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OCI Awarded Three-Year CARF Accreditation

Wilmington, DE – OCI has been accredited by CARF (the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) for a period of three years for Employment Development Services, Community Employment Services, Employment Skills Training and Organizational Employment Services.

OCI received no recommendations for improvement from CARF surveyors during the three-day review process. In addition to the many strengths noted, OCI received exemplary remarks for utilization of the strategic planning process, and excellent fiscal planning, management and reporting. OCI also received exemplary remarks in the area of health and safety standards for taking a proactive approach to incident tracking and employing an effective incident reduction planning process.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded 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 vigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable.

"The result of this CARF review is a great accomplishment, and a reflection of the entire team's extraordinary commitment and dedication to improving the quality of lives of the individuals we serve," says Dennis Dapolito, OCI Executive Director.

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, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

OCI is a not-for-profit organization that has been providing occupational skills training and employment services for Delawareans with disabilities for more than 50 years. As part of the ServiceSource Network, OCI serves more than 500 people with disabilities through various rehabilitation, employment and training programs. OCI has been continuously accredited by CARF since 1985.

For more information about OCI or the ServiceSource Network, visit www.ourpeoplework.org.

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