

## **Easter Seals Joliet Region awarded Three-Year CARF Accreditation**

We are pleased to report to you that Easter Seals Joliet Region, Inc. has been accredited for a period of three years for its Behavioral Consultation Services, Child and Youth Services, Community Housing, Community Integration, Foster Family Services, and Foster Family Services (Children and Adolescents), Supports for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, and Governance Standards Applied. The latest accreditation is one more of the consecutive Three-Year Accreditation that the international accrediting body, CARF, has awarded to Easter Seals Joliet Region.

By pursuing and achieving accreditation, Easter Seals Joliet Region, Inc. has demonstrated that it meets international standards for quality and is committed to pursuing excellence.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows our 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.

Easter Seals Joliet Region, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization with centers at 212 Barney Drive, Joliet, 991 Essington Road, Joliet, and 521 E. North, Bradley serving Will, Grundy, Kendall, Kankakee, Ford and Iroquois Counties. The agency's mission is to provide exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities. Easter Seals Joliet Region has been providing services since 1949 with the primary programs of early intervention, school therapy contracts, outpatient rehabilitation, autism services, residential, and foster care/adoptions.

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.

We would welcome an opportunity to further acquaint you with our services and respond to your questions. We believe our organization is a valuable asset, and our CARF accreditation underscores our commitment to the community we serve.

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