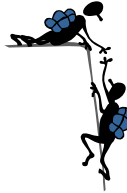


**CARF...Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities**  
**Challenges Assessment Revision Focus**

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**CARF Quote of the Month:** Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. Helen Keller



When a service or program is CARF-accredited, it means the organization has passed an in-depth review. The organization meets rigorous CARF guidelines for service and quality -- a qualified endorsement that it conforms to nationally and internationally recognized service standards and is focused on delivering the most favorable results for persons it serves.

As Universal prepares for National Accreditation with CARF, we are trying to finalize the list of areas to be accredited. As soon as we have the complete listing...the newsletters will focus on each area and help prepare all of us for the review process. The areas of review or "standards" are basic principles, rules, ways of doing business, expectations, and ways of operating or providing services. Standards define basic guidelines for providing services to persons served.

There will be an on-site survey as part of the CARF accreditation process. This is tentatively scheduled for late fall of 2008. We have lots of work to do between now and then. We must finalize the standards to be reviewed, do a self-assessment of those standards to see where we are and what we need to do to improve each area, and implement those changes. Some of you may be asked to work with a group or committee to look at some of these standards.



This is a **team effort** and everyone is needed for us to be successful.



Next Newsletter: What are the accreditation areas? What are the next steps?