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Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department Earns International Accreditation for Seventh Consecutive Cycle

<u>CARF International</u> announced that the <u>Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department</u> has been accredited for a period of three years for its Outpatient Treatment: Alcohol and Other Drugs/Addictions (Adults); Outpatient Treatment: Alcohol and Other Drugs/Addictions (Children and Adolescents); Prevention: Alcohol and Other Drugs/Addictions (Adults; Prevention: Alcohol and Other Drugs/Addictions (Children and Adolescents) programs.

The latest accreditation is the seventh consecutive Three-Year Accreditation that the international accrediting body, CARF, has given to the Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department.

"Meeting the benchmarks and standards for this accreditation is a comprehensive process," said Bud Boyne, Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Director. "This accomplishment is a true reflection of our team's dedication and commitment to offering quality services to our residents."

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

BCADAD is a component of Beaufort County Government with offices in Beaufort and Bluffton. It has been providing services to help individuals and families troubled by alcohol, tobacco or other drug related problems in Beaufort County since 1974.

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 persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF International, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services. For more information about the accreditation process, please visit the CARF website at <u>www.carf.org</u>.

For additional information, visit the <u>Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department website</u>.

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