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Starr Receives Expedited Accreditation Through Council on Accreditation

ALBION, Mich. – Starr Commonwealth has achieved national accreditation through the New York-based Council on Accreditation (COA). Upon review of Starr’s policies, procedures and programs over the past four years, COA’s peer review team recommended expedited approval for Starr for meeting all compliance ratings in COA’s fundamental practice standards. The Accreditation Commission has approved this recommendation, confirming Starr as an outstanding provider of care that meets the highest performance standards within the field of human services.

The standards driving accreditation ensure that Starr’s trauma informed, resilience focused services are well-coordinated, culturally competent, evidence-based, outcomes-oriented, and provided by a skilled and supported workforce. COA accreditation also demonstrates accountability in the management of resources, setting standardized best practice thresholds for service and administration, and increasing organizational capacity and accountability by creating a framework for ongoing quality improvement.

“COA’s program of quality improvement is designed to identify providers that have met high performance standards and have made a commitment to their stakeholders to deliver the very best quality services,” said Richard Klarberg, President and CEO of COA. “COA is proud to recognize Starr Commonwealth as an outstanding provider of care, and we wish them the very best in continuing their work with the individuals they serve.”

“Receiving expedited accreditation through COA is a testament to the dedication and passion of our team at Starr,” said Elizabeth Carey, President and CEO of Starr Commonwealth. “It is an incredible honor to receive this recognition, just as it is an honor to continue to build strength, resilience and hope in the children, communities and professionals we serve, every day.”

Starr Commonwealth is a nonprofit human services organization founded in Albion, Mich., in 1913. Using a treatment model focused on resilience, Starr is dedicated to the mission of creating positive experiences so that children, families and communities can flourish. Starr specializes in residential, community-based, educational and professional training programs that build on the strengths of children, adults and families in communities around the world. For more information, visit www.starr.org.

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