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Local Board of Developmental Disabilities awarded three-year CARF accreditation

NEWARK -- CARF International recently announced that the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities has been accredited for a period of three years, the highest level of accreditation that can be granted to an organization.

According to CARF, the accreditation shows the Board of DD's substantial conformance to the national standards for organizations serving adults and children with developmental disabilities. Organizations that receive three-year accreditation participate in a rigorous peer review process, and demonstrate to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality.

The local Board of DD was surveyed in the following areas:

- Child and youth services
- Community integration
- Community service coordination
- Job development
- Job support
- Job-site training
- Employment transition services for school-age youth
- Organizational employment services

“Your organization should take pride in achieving this high level of accreditation,” stated Dr. Brian J. Boon, CARF president and chief executive officer, in a letter to Superintendent Nancy Neely. “This achievement is an indication of your organization’s dedication and commitment to improving the quality of the lives of the persons served.”

CARF International is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative 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 simply as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

First accredited by CARF in 1986, the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities provides comprehensive services to more than 1,400 children, adults, and their families. The agency offers Early Intervention services for infants and toddlers; and Adult Services through LICCO Inc., in Heath, and other organizations including Consumer Support Services, SPARK, Midwest Innovations, The Gathering Place, and the Center for Disability Services’ Colvin-Hoover House. The Board of DD also provides residential supports; adaptive equipment and home modifications; respite care for families; contracted transportation services through the Licking County Transit Board; and Service Coordination/Case Management.

To learn more, go to www.LCountyDD.org, or search for the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities on Facebook.

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