



PRESS RELEASE

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THE CITY OF GREENACRES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM HAS BEEN ACCREDITED BY THE COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION

The **City of Greenacres After School Program** has been accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA). COA's commitment to maintaining the highest level of standards and quality improvement is designed to identify providers that have set high performance standards for themselves and have made a commitment to their constituents to deliver the highest quality services. COA is proud to recognize the **City of Greenacres After School Program** as one of these outstanding providers. The City received Full and Substantial Implementation in all of the 192 evaluated standards-an excellent score.

COA accreditation is an objective and reliable verification that provides validity and support to a Child and Youth Development program's children and youth, parents, staff and community partners. The COA accreditation process involves a detailed review and analysis of both a program's administrative operations and its service delivery practices. All are "measured" against national standards of best practice. These standards emphasize services that are accessible, appropriate, culturally responsive, evidence based, and outcomes-oriented. Additionally, they confirm that the services are provided by a skilled and supported workforce and that all individuals are treated with dignity and respect.

COA congratulates the **City of Greenacres After School Program** for their hard work and wonderful achievement and is proud to have it as part of COA's Community of Excellence.

Founded in 1977, COA is an independent not-for-profit international accreditor of the full continuum of community-based behavioral health care and human service organizations. Today, over 1800 organizations - public and private - are either COA accredited or are in the process of seeking accreditation. These organizations serve over 7 million of our most vulnerable individuals each year!

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