

Looking Upwards Achieves Highest Level of CARF Accreditation

Looking Upwards, Inc. has again received a Three-Year CARF Accreditation for its Community Services, namely the Child and Youth Services and Family Services Programs. Looking Upwards has consistently earned this highest level of accreditation since it first sought CARF Accreditation in 2003.

According to CARF, an organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation outcome has “put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable.” Further, an organization accredited for three years “clearly indicates that the present quality of services represents an established pattern of total operation that is likely to be maintained or improved in the foreseeable future.”

Looking Upwards Inc. is a statewide, non-profit agency with offices in Middletown, RI. The organization offers an array of services for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Founded in 1978, Looking Upwards, Inc. has provided services to Rhode Islanders with disabilities for close to 30 years.

Looking Upwards’ program for children and families was launched in 1998. Serving Newport County, East Bay and portions of South County, this program includes services to support children with special needs at home, school and in the community as well as a summer camp for children of all abilities.

CARF, the international Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, is an independent not-for profit accrediting body promoting quality, value and optimal outcomes of services. The accreditation process centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Since 1966, CARF has established consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.