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**FAMILY BEHAVIORAL RESOURCES, INC.  
AWARDED THREE-YEAR CARF ACCREDITATION**

**Greensburg, Pennsylvania – January 25, 2010** – CARF International has announced that Family Behavioral Resources (FBR), a provider of multiple behavioral health services and community supports across, including specialized autism services in Pennsylvania, has been accredited for a period of three years for its Intensive Family-Based Services – Mental Health (Children and Adolescents), Outpatient Treatment – Mental Health (Adults), and Outpatient Treatment – Mental Health (Children and Adolescents). This is the first accreditation that the international accrediting body has awarded to FBR, a first-time applicant.

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

CARF provided FBR with welcomed feedback on areas to improve as well as feedback on the agency's strengths. There were several areas in which FBR received exemplary conformance to the standards of CARF. These include the agencies active participation in education, support, and advocacy for persons with autism in all of the communities FBR serves. FBR was also recognized for its extensive training for all staff, as well as the parents of the children and adolescents served. In addition to the training provided, FBR also received recognition of exemplary performance with the supervision and support provided to the staff that directly supports their consumers. FBR was also commended for the manner in which they include the family/guardian in the treatment process.

"FBR's commitment to upholding exceptional standards is unquestionably in line with the mission and values of CARF. Receiving a Three-Year Accreditation for our first CARF survey is a validation of FBR's continuing efforts to uphold the highest quality of clinical care. It is humbling to reflect on the development of Family Behavioral Resources over the past ten years. Since inception, Dr. Jerry Joseph, CEO and founder, has been committed to growth, development and quality. Ms. Dawn Joseph, RN, Director of Quality Improvement has continued this vision through the efforts of our Quality Improvement team and creation of the Quality Council. We are incredibly grateful to our consumers, management teams, field staff, referral sources, and other stakeholders who were committed to ensuring a successful outcome as we moved through the accreditation process. As we enter into this new year and new decade, we are excited about the road that lies ahead for our agency, our families, and surrounding community. Every day, but especially today, I am quite proud to serve this company," says Rick J. Murray, LSW, BCBA, and Chief Operating Officer.

Family Behavioral Resources is an organization located in Pennsylvania that serves consumers in eighteen counties. FBR has eighteen Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (BHRS) locations, four outpatient clinics, and a Family-Based Mental Health Services Program, and a newly opened Autism Services office in Lancaster County. The agency provides Specialized Autism Services in every location, serving consumers across the lifespan. FBR is also an approved provider of the Pennsylvania Adult Autism Waiver, offering this service throughout the commonwealth. FBR celebrated its tenth year of service in 2009. FBR's mission is to provide services of the highest clinical integrity to its consumers and surrounding community.

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 that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

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