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THE HAMILTON AREA YMCA EARNS HIGHEST HONOR FOR ABUSE PREVENTION PRACTICES

Hamilton, NJ, November 12, 2026 – The Hamilton Area YMCA, a leading provider in before and after school care, day camp, and youth development programs has been awarded Praesidium Accreditation® by Praesidium, the leader in abuse risk management. Praesidium Accreditation® is a prestigious honor that publicly demonstrates the organization has worked to achieve the highest industry standards in abuse prevention.

To achieve Accreditation, the Hamilton Area YMCA underwent a rigorous process to implement Praesidium's Accreditation Standards focusing on eight primary operational areas within their business: policies, screening and selection, training, monitoring and supervision, consumer participation, internal feedback systems, responding, and administrative practices. Praesidium then verified the Hamilton Area YMCA's successful implementation of these standards. The Hamilton Area YMCA will be accredited for three years, and during this time will commit to uphold fundamental organizational values and stringent safety practices that demonstrate their commitment to protecting those in their care from abuse.

Praesidium Accreditation® provides solid proof of sound risk management practices and the honor distinguishes the Hamilton Area YMCA from others in their industry. "We are pleased to send the message that we will not compromise the safety of those in our care—for any reason," said Diana Zita, Hamilton Area YMCA, CEO. "As an entire organization, we are dedicated and committed to proactively keeping those in our care safe from sexual abuse."

About the Hamilton Area YMCA

Established in 1951, the Hamilton Area YMCA is a 501(c)3 non-profit community organization that promotes youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. Our two branches host a variety of programs designed to nurture young people's potential, improve our health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back to the community and support our neighbors.

For more information about the Hamilton Area YMCA and our programs, visit

www.hamiltonymca.org.

About Praesidium

Praesidium specializes in preventing sexual abuse in organizations that serve youth and vulnerable adults. Over a period in excess of 30 years, the company has reviewed over 4,000 cases of abuse within organizations to determine the root causes of sexual abuse within organizational settings. Praesidium employs more than 50 staff, including licensed social workers, lawyers, health care researchers, and other experts. The company has served over 5,000 clients with a broad range of products and services to aid organizations in preventing abuse, including online and instructor-led trainings, organizational risk assessments, model policies, and background checks. Having trained more than one million people online and hundreds of thousands in person, Praesidium is the largest and most comprehensive sexual abuse risk management firm globally.

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