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MERIT Resource Services awarded Three-Year CARF Accreditation

Yakima and Kittitas County — October 5, 2016 CARF International announced that **MERIT Resource Services** has been accredited for a period of three years for its programs. The latest accreditation is the second consecutive Three-Year Accreditation that the international accrediting body, CARF, has awarded to **MERIT** for the following programs:

Assessment & Referral: Alcohol and Other Drugs/Addiction –Children, Adolescents, and Adults
Intensive Outpatient Treatment: Alcohol and Other Drugs/Addiction –Children, Adolescents, and Adults
Outpatient Treatment: Alcohol and Other Drugs/Addiction –Children, Adolescents, and Adults
Governance Standards Applied

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 rigorous peer review process. It has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit its commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality.

MERIT Resource Services is a **nonprofit** organization with offices in Yakima, Ellensburg, Wapato, Toppenish and Sunnyside. It has been providing Substance Use Disorder Services since 1979.

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 International, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services. For more information about the accreditation process, please visit the CARF website at www.carf.org.

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