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Charleston and Huntington WV: Pretera Center has been accredited for a period of three years for its Crisis Stabilization, Substance Use Residential, and Assertive Community Treatment program(s). The latest accreditation is the 8th consecutive Three-Year Accreditation that the international accrediting body, CARF, has given to Pretera Center.

By pursuing and achieving accreditation, Pretera Center has demonstrated that it meets international standards for quality and is committed to pursuing excellence. Accreditation represents the highest level of achievement that can be given to an organization and shows our organization's substantial conformance to the CARF quality standards. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process. It has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit its commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality.

Pretera Center, the largest comprehensive community behavioral health center in WV, is private, nonprofit, certified and licensed as a comprehensive community behavioral health center that has been providing services for 55 years. Pretera Center provides services in Boone, Cabell, Clay, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Putnam, and Wayne counties in WV.

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process and continuous improvement services that center on enhancing the lives of persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF International, the accrediting body establishes standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

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We welcome the opportunity to further acquaint you with our services and respond to your questions. We continue to invest in our community and believe our organization is a valuable asset. Our CARF accreditation underscores our commitment to the communities we serve. To experience our commitment to a full continuum of quality community-based, behavioral health services, call 304.525.7851 or visit www.prestera.org.

Since 1967 Prestera Center has been leading the way in mental health and substance use treatment, recovery and supportive services at fifty-five locations across eight counties in West Virginia. Each year Prestera Center's 580 staff members strive to provide high quality care to eighteen thousand adults, children and families, regardless of ability to pay. For more information on Prestera Center, visit online at www.prestera.org, like us on Facebook or call toll free (877) 399-7776.

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