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

Medina, Ohio, March 5, 2018 – 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.

“Receiving a three-year accreditation from CARF shows the commitment of our agency to listening and working with families and individuals with developmental disabilities so they have the support they need to achieve success.” said Superintendent Jon Bluebond. “It is only through the combined efforts of the individuals we serve, their families, our board members, administration and staff that we were able to reach this important level of recognition.”

The MCBDD received accreditation for numerous services, including Community Employment Supports, Community Employment Job Development and Employment Planning 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 persons served. Services, personnel and documentation clearly indicate an established pattern of conformance to standards. 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 the MCBDD is CARF-accredited, it means it has passed an in-depth, on-site review and has met rigorous guidelines for service and quality.

The MCBDD was reviewed in areas such as leadership, strategic planning, financial planning and management, health and safety and quality of services and supports. CARF stated that in the over 800 areas they reviewed, the MCBDD had 95% compliance. 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 the MCBDD has many areas of strength and cited 18 outstanding examples including "developing a culture of accountability, transparency and trust" and "far reaching strategic initiatives to significantly impact the lives of people with DD." The reports also stated the MCBDD is commended for “its excellent systems which ensure that the needs of the individuals are consistently addressed.”

“The CARF review helps us to continue to increase the quality of our agency for the over 1250 individuals and families in Medina County who rely on us.” said Bluebond. “We are honored to receive this recognition on behalf of them and to be able to continue to provide our community with important and valuable services.”

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 promote and empower over 1250 individuals with developmental disabilities, from birth to death, to live, learn work and socialize in their communities.