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COMMUNITY ACCESS UNLIMITED AWARDED THIRD CONSECUTIVE 3-YEAR CARF ACCREDITATION

Elizabeth, New Jersey- CARF, an independent, not-for-profit accrediting body, has awarded Community Access Unlimited a three-year accreditation for the third consecutive time. This is the highest accreditation possible for health and human services.

CARF's mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

An organization receiving a three-year accreditation has undergone a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during on-site visits that it has conformed and is committed to CARF's accreditation standards. There are over 1,200 standards an organization is measured against. Community Access has proven to be a service provider that is committed to continuously improving services, encouraging feedback, and serving the community. This accreditation also demonstrates CAU's commitment to enhancing its performance, managing its risk, and distinguishing its service delivery options.

Community Access Unlimited strived to not only accredit their employment program, which is mandated, but all of their services, a feat which most provider companies do not attempt. Community Access Unlimited was commended for its multiple strengths and in its quest for ever improving quality programs and services.

About CAU

Community Access Unlimited (CAU), celebrating its 33rd anniversary in 2012, supports people with special needs in achieving real lives in the community. CAU provides support and gives a voice to adults and youth who traditionally have had little support and no voice in society. CAU helps people with housing, life skills, employment, money management, socialization and civic activities. CAU also supports opportunities for advocacy through training in assertiveness, decision-making and civil rights. CAU serves more than 5,000 individuals each year. For more information about CAU and its services, contact us by phone at 908.354.3040, online at www.cauj.org or by mail at 80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202.



CARF surveyors meet with CAU executive director, Sid Blanchard after the accrediting exit review.