

Specialty Human Services

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Abuse and Molestation is an often misunderstood coverage and frequently purchased with minimal, ineffective coverage limits. For social service organizations, especially those working with children or vulnerable adults, this can be one of the most needed coverages. Abuse claims can be costly when it comes to defending your organization and paying any damages or settlements.

The moment of truth for a social service organization happens when a claim occurs. You ask yourself, "Did I purchase the right coverages for my organization's abuse exposure, and did I purchase insurance from a sound and reliable insurance company?"

When an accusation of abuse occurs, your organization's reputation is at stake as well as your financial stability. Consider some of the following examples of abuse claims Great American has encountered:

- Group home placement of a child with older youths resulted in rape
- Counselor inappropriately touched a developmentally challenged adult client
- One tenant assaulted another tenant in one of our insured facilities
- Improper contact occurred between two male toddlers
- Teenage client ran away with a 20-year-old counselor

#### **Prevention Services**

Specialty Human Services offers an extensive approach to preventing abuse or molestation acts. Consultants work with organizations to evaluate their risk and develop plans and educational programs to address issues before they occur.

### Services include:

- Screening guidelines for employees and volunteers
- IntelliCorp discounted background checks
- Virtual learning webinar training for employees and volunteers
- Library of safety and loss prevention material regarding abuse risk exposures — electronic and hard copy
- Anti-bullying reporting app available through Stop!





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## **The Great American Advantage**

Great American Specialty Human Services has a dedicated, specialized Claims Department that focuses specifically on social service claims. Our claims personnel are committed to earning your trust and will contact you within 24 hours of reporting a claim.

## Report a New Claim 24/7

Toll Free: 888-317-4828 Fax: 888-307-3180

Great American also provides a professional Loss Prevention Department, focused on helping you and your organization prevent claims. To learn what our Loss Prevention team can do to help protect you, contact your agent or visit our Loss Prevention website, GreatAmericanInsurance.com/LossPrevention or call toll free: 800-720-1354.



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