



Sun Street Centers has been CARF accredited for the next 3 years which means that we meet or exceed the standards of best practices in our field.

CARF International establishes these standards to guide providers in offering their services and also uses the standards to evaluate how well a provider is serving people and how it can improve.*



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- ◆ The executive director and members of the board communicate a clear sense of the mission, vision, and philosophy of the organization to the staff and are active participants of the organization, thereby exemplifying the mission to the staff and clients.
- ◆ The organization provides high-quality, effective, critical residential and outpatient services for residents of Salinas and Monterey County. It also provides other important programs, including a detoxification program and a men's sober living facility. The organization is continually expanding programs, including, most recently, a new sober living facility for women and their families.
- ◆ The leadership has successfully set about the task of promoting culture of caring that is reflected in the staff, the involvement of community stakeholders, and the appreciation of the clients and families.
- ◆ The organization's leadership, board of directors, and staff members have developed outstanding and innovative programs for the clients and their families. These programs include the Family Empowerment Program, Salinas PART (which stands for Prevent Alcohol Related Trauma) Coalition, Pueblo del Mar, an award ceremony for residents and their families, and involvement of the local schools for updating and renovating the residential dorms.
- ◆ The clients of all programs surveyed expressed gratitude and keen awareness of the contributions of staff. They value that many staff members are in recovery and are role models for them.
- ◆ The residents of the live-in treatment program are appreciative of being able to extend their stay for up to five months. This gives them time to learn about themselves. "We're all here for a change. For a better way."
- ◆ The organization has woven into the fabric of its model the four basics: "We don't drink or use, we go to meetings, we get a job, and we pay our own way."
- ◆ Staff is available to help people get jobs, starting with the casual labor program for day labor for local businesses and doing kitchen patrol in the residence, being buddies to others starting out, and grounds maintenance to getting full-time jobs as they reintegrate into the community.
- ◆ The staff and persons served at Sun Street Centers give back to the local community by doing Salinas neighborhood cleanup, Chinatown Homeless BBQ set-up and tear-down, and many other activities. The community also donates to the organization when it is doing charitable events.
- ◆ The organization promotes family values and considers everyone involved in Sun Street Centers' activities as family. "We are strong and caring families who overcome life's obstacles by working together."

