The Child Welfare League of America (CWLA), an advocacy organization for children, has accepted a seat on the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)'s International Advisory Council (IAC). CARF International is a nonprofit accreditor of health and human services providers. Julie Collins, LCSW, director of practice excellence, will represent CWLA on the IAC.

The IAC comprises organizational and individual members who represent the spectrum of CARF’s accreditation services. Members include service receivers, service providers, professionals in the field, governmental agencies, and purchasers. The IAC provides guidance on the development of the CARF standards and issues affecting fields in which CARF offers accreditation.

"We are honored by the invitation to join CARF’s International Advisory Council and are pleased to have an opportunity to be affiliated with an organization that promotes quality across a broad range of human services, particularly child welfare," says Christine James-Brown, president and CEO of CWLA. "This relationship with CARF will help CWLA in its ongoing mission to support our member agencies as they go about the job of helping children."

Brian J. Boon, PhD, president/CEO of CARF International, says, "CWLA's presence on the IAC will be a positive voice for the well-being of children and youths. CARF accreditation spans services for persons of all ages, and CWLA will bring a unique perspective for improving the lives of your youngest and often most vulnerable citizens."

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