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Bucks County Community Corrections Awarded National Accreditation

Luis Spencer, Chairperson of the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections (CAC), and Kathy Black-Dennis, Director of Standards and Accreditation, American Correctional Association recently announced the accreditation of the Bucks County Community Corrections. The award was presented in conjunction with the American Correctional Association 2014 Congress of Correction on February 3, 2014 in Tampa, Florida.

In presenting the award, Luis Spencer, Chairperson of the CAC, and Christopher Epps, President of the American Correctional Association (ACA), complimented the facility on their professional level of operation and their success in completing the accreditation process. The agency is one of over 1,500 correctional organizations currently involved in accreditation across the nation.

The accreditation program is a professional peer review process based on national standards that have evolved since the founding of the Association in 1870. The standards were developed by national leaders from the field of corrections, law, architecture, health care, and other groups who are interested in sound correctional management.

ACA standards address services, programs, health care and security operations essential to effective correctional management. Through accreditation, an agency is able to maintain a balance between protecting the public and providing an environment that safeguards the life, health, and safety of staff and offenders. Standards set by ACA reflect practical up-to-date policies and procedures and function as a management tool for agencies and facilities throughout the world.

The three-year accreditation award granted to the Bucks County Community Corrections does not signal the end of their involvement in the accreditation process. During the award period, staff will work to improve any deficiencies identified during the audit and maintain continuous compliance with the standards.



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Congratulations on your accreditation award! You are now a member of the elite in achieving correctional excellence. The certificate you have received is but a small symbol of the enormous dedication and commitment demonstrated by each and every member of your staff to the accreditation process, and I urge you to display it prominently as a continual reminder of the level of professionalism achieved. This is just the beginning of your journey, however, for the true test of excellence is the test of time. It is critical that your operation be able to sustain this achievement over time and be constant through both prosperity and adversity.

Achieving American Correctional Association Accreditation means you have demonstrated your dedication to getting the job done right, and that you are holding your agency to a higher standard.

Thank you for your commitment to the American Correctional Association and the standards and accreditation process.

Kathy Black-Dennis, Director
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