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**LUTHERAN CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES OF INDIANA IS REACCREDITED BY COA**  
*LCFS meets highest national standards and delivers best quality services by national accreditation body*

**Lutheran Child & Family Services, Inc.** has just received official notification that it has been reaccredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA) for the next four years. "We are excited to know that our agency meets the highest national standards and delivers quality services to children and families throughout the State of Indiana" stated Michael Johnson, Executive Director for Lutheran Child & Family Services.

According to Lew Lundberg, Chairman of the Board, "This accreditation attests that our agency and staff meet the highest national program standards and we are proud to join the many private and public organizations that provide critical services to the community." In addition to the COA announcement, LCFS made four key leadership appointments, which will help deliver quality services to children and families in the child welfare system. The four appointments are Bobby Jones who will serve as the new Senior Director of Clinical & Residential Operations; Douglas Weinberg who will serve as the Chief Financial Office, Judy Unger who will serve as the Clinical Services Director and Pam Guernsey who will serve as Family Preservation Director. They have more than 60 combined years of child welfare experience and they hold more than a dozen certifications that will help LCFS better serve children and families in the State of Indiana.



COA is an international, independent, not-for-profit accrediting body that was incorporated as a separate legal entity in August 1977, to serve as an accrediting body of social and behavioral healthcare services. COA's mission "promotes best-practice standards; champions quality services for children, youth, and families; and advocates for the value of accreditation.

The accreditation process involved an in-depth examination of the organization's compliance with best practice standards. The process includes a review of organizational standards including human resources, financial and risk management and continuous quality improvement as well as thirty-nine services standards. The services standards address a full array of child, family and behavioral healthcare services including financial and debt management, employee assistance program, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, foster care health service areas and a host of other service areas.

**About LCFS**

Lutheran Child & Family Services (LCFS) is a multi-service, nonprofit 501(c)(3) member agency of United Way of Central Indiana and provides services that strengthen vulnerable youth and families. LCFS's services include: Lutherwood Residential Treatment Facility (providing specialized treatment for youth in crisis); Lutherwood Academy (a satellite partnership with IPS); Trinity Group Home (where young men transition to independent living); Mentoring, Parenting Instruction, Family Preservation Initiatives; Adoption & Foster Care Services; and the Sharing Place Food and Clothing Pantry. LCFS serves approximately 30,000 people annually.

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