



Media Release

FOCUS Accreditation Announces Four Year Accreditation for Community Living Chatham-Kent

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Belleville, ON –FOCUS Accreditation is pleased to announce that Community Living Chatham-Kent has been successful in its bid to be accredited by FOCUS Accreditation for four years from October 2017 – October 2021.

Community Living Chatham-Kent (CLC-K) is a non-profit, charitable organization providing services and supports to more than 550 people who have an intellectual disability and their families in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. Although CLC-K has been accredited by another accreditation body in the past, this is their first onsite validation with FOCUS Accreditation.

FOCUS Accreditation looks at all aspects of how an organization provides services – from how people are supported to the effectiveness of the operations. FOCUS Accreditation sent a team of five people to review Community Living Chatham-Kent’s services on-site, for three days. The team observed how services were provided, reviewed data, and collected input from various people who have a stake in the services being provided.

Many strengths were identified at Community Living Chatham-Kent by the FOCUS Validators.

Cheryl Whiteman, FOCUS Executive Director comments, “Community Living Chatham-Kent has successfully achieved its first FOCUS Accreditation Award. Congratulations to the entire organization for its dedication to the principles and practices of Quality Improvement. Community Living Chatham-Kent is described by stakeholders both internal and external to the organization as effective in its service delivery, innovative, compassionate and celebrated in its commitment to the sector”.

“Community Living Chatham-Kent’s willingness to voluntarily be scrutinized by an outside organization demonstrates a genuine commitment to excellence. We are very pleased to have been granted a four-year accreditation,” states Ron Coristine, Community Living Chatham-Kent Executive Director.

About FOCUS Accreditation

FOCUS is a non-profit accreditation agency for community service organizations. Created in Ontario, Canada, by the very people who use and work in these services, FOCUS reflects the culture and expectations of community service organizations in Ontario.

FOCUS accredits the whole organization, not just select programs within. The standards reflect best practice in the way services are provided as well as the effectiveness of how the



organization operates. An organization that meets FOCUS' standards can be viewed as an organization that focuses on the people it serves, and on high quality service delivery. FOCUS has accredited over 45 organizations and works with over 60 groups. A full list of accredited organizations is on our website www.focusaccreditation.org

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