Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital obtains three year CARF re-accreditation

In April, seven rehabilitation professionals from across the U.S. and Canada, each representing different clinical disciplines, spent two intensive days surveying Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital to ensure that standards for CARF accreditation were being fulfilled. CARF, the Commission for the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, is an international, private, non-profit organization that uses a peer review model to develop and apply internationally accepted rehabilitation-specific standards of excellence within a survey process.

On June 15, CARF officials informed Madonna executives that the hospital earned a three-year accreditation, which is the highest level possible, in the following program areas:

- Inpatient Rehabilitation Programs – Hospital, LTACH and TCU
- Brain Injury Rehabilitation
 Program Hospital and Outpatient
- Pediatric Specialty Program Hospital, Outpatient, Brain Injury, Stroke, and Spinal Cord
- Spinal Cord System of Care Hospital and Outpatient
- Stroke Specialty Program Hospital and Outpatient
- Person Centered Long Term Care – St. Jane De Chantal Long Term Care

CARF officials stated, "This achievement is an indication of your organization's dedication and commitment to improving the quality of the lives of the persons served. Services, personnel, and documentation clearly indicate an established pattern of practice excellence."

CARF cited 45 specific areas of strength and three additional areas of exemplary practice – areas which are unique and effective enough to serve as an industry model for others. Highlights of these areas include:

- An exemplary comprehensive rehabilitation continuum of care designed around the diverse needs of persons recovering from injury or disease by providing services in treatment and clinical environments conducive to person-centered therapeutic interventions, resulting in outstanding outcomes at each level of the continuum.
- An extensive array of community wellness opportunities through ProActive, which provides medically supervised exercise programs, stress management, massage, nutrition counseling, and individual and group wellness coaching. This program is introduced to the persons served during their rehabilitation program.
- A robust adaptive sports and recreation program run by extremely dedicated recreational therapists.
- A highly respected Research Institute with staff committed to

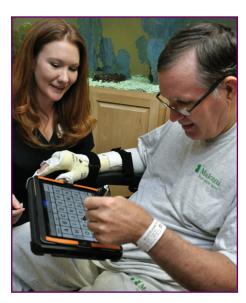


Madonna's Adaptive Sports and Recreation Program offers a wide range of adaptive sports opportunities and experiences. The Paramobile provides wheelchair users with an unimagined level of freedom and independence. Being able to stand not only boost selfesteem, but enhances one's quality of life through sports and recreation.

functional and dynamic research opportunities that incorporate the real needs of persons served and clinical outcomes. Madonna staff and the persons served benefit from the variety of projects and assistive technologies.

- An assistive technology clinic that is well structured and equipped with many opportunities for the person served to use devices on a trial basis.
- A research agenda demonstrated through the publishing of articles, designing adaptive devices, and working with vendors and manufacturers.

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- A strong culture, including complementary and alternative medicine and therapies across all aspects of its program.
- A strong line of communication among all members that allow for consistent messages to be delivered to families. Parents of pediatric patients commented on the seamless communication among team members and noted that this is a discernible strength compared with other institutions.

- A demonstrated clear commitment to young people served. This is evident in the beautiful, newly renovated Alexis Verzal Children's Rehabilitation Hospital and the extensive equipment bank available to children. The space is age appropriate and rooms are individually decorated. Play equipment is available for all ages and the indoor playground is a wonderful, peaceful, fun place.
- An array of diverse specialized services available to the persons served. These specialized services include adaptive sports, aquatics, community re-entry, vision rehabilitation, as well as stroke support groups and peer volunteers.
- Staff members working on the Brain Injury Rehabilitation unit with national Certified Brain Injury Specialist designation.
- A focus on innovation through the collection and analysis of long term follow-up data to demonstrate differentiated quality and the enduring benefits of rehabilitation.
- The addition of a full-time neurooptometrist who has expanded the neuro vision rehabilitation program to provide evidence-based practice, and provide data for a research project.

These outstanding results reinforce Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital's position as a very high quality national provider of rehabilitation for children and adults who have experienced catastrophic injuries or illnesses.

For more information about Madonna's programs, please see the website at www.madonna.org.