



MARIN SERVICES for Women A HEALING COMMUNITY FOR WOMEN RECOVERING FROM CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY AND TRAUMA

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“Hard Work Pays Off for Marin Services for Women”

Greenbrae, California (August 23, 2006)- Marin Services for Women (MSW) has received the highest level of accreditation from the accrediting body known as CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities). The three-year accreditation covers MSW’s Residential and Outpatient Chemical Dependency Treatment Services.

CARF-accredited programs ensure the highest industry standards possible, assuring quality and accountability, reducing the common risks involved in providing rehabilitation and human services. CARF accreditation demonstrates to stakeholders that MSW pursues a service approach based on continuous quality improvement and is accountable for its performance through outcomes evidence and the satisfaction of the persons served.

An organization receiving a three-year accreditation outcome has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and shown evidence of its commitment to conform to CARF's accreditation conditions and applicable standards.

The CARF accreditation survey summary states that MSW experiences a well-deserved and stellar reputation with clients, funders, employees and volunteers. The summary also points out that, MSW has dedicated, enthusiastic and well-qualified staff members who consistently demonstrate extremely positive interactions and relationships with clients and family members. The CARF survey team noted the exemplary provision of trauma-specific services by MSW.

CARF is an international independent, not-for-profit accrediting body promoting quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Since 1966, CARF has established consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

“This important accreditation validates the great work that our staff is doing, and also confirms the difference donors can make in helping MSW continue to achieve even higher levels of service to the community. This past year has been difficult due to unforeseen cuts in government funding, and our donors have continued to show their

support and make MSW not only a viable program for the community, but one that is recognized by our industry as a leader in its field,” said Ann Harrison, MSW’s Executive Director.

A great way to help support MSW is through the Annual Benefit dinner being held September 27, 2006 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Rafael. Keynote Speaker will be Eve Ensler, Playwright, Performer, Activist and Award Winning Author of The Vagina Monologues. Tickets for the event are \$150 and \$250, and several levels of sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information about purchasing tickets or sponsoring the Dinner, please visit the Marin Services for Women Website at www.marinservicesforwomen.org or call (415) 924-5995.

Marin Services for Women is a licensed, non-profit corporation that provides chemical dependency recovery programs for women and families. Since 1978, MSW has offered a variety of unique programs to assist women in recovery from addiction in a safe, supportive, healing environment. They are the only provider of recovery services in Marin created exclusively for women, designed to meet the special needs of women and their families. Marin Services for Women graduates a remarkable 70% of clients who enter their programs. The mission of MSW is to advance community health by providing a full continuum of superior quality chemical dependency recovery services for women and their families. MSW’s philosophy links recovery from addiction with personal, relational, and economic empowerment. MSW is dedicated to meeting the community’s need to understand the nature, prevention and treatment of alcohol and other drug addiction.

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