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EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACCREDITATION

As Chief Executive Officer of Harborcreek Youth Services, **I am delighted to announce that our agency has recently been accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA).** Harborcreek Youth Services is located in Erie County, Pennsylvania and offers its residential treatment services to adolescent males who demonstrate mental health, behavior, and/or legal problems.

COA is an international, independent accrediting agency dedicated to promoting top-quality child and family services and behavioral healthcare. Founded in 1977 by the Child Welfare League of America and the Alliance for Children and Families, COA has accredited more than 1,500 private and public organizations around the world.

Harborcreek Youth Services first contacted COA in 2005 and worked diligently over the next year to meet COA's highest national standards. In the process of evaluating our policies and procedures in light of best practices, we have expanded and improved existing services and added others. Most significantly, we have added an enhanced mental health and family component to our traditional residential program while improving our substance abuse and sexual counseling services.

Because we are now accredited, county placement funds are no longer needed to finance medically necessary residential treatment. The entire cost of treatment is paid by managed care companies through the use of medical assistance funding.

We invite you to explore possible placement referrals for your clients. Please contact our intake team at (814) 899-7664 or visit our Web site at www.hys-erie.org.

Sincerely,

John Petulla
Chief Executive Officer