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## **Centers for Independence Ranks Among the Best for Rehabilitative Services**

MILWAUKEE, WI (Nov. 20, 2024)—For the 24<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, Centers for Independence (CFI), a leader in supporting people with disabilities and behavioral health needs through innovative, person-centered programs, has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

This 3-year accreditation represents CFI's adherence to the highest quality and care standards in providing rehabilitative programs and services. Additionally, CARF's surveyors offered no recommendations for improvement, which is achieved by only 3 percent of CARF surveys—ranking CFI among the best in its class.

CARF evaluates CFI on the following areas:

- Community Employment Services: Employment supports
- Community Employment Services: Job development
- Community Integration
- Comprehensive Vocational Evaluation Services
- Employment Skills Training Services
- Governance Standards Applied

CARF's feedback about CFI:

(CFI) approaches each client with a person-centered focus and designs services in a way to accommodate the needs, dreams, and desires of each client. The unique delivery of community integration services sets the organization above and beyond most programs of this type.

The program staff members are creative, energetic, patient, kind, and respectful and have total dedication to the clients' growth and success.

"We are honored to be ranked among the very best for providing rehabilitative services for people with disabilities and complex behavioral health needs," said Leif Elsmo, CFI president and CEO. "CARF's accreditation demonstrates CFI's commitment to continuous performance improvement and accountability for our team, our stakeholders, and the communities we serve."

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Every day, CFI's team members demonstrate extraordinary commitment to helping clients overcome challenges, build independence, and achieve their personal goals. This accomplishment, combined with the positive outcomes seen in clients' lives, are a direct result of exceptional teamwork and a person-centered approach to care.

### **About CARF**

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 and continuous improvement services that center on enhancing the lives of the people who are served.

CARF reviews programs and services to determine if they meet defined international standards of quality in health and human services. Its consultative peer-review process promotes active, dynamic planning focused on impact and outcomes.

When achieving accreditation, it shows the public, funders, and regulators an organization's commitment to continuously improve services, manage risk, and distinguish service delivery. For more information about CARF and the accreditation process, visit [carf.org](http://carf.org).

### **About Centers for Independence**

Centers for Independence (CFI) is a Milwaukee based nonprofit dedicated to supporting people with disabilities and behavioral health needs through innovative, person-centered programs. Since 1938, CFI has been a leader trauma-informed care, self-direction and removing barriers to help individuals achieve total health and greater independence. Visit [cfihope.org](http://cfihope.org) to learn more.

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