

## SELECTIVE LEADS ALL INSURANCE CARRIERS WITH NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES WHO ARE CERTIFIED PRAESIDIUM **GUARDIANS TRAINED TO ADVISE CUSTOMERS ON ABUSE PREVENTION**

BRANCHVILLE, N.J., April 15, 2021 /PRNewswire/ - Selective Insurance today announced that 24 Selective employees have received the Certified Praesidium Guardian™ designation. This designation certifies that these individuals have completed the in-depth training and development set forth by Praesidium and that they are committed to the highest standards in sexual abuse prevention. With an additional 21 employees going through the rigorous certification process later this year, Selective employees represent the largest population of Certified Praesidium Guardians in the insurance industry today.

Praesidium Guardians in the prevent abuse and molestation. insurance industry today.

 $\overline{\text{Selective employees}} \ \ \text{Selective partnered with Praesidium in 2018 to develop a multi-faceted risk}$  ${\tt represent\ the\ largest\ management\ program\ for\ community\ and\ public\ services\ organization\ customers}$ population of Certified based on providing deep expertise, paired with Selective's broad coverage, to help

Additional resources, including complimentary tools and training, help ensure that every customer has the opportunity to partner with Selective to instill best practices to help keep their community and vulnerable populations safe.

"Carefully developed and deployed strategies can help organizations prevent abuse among the vulnerable populations they serve. Selective's partnership with Praesidium allows our customers and agents access to extensive abuse prevention education to provide their employees a unique opportunity to partner with our abuse prevention experts to better serve their customers and their vulnerable populations," said Brian Sarisky, Chief Underwriting Officer, Commercial Lines. "Selective's investment in the necessary training and tools that can help prevent abuse from occurring aids our community and public services organization customers in safely and confidently protecting and serving their communities."

For more information about abuse prevention resources for Selective customers, please visit: https://www.selective.com/for-businesses/businesses-insurance-coverage/abuse-and-molestation-coverage

## About Praesidium's best practice standards at Selective

Selective's program incorporates Praesidium's best practice standards, which uses a systems-based approach derived from the scientific research of thousands of reported abuse incidents. The resources are designed to close gaps, decrease risks, and create safer environments within organizations. In addition to providing discounted

background screening services from Praesidium, the following industry-leading tools are available at no extra cost to Selective customers:

- Model Abuse Prevention Policies and Procedures can create safer environments for employees, volunteers, and the vulnerable populations they serve.
- **Screening and Selection Toolkit** includes resources to effectively screen employees and caregivers, including "red flag" indicators for identifying high-risk applicants.
- Armatus® Learn to Protect Online Training System overcomes traditional online training limitations by including
  with each course Action Plans to help students apply what they are learning, a Discussion Guide for use in a
  group setting, and a Coaching Playbook for supervisors. To date, more than 775 organizations have taken
  courses.

Selective's regional Safety Management Specialists are trained to help customers identify gaps in prevention policies and point them to Selective and Presidium's appropriate resources. Selective's underwriters can help ensure customers are cognizant of their exposure in this area and recommend the tools and resources from Praesidium that help improve their risk profiles.

## **About Selective Insurance Group, Inc.**

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