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**Annie Malone Children and Family Service Center  
Earns Reaccreditation**

**St. Louis, MO** – Annie Malone Children & Family Service Center has recently received notification that it has been reaccredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA).

COA accreditation attests that an organization meets the highest national standards and is delivering the best quality services to the community it serves. Annie Malone is proud to join COA's Community of Excellence that includes more than 1,000 private and public organizations that serve over 6,000,000 children, individuals, and families in the United States and Canada.

“We are thrilled to receive attestation from an organization that accredits so many organizations across the country,” said Richard L. King, Chief Executive Officer of Annie Malone. “Our staff has worked hard to do the right things for the right reasons in providing quality service. This accreditation encourages us to continue that service,” he said.

COA is an international, independent, not-for-profit accrediting body that was incorporated as a separate legal entity in August 1977, as an accrediting body of social and behavioral healthcare services. COA's mission “promotes best-practice standards; champions quality services for children, youth, and families; and advocates for the value of accreditation”.

The COA accreditation process involves an in-depth examination of the organization's compliance with best practice standards. The process includes a review of organizational standards including human resources, financial and risk management and continuous quality improvement as well as thirty-nine service standards. The service standards address a full array of child, family and behavioral healthcare services including financial and debt management, employee assistance programs, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, foster care, health service areas and a host of other service areas.

COA is endorsed by leading consumer and professional groups and by many regulatory bodies and managed care organizations. COA is sponsored by the Alliance for Children

and Families, Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies, Catholic Charities USA, Child Welfare League of America, Foster Family-based Treatment Association, Lutheran Services in America, National Council for Adoption, National Foundation for Credit Counseling, National Network for Youth, and Prevent Child Abuse America.

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