

# The Bridge

“Bridging the Gap Between  
Work and Home”

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## **Community Enterprises Earns 3 Year Accreditation from CARF**

During the first week of November, Community Enterprises underwent its CARF survey. CARF International is an independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services. We had two CARF surveyors virtually visit all our program locations and review all of our policies and procedures over a three-day span.

We recently received our report from the survey issuing us a three-year accreditation, the highest accreditation available, for the following programs/services:

- Community Employment Services: Employment Supports
- Community Employment Services: Job Development
- Community Integration
- Organizational Employment Services
- Self-Employment Services
- Governance Standards

It was noted that CESCC demonstrated substantial conformance to the standards. We were complimented on our talented and dynamic leadership and staff, our employment program, our diverse integration services, our strategic planning process, and our remarkable relationship between leadership and our governing board.

The surveyors rated our programs on over 1,100 standards during the time that they were here. Of the standards that were applied, we only had four recommendations! This accreditation will extend through December 31, 2024.

We are thankful for everyone here at Community Enterprises, our parents and providers, our dedicated staff, the employers we work with, and everyone else that helps to fulfill our mission. We could not do it without you!

### The ECL Program Adds Another Location

Big changes have been happening with our ECL program, and we are very excited for a new chapter in a familiar place. We are constantly evaluating the safety of our programs during these times, and while we are focused on opening our capacity as much as we can, we also recognized that we needed to do so in the safest manner possible. We made the decision in December to split our ECL program in half to accommodate more consumers coming back as well as being able to still socially distance as much as possible. With any transition there are difficulties, and change can be a scary aspect for anyone to deal with, and we want to extend a huge shoutout to the ECL staff for making this transition as smooth as possible. No consumer went without service during this period, and our staff have stepped up and gone above and beyond what we needed to make this change successful. Our consumers have enjoyed the same choice in classes as they had prior to the move, and we continue to see a positive environment at both the Lapeer Location and the new 1033 Arena location. A huge thank you to our ECL staff and consumers for being so flexible and positive in this big change!!

### An Update from BWSS

Blue Water Secure Shredding has been busy! One major event in January, was our paper baler used in our shredding operation, was down for a few days. After 50 plus years we had to replace all the seals in the ram that are used to push the paper forward into the baler. This baler was a donation from Domtar Paper. They had used it for at least 40 years and then donated it to Blue Water Secure Shredding when we began operations. Pete and Dustin worked to re-build the old baler and make it like new for another 50 years!



Thank you to the Emmett Knights of Columbus for their donation from the 2021 Tootsie Roll Drive. We appreciate their continued support of the individuals we serve!

Reminder!

CESCC will be closed on Good Friday, April 15, 2022.