

## **OPTIONS Awarded Perfect CARF Accreditation**

San Luis Obispo California

CARF, The Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission, has announced that OPTIONS Family of Services, Inc. has been accredited for a period of three years in Employment Services.

The latest accreditation is the fourth out of five recent Three-Year Accreditation outcomes in which OPTIONS did not receive a single recommendation. More than 1,800 organizations each year seek CARF accreditation in the USA, Canada, and Australia. It is extremely rare that any CARF survey results in zero recommendations, with less than 3% of accreditation surveys achieving this outcome annually.

This accreditation outcome represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the standards established by CARF. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation outcome has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable.

OPTIONS is a non-profit organization established in San Luis Obispo County in 1984. Services are provided to more than 150 disabled persons throughout both San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties. OPTIONS is extremely proud of this accomplishment. CEO, Michael Mamot states, "All of our staff members worked very hard to prepare for our CARF survey. This accomplishment is reflective of their dedication to the services we provide. At OPTIONS, we seek to provide the highest quality of services. This is indeed good news at a time when the state budget crisis is very threatening. I hope state officials will continue to see the value of helping disabled persons obtain gainful employment and fiscally support such services."

CARF is an independent, not-for-profit accrediting body whose 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, CARF establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

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