

## Why choose CARF to accredit your organization?

Why should your organization seek accreditation from CARF International? Because our accreditation is a seal of approval announcing to persons served and their families that you provide services focused on their unique needs. It is a sign of assurance to third-party payers and governmental regulators that you have met internationally recognized standards. Moreover, it is a tool for quality improvement within your organization.

The value of CARF accreditation is more than a certificate hanging on the wall. It is evidence that your organization strives to improve efficiency, fiscal health, and service delivery—creating a foundation for consumer satisfaction.

The CARF accreditation process reviews business practices and the program performance of child and youth service providers—always focused on providing the highest level of quality for the persons served. Helping to achieve better results and greater satisfaction for the persons served, improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness, and enhance community image are the benefits of CARF accreditation.

Accreditation focuses on measuring the results for the persons served, as well as the cost/benefit for those who fund the services.



## Program Areas

- Adoption
- Assessment and Referral
- Behavioral Consultation
- Case Management/Services Coordination
- Child/Youth Day Care
- Child/Youth Protection
- Community Housing and Shelters
- Community Transition
- Community Youth Development
- Congregate Care
- Counseling
- Crisis and Information Call Centers
- Crisis Intervention
- Day Treatment
- Early Childhood Development
- Employment Transition
- Family Preservation and Support
- Foster Family and Kinship Care
- Group Home Care
- Health Enhancement
- Home and Community Services
- Intensive Outpatient Treatment
- Juvenile Justice
- Medically Complex
- Prevention/Diversion
- Residential Treatment
- Respite
- Specialized or Treatment Foster Care
- Support and Facilitation
- Supported Independent Living

## Contact us today

In the current economic environment with funding cuts and challenges confronting child and youth services organizations, value for dollars spent is a critical decision point. CARF can make a positive difference in your organization.

We would love to talk with you.  
Call us toll-free at 888-281-6537 ext. 7126  
or visit [www.carf.org](http://www.carf.org)



# Benefits of CARF accreditation:

## Accountability to regulators and payers

- Evidence that you have applied a comprehensive set of standards to your business and service delivery practices.
- Confirmation of your commitment to focus on the unique needs of the children and families served.

## Risk management

- Application of the CARF standards help to improve safety and reduce risk for children, their families, and your staff.

## Networking

- Access to an international network of accredited peer organizations with which you can collaborate and share ideas.

## Consultation and guidance

- Access to educational seminars to receive information about the steps to accreditation and the standards applied throughout the accreditation cycle.
- A consultative rather than an inspective survey philosophy that guides you through the survey process.
- Experienced surveyors who are your peers and have a direct link to your field.

## What our customers say:

- 92% said that CARF surveyors used a consultative rather than inspective approach.
- 95% said that communication between CARF and their organization was timely.
- 98% said that CARF surveyors treated their staff, leadership, and board members with respect and courtesy.
- 92% said that CARF standards were relevant of their programs or services.
- 88% said that the on-site survey was a beneficial process for their organization.

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