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Dear Mr. Cole:

It is our great pleasure to inform you that the Council on Accreditation (COA) has approved the accreditation of **South Carolina Youth Advocate Program, Inc.** through **4/30/2015**. Let me again say how significant this achievement is! It represents the fulfillment of countless hours of hard work and the dedication of many people—most notably your staff and the members of your board. Please extend my congratulations to them.

This formal notification includes a list of programs and services for which **South Carolina Youth Advocate Program, Inc.** is accredited, as well as your Final Accreditation Report (FAR), a draft memo you might consider using for your staff and board, and a sample news release. A plaque attesting to your agency's accredited status will be sent to you shortly.

Your Final Accreditation Report (FAR) is an important and incredibly valuable document. It contains the observations and recommendations of your Peer Reviewer colleagues based on your self-study and site visit. In essence, the FAR provides a unique view of your organization as seen through the eyes of highly experienced professionals. In it you will find a copy of the full accreditation ratings for all Purpose, Core, and Practice standards, identifying the Fundamental Practice standards. It may also contain any noted organizational strengths and areas for opportunities.

How you use the report and with whom you share it is, of course, entirely up to you. At the very least, however, we recommend that you provide relevant excerpts to those members of your staff who are directly responsible for the respective findings. Should you do so, please explain that the report is intended to be *constructive*, and that the goal is to provide specific, tangible examples of how they can make your organization even stronger and even better.

Having said that, you should know that those ratings for which you did not demonstrate implementation should be addressed through your PQI process.

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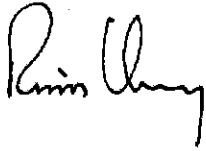
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Even though they did not require correction in order to achieve accreditation, they will be made a part of your file and reviewed during your next accreditation cycle. Remember, COA accreditation is not an end in and of itself. Rather, it is a process by which your organization can consistently strive for and achieve new levels of excellence.

Finally, let me say that your relationship with COA does not end with this letter. Ours is a partnership. As such, I would ask that you feel free to share with me your ideas and concerns. Additionally, please feel free to contact Stephanie Pacinella, Director of Standards Development & Accreditation Commission, either by email at spacinella@coanet.org or by telephone at 518.631.9181, if you have any questions. Together we can enrich the lives of children, individuals, and families in need everywhere.

We are proud to be associated with you and your colleagues. We wish you the very best in your continuing service to persons in your community. *That is the power of accreditation.*

Sincerely,



Richard Klarberg
President and Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment



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South Carolina Youth Advocate Program, Inc.
Organization ID: 1647

Expiration date: 4/30/2015

The accreditation of South Carolina Youth Advocate Program, Inc. includes the following programs and services:

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Fam Preserv & Stabilization Svs (FPS)	
Foster Care (FC), Kinship Care Services (KC)	