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### **CHAMBERLAIN'S CHILDREN CENTER AWARDED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE ACCREDITATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION**

(Hollister– January 2016) Since 1976, Chamberlain's Children Center has been committed to helping at risk youth stay safe and healthy through the highest quality life skills, social skills and mental health services. Today Chamberlain's announced that it has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval<sup>®</sup> for [Behavioral Health Care Accreditation](#) by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal of Approval<sup>®</sup> is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to providing safe and effective care.

Chamberlain's Children Center underwent a rigorous on-site survey in November 2015. During the review, compliance with behavioral health care standards related to several areas, including care, treatment, and services; environment of care; and leadership were evaluated. On-site observations and interviews also were conducted. The surveyor praised the passion and compassion of the staff and their overall culture, and was impressed that Chamberlain's staff is clearly committed to their mission.

Established in 1969, The Joint Commission's Behavioral Health Care Accreditation program currently accredits more than 2,250 organizations for a three-year period. Accredited organizations provide treatment and services within a variety of settings across the care continuum for individuals who have mental health, intellectual/developmental disability, and/or child-welfare related needs.

“Joint Commission Accreditation provides behavioral health care organizations with the processes needed to improve in a variety of areas related to the care of individuals and their families,” said Tracy Griffin Collander, LCSW, executive director, Behavioral Health Care Accreditation program, The Joint Commission. “We commend Chamberlain's Children Center for its efforts to elevate the standard of care it provides and to instill confidence in the community it serves.”

“Chamberlain's Children Center is pleased to receive Behavioral Health Care Accreditation from The Joint Commission, the premier national accrediting body in the nation,” said Robert Freiri, Executive Director “Staff from across the organization continue to work together to develop and implement approaches and strategies that have the potential to improve care for the children on our campus.”

“We are ecstatic that we were able to meet such rigorous standards set by The Joint Commission and we are proud to be Nationally Accredited!” added Freiri

The Joint Commission’s behavioral health care standards are developed in consultation with health care experts and providers, quality improvement measurement experts, and individuals and their families. The standards are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help organizations measure, assess and improve performance.

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Entering its 40<sup>th</sup> year of providing schooling and residential treatment, **Chamberlain’s Children Center** mission is to empower at-risk children in a home-like environment to heal from past trauma, discover their strengths, and develop the skills they need to achieve life-long success. Chamberlain’s seeks to continuously improve the social, mental health and educational services for foster youth who have been victims of child abuse and/or neglect. The well trained and caring staff provides these children with empathy, comfort and a safe haven. Clinical staff is available to assist the children in moving through the traumas they have so vividly lived to be mentally and emotionally stable and well adjusted.  
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#### **The Joint Commission**

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