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Access + Safety Equation Mapping Exercise

As part of your abuse prevention efforts, we invite you to complete this Access Mapping Exercise. The purpose is to intentionally identify and document who has access to your consumers, programs, and facilities - physically and virtually.

Risk often increases where access is informal, assumed, or not regularly reviewed. This exercise encourages you to look beyond employees and consider the full ecosystem of individuals and entities who may interact with those you serve: partners, contractors, tenants, volunteers, vendors, collaborating programs, and digital platform users.

You should consider both:

- **Physical Access** - Who can enter or use your facilities? Who runs programs in your space? Who supervises, treats, transports, coaches, or otherwise engages with consumers?
- **Virtual Access** - Who can interact through email, telehealth, learning platforms, messaging apps, social media, livestreams, or other digital tools?

For example, a community wellness center may allow a physical therapy practice to use its gym. While a facility-use contract may exist, there may be no agreement regarding screening, background checks, supervision expectations, or reporting obligations for therapists regularly interacting in that space. Access without aligned safeguards creates gaps.

After mapping access points, identify where additional protections may be needed and consider which elements of the Praesidium Safety Equation - such as screening and selection, policies, training, monitoring and supervision, consumer participation, or responding - can help close those gaps.

Clear access mapping allows organizations to move from assumed oversight to intentional prevention.

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