

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

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CARF Quote of the Month:

Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together.

Vincent Van Gogh



Today, accreditation is more important than ever for human service programs. In a market where consumers can make choices, how do you know they will choose you? More and more, consumers look for accredited organizations as a sign of quality before choosing a service. Accreditation is evidence to consumers that an organization is committed to encouraging feedback, continuously improving services, and serving the community. For a provider, accreditation demonstrates its commitment to enhance performance, manage risk, and distinguish itself from competing organizations. As I said in the last newsletter, we will begin to break down each standard as it applies to Universal. First, let's list the standards that have been determined to apply to Universal with the upcoming CARF review:

Leadership

- Strategic integrated Planning**
- Stakeholders**
- Financial Planning and Management**
- Health and Safety**
- Rights of Persons Served**
- Information Measurement and Management**
- Program Structure and Staffing**
- Individual Plan**
- Pharmacotherapy**
- Records of Persons Served**
- Case Management/Service Coordination**

Governance

- Input from Persons Served and**
- Legal Requirements**
- Risk Management**
- Technology**
- Accessibility**
- Performance Improvement**
- Screening and Access to Services**
- Transition/Discharge**
- Seclusion and Restraint**
- Quality Records Review**
- Intensive Family-Based Services**



As you can probably tell, there is a lot of work completed, much being done and some still left to do. Stay tuned for the **specific** details of each standard in upcoming newsletters.

