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CARF International: an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value and optimal outcomes of services through an accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served.

- In October of 2014 CARF announced that Universal was accredited for the third time for a period of three years for all service provided
- The accreditation process begins with an internal examination of its programs and business practices
- CARF will then conduct on-site surveys that is conducted by a team of practitioners selected by CARF (surveyors will visit all of Universals offices and interview some staff and persons receiving services)
- Surveyors will also review Person served records and will look at training practices
- Based on the results of the survey, CARF prepares a written report of our strengths and areas for improvement.
- If the provider has sufficiently demonstrated its conformance to CARF standards, it earns accreditation

CARF will visit Universal in the fall of this year. You will be hearing more about CARF in the coming months!

Did You Know?

The Special Olympics is sponsoring a “Play Unified” campaign which fosters friendships, understanding, and inclusive communities among people with and without intellectual disabilities. Play Unified unites people through the power and joy of sports.

- The WWE will participate in Play Unified events with the Special Olympics
- The Governor of New Jersey recently signed a bill to assure that people with disabilities were unified with sports teams in New Jersey High Schools
- Soccer teams in Belgium, Turkey and Kenya have recently held “Play Unified” events
- Many Lions clubs in the U.S. will hold “Play Unified” sports events this year
- For more information on “Play Unified” and how to volunteer, go to

www.playunified.org

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