

# **Pathway Family Center**

## **CARF Accreditation September 2007**



What is CARF?

CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) is a private not-for-profit organization that promotes quality rehabilitation services. It does this by establishing standards of quality for organizations to use as guidelines in developing and offering their programs or services to consumers. CARF uses the standard to determine how well an organization is serving its consumers and how it can improve.

CARF sent professionals out to Pathway Family Center to conduct on-site surveys at all sites to determine the degree to which our organization meets the standards. Pathway Family Center received a three-year accreditation and joins the list of prestigious CARF accredited organizations, who demonstrate substantially meeting internationally recognized standards.

A CARF accreditation means that stakeholders can be confident Pathway Family Center has made a commitment to continually enhancing the quality of its services and programs, and its focus is on our client satisfaction.

Choosing CARF accredited programs assures families that:

- Pathway Family Center actively involves the client in selecting, planning, and using services.
- Pathway Family Center has met client-focused, state-of-the-art international standards of performance.
- These standards were developed with the involvement and input of the clients and their families.
- Pathway Family Center is focused on assisting each client in achieving his or her chosen goals and outcomes.

### **CARF statements about Pathway**

- “Pathway Family Center’s governance structure facilitates implementation of the mission and vision of the organization. A national board, with representation from all three sites, provides oversight at the corporate level while allowing the local boards the freedom and flexibility to work on program development.”
- “Pathway Family Center has developed powerful, positive relationships with other community agencies and resources.”
- “There is a history of positive response to recommendations from prior external inspections and reviews conducted by other accrediting organizations and county and state regulatory agencies.”
- “Pathway Family Center relies heavily on the use of host families as a key structure in the therapeutic community programs. This component received absolute endorsement from persons served interviewed during the site survey.”