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Ruth Meiers Adolescent Center in Grand Forks Receives CARF Accreditation

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

“We are proud of the good work the dedicated staff at Ruth Meiers Adolescent Center has done to help vulnerable young people in our state,” said Kate Kenna, director of Northeast Human Service Center. “Helping youth to become confident, healthy and hopeful is a wonderful thing to see.”

Last year, the RMAC provided mental health treatment to about 20 adolescents from the Grand Forks region and across the state.

Kenna said the accreditation process included a three-day site visit from CARF personnel who conducted a rigorous review of treatment plans, business practices, policies, and regulatory requirements. The group also held face-to-face meetings with consumers and their families, staff, referral sources, and stakeholders to ensure programs and services meet the highest standards of care.

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

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 and is affiliated with Northeast Human Service Center. It has provided mental health services for North Dakota adolescents since 1989.

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

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