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DIRECTIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARDED THREE-YEAR CARF ACCREDITATION
Decision Represents Highest Level of Accreditation Awarded To an Organization

Clearwater, FL (February 16, 2010) – The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) International announced that Directions For Mental Health has been accredited for a period of three years for all of its Case Management Services, Outpatient Programs, Prevention and Diversion, and Intensive Family Based Services. The latest accreditation is the 6th consecutive accreditation the international accrediting body has awarded to Directions For Mental Health.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization’s substantial adherence to the CARF standards. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of on-site surveyors that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable.

Directions For Mental Health is a nonprofit behavioral healthcare organization with offices in Clearwater and Largo, Florida. The organization has provided services since 1982 and served over 9,000 individuals in the last year. “Our employees work hard to maintain high quality services for the individuals we serve and we are very proud of this recognition,” said David Lomaka, Directions For Mental Health’s President / CEO.

Founded in 1966, 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.

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About Directions For Mental Health

Directions for Mental Health, Inc., established in 1982, is a non-profit organization committed to helping heal the hurt in the lives of thousands of Pinellas County residents facing or at risk of facing mental health challenges. With nationally accredited programs, Directions sets the standard for best practices in mental health treatment, while making mental health care affordable and accessible to individuals and families, and building a safer, healthier community. Serving more than 8,000 people per year, Directions is dedicated to developing innovative programs that change lives, while reducing crime, homelessness, drug abuse and child abuse. For questions about mental health services, visit Directions for Mental Health’s website at www.directionsmh.org or call (727) 524-4464 extension 1700.

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