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## **OUTCOMES AT TLC AWARDED THREE-YEAR CARF ACCREDITATION**

**Rockville, MD, February 27, 2004** – The Treatment and Learning Centers, a non-profit organization, which helps children and adults with a wide range of disabilities, today announced that the Outcomes Program at TLC has been awarded a three-year CARF accreditation for its Comprehensive Vocational Evaluation Services, Employee Development Services, and Community Employment Services including job development, job supports, and job-site training. The latest accreditation is the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive Three-Year Accreditation that the international accrediting commission has awarded to Outcomes.

This accreditation represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows substantial conformance to the standards established by CARF. The Outcomes program, receiving a three-year accreditation, went through a peer review process and demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable.

“We are pleased that CARF has recognized our commitment to quality and the consumers we serve by awarding us its three-year accreditation”, said Nancy Amundson, Director of Outcomes at TLC.

For 17 years the Outcomes Program at TLC has served individuals with developmental disabilities, neurological conditions, and brain injury in Montgomery County. Outcomes mission is to help those individuals reach the highest levels of productivity, independence and inclusion in the community. Outcomes services include career assessment, employee development, community employment, supported employment, transiting youth services, individual support and speech-language services. Outcomes receives funding for services through the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration, Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services, Montgomery County, and various private sources.

### **About CARF**

CARF is an independent, not-for-profit 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.

**About TLC**

The Treatment and Learning Centers, located in Rockville, Maryland, enables children and adults to develop to their full potential, to communicate effectively with others, and to achieve educational and vocational success. TLC provides services that strengthen their abilities and respond to their changing needs. With over 50 years of service to the community, TLC is committed to integrity and excellence in our care and will strive to assist all, regardless of their ability to pay. For more information call 301-424-5200 or visit [www.ttlc.org](http://www.ttlc.org).

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