

# The Value of Accreditation

“Our involvement with CARF has benefited the people we serve beyond belief.

We have become even more customer driven and outcomes based. ”

—accredited provider



## Why accreditation matters to providers.

Accreditation is a review to determine if the programs and services offered by providers meet defined international standards of quality in health and human services. Our consultative peer-review process promotes active, dynamic planning focused on impact and outcomes. Achieving accreditation demonstrates your commitment to continuously improve services, manage risk, and distinguish your service delivery.

We are your partner for quality and success.

## Choosing the right accrediting body is essential.

You need an accrediting body that is the best fit for your unique blend of services. You want an accrediting body that is internationally recognized for its independent, external peer review process and relevancy of standards in the field of health and human services.

CARF has been a leading, independent, nonprofit accreditor since 1966. With guidance from providers, funders, and, most important, the persons served and their families, we develop standards that are focused on outcomes and the satisfaction of the persons served. Our accreditation process is transparent—you choose the timeframe for the survey and there are no hidden charges or surprise interpretations of standards.

For a free consultation on how CARF accreditation can help your organization, contact us today.

# Have Confidence in Your Choice

## Perhaps you are wondering, “Is CARF accreditation worth the effort?” The answer is Yes!

True, it is not as simple as paying fees and receiving a certificate. A rigorous set of organization and program standards are applied during a survey. CARF has a consultative, rather than inspective, survey process. We work with you to help you meet the standards.

Accountability and quality are the objectives, yet our approach allows your organization to incorporate the standards into practices that reflect your unique mission, vision, and identity as a human service provider. CARF accreditation is more than a certificate on the wall. It is evidence that your organization strives to improve efficiency, fiscal health, and service delivery—creating a foundation for continuous quality improvement and consumer satisfaction. Insurers, third-party payers, and governmental regulators consider CARF-accredited programs and services as a lower risk as they have demonstrated transparency and accountability through the accreditation and survey process.

Ultimately, our greatest value is assuring the persons you serve, and their families, that your services are focused on their unique needs.

“The actual process was both encouraging and enriching for all who participated. The opportunity to do a self review, establish our teams to address the areas we identified as needing attention, and take the required actions to achieve our goals created “defining moments” in our twenty-two year history.

Would we do it again? Absolutely.  
Would we recommend the process to others?  
Without hesitation. Have we experienced an overall positive impact? Immeasurable.

And most important, our consumers have felt the impact of our commitment to the process.”

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“Through the CARF accreditation process we were able to identify and address gaps in our service delivery methods. The CARF process also provided uplifting affirmation that our organization was succeeding in many areas.

CARF is an incredible community of service providers sharing best practices and ideas that ultimately result in better services for clients. For our organization the three-year accreditation award was proof we were providing high quality services and a wonderful boost to staff morale throughout the entire organization.”

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accreditation process at:  
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AccreditationProcess](https://www.carf.org/AccreditationProcess)

### Accreditation Areas:

- Aging Services
- Behavioral Health
- Child and Youth Services
- Continuing Care Retirement Communities
- Employment and Community Services
- Medical Rehabilitation
- Opioid Treatment Programs
- Vision Rehabilitation Services

Full programs descriptions at: [carf.org/accreditation/programs](https://www.carf.org/accreditation/programs)

