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Crider Center for Mental Health awarded three-year CARF accreditation

(St. Charles County, MO) – October 24, 2005 – CARF announced that Crider Center for Mental Health has been accredited for a periods of three years for it the following programs

- Assessment and Referral: Mental Health (Adults)
- Assessment and Referral: Mental Health (Children and adolescents)
- Case Management/Services Coordination: Mental Health (Adults)
- Case Management/Services Coordination: Mental Health (Children and Adolescents)
- Community Housing: Mental Health (Adults)
- Community Integration: Mental Health (Adults)
- Intensive Family-Based Services: Mental Health (Children and Adolescents)
- Outpatient Treatment: Mental Health (Adults)
- Outpatient Treatment: Mental Health (Children and Adolescents)

The latest accreditation is the third consecutive Three-Year Accreditation outcome the international accrediting commission has awarded to Crider Center for Mental Health.

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 puts 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.

Crider Center for Mental Health is a nonprofit organization serving St. Charles, Franklin, Lincoln, and Warren counties. It has been providing mental health services to the communities it serves since 1979.

CARF is an independent, not-for-profit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through 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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