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Ruth Meiers Adolescent Center in Grand Forks Receives CARF Accreditation

Bismarck, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Ruth Meiers Adolescent Center in Grand Forks has received a three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) for its residential treatment program for children and adolescents.

“This achievement recognizes the dedicated and supportive staff for their commitment in providing quality services that help adolescents with behavioral health needs build on their strengths while equipping them with strategies that will foster positive outcomes and long-term successes,” said Kate Kenna, director of Northeast Human Service Center.

The accreditation process included a two-day site visit from CARF personnel who conducted an intensive review of the program's treatment plans, business practices, policies, best practices, and regulatory requirements. The program was assessed on over 1,200 standards required by CARF for accreditation. CARF reviewers also held face-to-face meetings with consumers and their families, staff, referral sources, and other stakeholders to ensure programs and services meet the highest standards of care.

This is the third consecutive three-year accreditation given to Ruth Meiers Adolescent Center by CARF.

Last year, the center provided mental health treatment to 28 adolescents from the Grand Forks region and across the state.

Founded in 1966, CARF is an independent, non-profit organization that establishes consumer-focused standards to help health and human service providers measure and improve the quality of their programs and services to better the lives of the people they serve.

The Ruth Meiers Adolescent Center is a licensed 12-bed psychiatric residential treatment facility. It is affiliated with Northeast Human Service Center in Grand Forks. It has provided services for North Dakota adolescents since 1989.

For information on Ruth Meiers Adolescent Center, call 701-795-3000, or go online to www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/northeast/ruth-meiers.html.

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