

February 23, 2021

Gary Huelsmann
Executive Director
Christian Social Services of Illinois dba Caritas Family Solutions
8601 W. Main Street, Suite 201
Belleville, IL 62223

Dear Mr. Gary Huelsmann:

It is our great pleasure to inform you that the Council on Accreditation (COA) has approved the accreditation of **Christian Social Services of Illinois dba Caritas Family Solutions** through **September 30, 2024**. Let me again say how significant this achievement is! It represents the fulfillment of countless hours of hard work and the dedication of many people—most notably your staff and the members of your board and/or leadership. Please extend my congratulations to them.

This formal notification includes a list of programs and services for which **Christian Social Services of Illinois dba Caritas Family Solutions** is accredited, as well as your Final Accreditation Report (FAR). A plaque attesting to your agency's accredited status will be sent to you shortly.

Your Final Accreditation Report (FAR) is an important and incredibly valuable document. It contains the observations and recommendations of your Peer Reviewer colleagues based on your self-study and site visit. In essence, the FAR provides a unique view of your organization as seen through the eyes of highly experienced professionals. In it you will find a copy of the full accreditation ratings for all Purpose, Core, and Practice standards, identifying the Fundamental Practice standards. It may also contain any noted organizational strengths and areas for opportunities.

Please refer to the Promotional Tool Kit web page to find resources that can assist you with leveraging your organization's COA accreditation to internal and external stakeholders.

Private: <http://coanet.org/accreditation/private-organization-accreditation/promote-your-accreditation/>

Public: <http://coanet.org/accreditation/public-agency-accreditation/promote-your-accreditation/>

Canadian: <http://coanet.org/accreditation/canadian-organisation-accreditation/promote-your-accreditation/>

At the very least, however, we recommend that you provide relevant excerpts to those members of your staff who are directly responsible for the respective findings. Should you do so, please explain

that the report is intended to be *constructive*, and that the goal is to provide specific, tangible examples of how they can make your organization even stronger and even better.

Having said that, you should know that those ratings for which you did not demonstrate implementation should be addressed through your PQI process.

Even though they did not require correction in order to achieve accreditation, they will be made a part of your file and reviewed during your next accreditation cycle. Remember, COA accreditation is not an end in and of itself. Rather, it is a process by which your organization can consistently strive for and achieve new levels of excellence.

Finally, let me say that your relationship with COA does not end with this letter. Ours is a partnership. As such, I would ask that you feel free to share with me your ideas and concerns. Additionally, please feel free to contact Tobi Murch, Director of Volunteer Engagement, either by email at tmurch@coanet.org or by telephone at 212-797-3000, extension 272, if you have any questions. Together we can enrich the lives of children, individuals, and families in need everywhere.

We are proud to be associated with you and your colleagues. We wish you the very best in your continuing service to persons in your community. *That is the power of accreditation.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jody Levison-Johnson', with a stylized, flowing script.

Jody Levison-Johnson
President and Chief Executive Officer

Attachment



Christian Social Services of Illinois dba Caritas Family Solutions
 Organization ID: 1709
 Private Standards

Expiration date: September 30, 2024

The accreditation of Christian Social Services of Illinois dba Caritas Family Solutions includes the following services and associated programs:

Program Name	COA Service Standard(s)	Service Subsections
Foster Care	Family Foster Care & Kinship Care (FKC)	
Family Counseling	Services for Mental Health/Substance Use (MHSU)	
Private Adoption	Adoption Services (AS), Pregnancy Support Services (PS)	
St. John Bosco Children's Center	Residential Treatment Services (RTX)	
Senior Employment	Workforce Development & Support Services (WDS)	
Community Integrated Living Arrangement	Group Living Services (GLS)	SDA: Developmental Disabilities
Multisystemic Therapy	Services for Mental Health/Substance Use (MHSU)	
Fontebella Maternity Home	Housing Stabilization and Community Living Services (HSCL)	