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### CARF awards MCFI three-year accreditation

Milwaukee, WI.... CARF (CQ) International has announced that the Milwaukee Center for Independence (MCFI) has been accredited for a period of three years for the following programs:

- Community Services: Assistive Technology Supports and Services
- Community Services: Child and Youth Services
- Community Services: Community Integration
- Employment Services: Community Employment Services, Job Development
- Employment Services: Community Employment Services, Job Supports
- Employment Services: Community Employment Services, Job-Site Training
- Employment Services: Comprehensive Vocational Evaluation Services
- Employment Services: Employment Skills Training Services
- Employment Services: Organizational Employment Services
- Adult Day Services: MCFI L.I.F.E. programs and Older Adult Day Center

MCFI is a nonprofit organization assisting children, adults and older adults with special needs to reach their highest levels of independence. The agency, founded in 1938, touches more than 10,000 lives per year in the Milwaukee area.

The 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.

CARF surveyor Richard P. Oestreich, Ph.D. (CQ) summed up the findings: **“The organization provides its services to persons served in a culture of innovation, with an enthusiasm that is unmatched in the industry.”**

In its accreditation report, CARF ranked 15 examples of MCFI programming as “exemplary,” indicating these programs go well above and beyond expected standards.

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“CARF surveyors said that MCFI ‘provides real life-changing opportunities for persons served,’” said Howard L. Garber, Ph.D., MCFI President.

“That has always been our focus – to change the lives of individuals with a disability and their families. This is particularly important at the moment, when the numbers of people with a disability are rising rapidly in the Greater Milwaukee area.”

The Milwaukee Center for Independence Main Campus is located at 2020 W. Wells St., Milwaukee. The agency also maintains Southeast Campus, 3333 S. Howell Ave., Bay View, and Northeast Campus, 4380 N. Richards St., Milwaukee.

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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**Editors please note:** CARF is the name of the accrediting organization, which officially changed its name from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities several years ago.

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