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MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES RECEIVES THREE-YEAR CARF ACCREDITATION

Medina, Ohio, February 2, 2015 – The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) is pleased to announce that it has been accredited by CARF International for a period of three years, the highest accreditation an organization may receive.

"I could not be more pleased. Receiving a three-year accreditation from CARF shows that our staff are so very dedicated, respectful and incredibly talented, that is why we were able to attain this high status." said Superintendent Annette Davis-Kramp. "And while this accreditation is something to celebrate, we will continue to move forward and strive to improve the individual support we provide so those with developmental disabilities can achieve in our community."

The MCBDD received accreditation for numerous services, including Child and Youth Services, Family Services, Services Coordination, Community Integration and Community Employment Services. The report states, "This achievement is an indication of your organization's dedication and commitment to improving the quality of the lives of the person served. Services, personnel and documentation clearly indicate an established pattern of practice excellence. Your organization should take pride in achieving this high level of accreditation."

CARF International (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities), is an independent, nonprofit accreditor of human service providers and networks. Through the accreditation process, CARF provides an impartial, external review of an agency and the quality of its services in meeting internationally recognized standards. When an agency such as MCBDD is CARF-accredited, it means it has passed an in-depth, on-site review and has meet rigorous guidelines for service and quality.

As part of the accreditation process, CARF delivered a survey report that highlights the MCBDD's strengths and provides recommendations for improvement. The summary stated that MCBDD has many areas of strength and cited 22 examples including "strategic planning for change" and "excellent financial positioning." The reports also states the MCBDD "has embraced the concept of person-centered planning and provided many opportunities for individuals to participate in advocacy training and community activities."

MCBDD was reviewed in 1088 areas and had 97.8% compliance. "The number of commendations significantly outweighed the number of recommendations," Davis-Kramp said. "However, we are taking these recommendations seriously and will do everything we can to continue to increase the quality of services we offer."

For more information on the MCBDD, visit www.mcbdd.org.

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About MCBDD

MCBDD is the lifeline which connects individuals to the resources in the county, everything from residential services and employment, to funding sources and medical services. The mission of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to provide quality programs, services and supports that assist over 1100 individuals with developmental disabilities, from birth to death, to live, learn work and socialize in their communities.