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**Highfields receives Accreditation through Council on Accreditation**

**ONONDAGA, MICH.** – Highfields has acquired national accreditation through the New York-based Council on Accreditation (COA). Upon review of Highfields’ policies, procedures and programs, the COA’s peer review team assessed all areas of service including residential, educational and community programs. The COA recommended approval for meeting all compliance ratings in COA’s fundamental practice standards by maintaining the vision of excellence in delivering results for well-being of individuals, families and communities. The Accreditation Commission has approved this recommendation, confirming Highfields as an outstanding provider of care that meets the highest performance standards within the field of human services.

“Receiving full accreditation through COA is a strong indication of the commitment and dedication of ‘Team Highfields.’ It’s a wonderful confirmation and recognition of the work we do with children and families throughout mid-Michigan. We are pleased to continue our work of stabilizing, strengthening and empowering children and families,” said Brian Philson, President and CEO of Highfields.

The COA accredits the continuation of child welfare, behavioral health, and community-based social services ensure that Highfields’ trauma informed, family focused services are well-coordinated, culturally competent, evidence-based, and outcomes-oriented. COA accreditation also demonstrates accountability in the management of resources, setting standardized best practice thresholds for service and administration, and increasing organizational capacity and accountability by creating a framework for ongoing quality improvement.

*Highfields is a nonprofit human services organization which provides home-based counseling, residential care for young men ages 11-17, and experiential education and support programs for children, youth, and families in 13 mid-Michigan counties. For more information, please visit* [*www.highfields.org*](http://www.highfields.org)*.*

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