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ARC Broward Awarded Three-Year CARF Accreditation

Sunrise, FL, March 30, 2010— CARF International announced that ARC Broward has been accredited for a period of three years for over 10 programs. ARC Broward programs have been awarded consecutive accreditations from CARF for over 20 years. Programs being honored for this high level of achievement include behavioral consultation services, child and youth services, community housing, respite services, supported living, job development, job supports, job-site training, employment skills training services, employment transition services, and mental health services.



ARC Broward President & CEO Dennis Haas (left) presents certificates acknowledging staff dedication to Director of Residential Services Patricia Fonseca, Vice President of Program Services Julie Price, and Coordinator of Community Living Emily Schmitz at a reception on March 24, 2010.

Staff leaders acknowledged employees and managers from accredited programs at a reception to celebrate the CARF accreditation on the morning of March 24, 2010. “It is with a great level of dedication and care that our staff are able to realize such a high standard of recognition,” said ARC Broward President & CEO Dennis Haas.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization’s substantial conformance to the CARF standards. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation 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.

ARC Broward is a private, not-for-profit organization providing services to children and adults with autism, Down's syndrome, cerebral palsy, intellectual and other developmental disABILITIES, and various other challenges.

Incorporated in 1956 and celebrating 53 years serving the community, ARC Broward provides a continuum of supports to more than 1,200 children and adults and employs a caring team of more than 450 health-care, educational, and other professionals. Visit www.arcbroward.com for additional information.

CARF is an independent, nonprofit 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 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.

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