



Who we are

Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, CARF International is an independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services in the following areas:

- Aging Services
- Behavioral Health
 - Opioid Treatment Programs
- Business and Services Management Networks
- Child and Youth Services
- Employment and Community Services
 - Vision Rehabilitation
- Medical Rehabilitation
 - DMEPOS (Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies)

Quick facts about CARF

Mission: The mission of CARF is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process and continuous improvement services that center on enhancing the lives of persons served.

Moral owners: *Persons served* are the primary consumers of services. When these persons are unable to exercise self-representation at any point in the decision-making process, *persons served* is interpreted to also refer to those persons willing, able, and legally authorized to make decisions on behalf of the primary consumer.

Acronyms:

CARF, for Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities

CCAC, for Continuing Care Accreditation Commission

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CARF International established: 1966

CARF Canada established: 2002

CARF-CCAC established: 1985

Status: Nonprofit, independent organization

Primary business: Accreditation. CARF officially recognizes health and human service providers as having met standards for quality of service.

Secondary business: Education, research, publishing

Fields served: Aging services, behavioral health (including opioid treatment programs), business and services management networks, child and youth services, employment and community services (including vision rehabilitation), and medical rehabilitation (including durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies)

Regions served: North and South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa

Accredited providers: More than 6,500 service providers with close to 50,000 accredited programs and services at more than 22,000 locations

Persons served: More than 8 million persons served annually by CARF-accredited service providers

Surveyors: Close to 1,400 in North and South America, Europe, and Asia

Accreditation outcomes:

CARF and CARF Canada: Three-Year Accreditation, One-Year Accreditation, Provisional Accreditation, Nonaccreditation, Preliminary Accreditation

CARF-CCAC: Five-Year Term of Accreditation, Nonaccreditation

President/CEO: Brian J. Boon, Ph.D.

Structure of CARF

Eleven elected members of the CARF Board of Directors approve policies regarding standards development and the accreditation process and fiscal matters governing the operation of CARF. The board's composition reflects individuals whose expertise, experience, and perspectives are invaluable to CARF's business interests and success:

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CARF also benefits from national associations and individuals joining together in support of the value of accreditation through membership in the <u>International Advisory Council (IAC)</u>. These member associations and individuals represent a broad range of expertise and specialties. They support CARF's mission, vision, core values, and purposes by providing input on standards and related matters.