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### **2014 CARF Accreditation**

The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities International (CARF) announced that **The Arc of Anchorage** has been accredited for a period of three years for its Community Integration: Integrated Developmental Disability/Mental Health programs (Behavioral Health Services). This is the first accreditation that CARF has awarded to The Arc of Anchorage.

The Arc of Anchorage is a nonprofit founded in 1957. The Arc helps Alaskans who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities. Some of the individuals served may also experience a mental illness. The Arc strives to help these Alaskans achieve lives of dignity and independence as valued members of our community. We offer a full array of services that cover the lifespan of the people we serve. The Arc of Anchorage has been accredited through The Council on Quality Leadership (CQL) since 2012 and now through CARF. For more information please visit The Arc of Anchorage website at [www.thearcofanchorage.org](http://www.thearcofanchorage.org).

This 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. It has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit its commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality.

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 International, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services. For more information about the accreditation process, please visit the CARF website at [www.carf.org](http://www.carf.org).

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