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LOQW Seeks CARF Accreditation

Learning Opportunities/Quality Works, Inc. Receives Dates for upcoming Accreditation Survey from International Organization

Monroe City, Missouri -- February 6, 2012 – Wendy Hays, Executive Director along with the Board of Directors of Learning Opportunities/Quality Works, Inc. (LOQW) announce the scheduling of their upcoming CARF accreditation survey. A team of surveyors from across the nation will arrive in Northeast Missouri later this month to conduct the review of LOQW. The survey is scheduled for February 22 – 24, 2012. LOQW is seeking accreditation in two (2) new programs this year, Comprehensive Benefits Planning and Community Service Coordination, along with the other Employment and Community services they already carry accreditation in.

What is CARF?

CARF International is an independent, nonprofit organization that surveys and accredits health and human services providers worldwide. A service or program that is CARF accredited has passed an in-depth on-site review and has demonstrated substantial conformance to internationally recognized standards for quality.

What is accreditation?

Accreditation is a process that demonstrates a provider has met standards for the quality of its services. CARF International establishes these standards to guide providers in offering their services and also uses the standards to evaluate how well a provider is serving people and how it can improve.

What is a survey?

As a step toward accreditation, a provider invites CARF International to send a team of professionals, called surveyors, to visit its site and evaluate its services for quality. The surveyors consult with staff members and interview people who use the provider's services. Based on the surveyors' review, the provider may be awarded accreditation for a term of one or three years for CARF accreditation. In some cases, the provider may need to improve its services before it can become accredited.

Learning Opportunities/Quality Works, Inc. (LOQW) has been accredited by CARF since 1994 and is currently accredited in the following Employment and Community Services: Community Integration, Community Employment Services, Job Development, Job Supports, Job-Site Training, Employment Services Coordination, and Employment Transition Services. LOQW's current accreditation is valid through March 2012. LOQW has a history of exemplary survey reports, receiving a three year accreditation, the highest awarded by CARF, in all previous surveys. For more information about CARF International, the standards, or the survey process, visit www.carf.org. For a detailed schedule of events during the survey or to speak with the survey team during their visit please contact LOQW directly.

Learning Opportunities/Quality Works, Inc. is a leader in providing community skills training, employment services, and service coordination in Northeast Missouri. LOQW began providing progressive, high-quality, community services in 1983 and has continued to set best practices in the field ever since. LOQW serves individuals, families, job seekers and employers in Marion, Monroe, Ralls, Shelby, Macon, Adair, Lewis, Clark, Knox, Scotland, Schuyler, Putnam, Sullivan, and Randolph Counties. To learn more visit Learning Opportunities/Quality Works, Inc. at www.loqw.com or call 573-735-4282.



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