

INVESTIGATIONS

A teacher accused of giving her 14-year-old student alcohol and then sexually abusing him. The student's best friend reports the abuse, but the boy denies it. Did it occur?

A gymnastics coach sentenced to life in prison for molesting five of his athletes. Case closed, or are there more victims in need of counseling — or preparing to file suit?

A 6-year-old foster child hospitalized after a brutal sexual assault by her 9-year-old foster brother. Licensing representatives don't cite the agency, but the victim's family files suit, claiming negligence. Who's responsible?

An unpopular rabbi accused of sexually exploiting three adult women from his synagogue. He steadfastly denies the allegations. What does the evidence say?

A 53-year-old parishioner claims her priest molested her 40 years ago. He's deceased. She asks for a large cash settlement. Is her claim credible?

A 12-year-old camper tells his mom that his counselor fondled him. The police investigate and find insufficient evidence to file charges. But are the other campers safe?

Why an independent investigation

You cannot rely on the police or child protective services to ensure safety in your organization. That responsibility is yours. Police investigations look for evidence of a crime, and licensing authorities look for licensing violations. You look for compliance with the safeguards you have in place and for conduct beyond reproach. And with so much at stake, an investigation must be completed by an expert, someone with total objectivity, someone whose mission is nothing but the truth.

If you've had an incident or allegation of suspicious or inappropriate behavior or abuse, you need the facts. If there are other victims, you want to identify them so they can get help. If an insurance claim is festering in the

wings or you face potential civil

litigation, you want comprehensive and accurate information immediately — not vague recollections distorted by time, gossip, and the media. You and

your consumers want to know that you are doing everything you can to make sure those in your care are safe and that you are taking aggressive steps to eliminate potential risks.



An independent Praesidium investigation gives you the answers.

The Praesidium investigation process

Praesidium's experts begin the investigation by reviewing everything known or suspected about the situation. We then formulate critical questions — exactly what our investigation aims to answer — and systematically and objectively gather evidence. We interview everyone who may have relevant information; we review documents such as personnel files, performance reviews, police reports, polygraph examinations, and statements from the victim and accused; and we visit the locations where the alleged incident occurred. The final report, delivered as a confidential attorney-client work product, presents the findings and recommendations relevant to each of the critical investigation questions.

Whether to manage a crisis or prevent one, you can trust an independent Praesidium investigation to provide you with the information you need to respond effectively.

The results

"We were just too close to the situation. The accused was beloved by everyone. Praesidium gathered all the information we needed to make the right decision."

"The police and CPS said 'case closed,' but we wanted to know if we still had something to worry about. Was there fire or just smoke?"

"As soon as my claims manager got the incident report, we needed to determine how bad it was — how much money to put in reserves. The Praesidium investigation helped us set the parameters."

"They were professional and thorough. They put people at ease and found out everything. Their investigation vindicated our youth care worker. They discovered the family had made false allegations against another worker in a different city, trying to get money. And the family was at it again."



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