Culture & Humanities, Crisis Resources, Education, Environment and Animals, Family Services, Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services over \$10m, and Public and Societal Benefit.

AMIKids also was awarded the 2015 Nonprofit of the Year award in the Family Services category.



Separating a troubled past  
from a bright future.

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AMIKids, Inc., headquartered in Tampa, FL, has five programs in the Bay Area and over 40 nationwide, offering a wide variety of services to kids and their families. Since being founded in 1969, AMIKids has helped over 125,000 kids and their families separate a troubled past from a bright future and develops kids into responsible members of their communities, breaking the cycle of crime and poverty. Visit [AMIKids.org](http://AMIKids.org) for more information.

**About AMIKids, Inc.**

Founded in 1969, AMIKids, Inc. is a nationally-recognized nonprofit organization that helps kids and strengthens communities through positive and motivating programs that inspire learning, leadership and personal growth. As one of the few juvenile justice programs nationally accredited by AdvancED, AMIKids transforms its students through education, counseling and behavior modification services, empowering them to make positive decisions that will ultimately shape their future and allow them the opportunity to transform their lives. For more information, visit [www.amikids.org](http://www.amikids.org).

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