

## NEWS RELEASE FROM ADRIEL, INC.

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### Adriel Receives Teaching Family Certification Certification as Sponsor Site Renewed

WEST LIBERTY, ARCHBOLD, DUBLIN, OHIO – Adriel, Inc. based in West Liberty, Ohio, and with offices in Archbold and Dublin, Ohio, recently received certification as a Sponsor Site for the Teaching-Family Model. Adriel serves over 400 children annually through its foster care, adoption, and residential programs.

Adriel participated in an onsite Teaching-Family Association review. The rigorous survey judged the programs' adherence to the four main goals of the Teaching Family Model, which are humane treatment, effective treatment, individualized treatment, and client satisfaction. This review is designed to assess services delivered through using the Teaching-Family Model. It is conducted triennially and is necessary to maintain certification status within the Teaching-Family Association.

The review team visited several foster homes in the Northwest Ohio, Central Ohio, and West Central Ohio regions, and a number of the residential group homes on the West Liberty campus. During the home visits, the surveyors looked for implementation of the elements of the Teaching Family Model, which include teaching, relationship building, appreciation for diversity, a family-sensitive approach, and professionalism. The review also included a survey of administrative practices and training, consultation, and evaluation services.

At the conclusion of the review, Adriel was awarded the highest distinction and was renewed as a Teaching Family Certified Sponsor Site. The lead surveyor commented, "Adriel is clearly an agency that has been able to not only attract people that have a high degree of pride and interest in ensuring their professional skills meet the demands of the difficult work they do, but also a group of people who are obviously committed to upholding the integrity of their mission of 'providing quality care for children in the spirit of Christian love.' To strive to meet this mission and the vision of the agency takes heart—and Adriel has heart!"

The certification is especially notable for the foster care and adoption program, which proposed a new evaluation model for foster care programs. The Teaching Family Association was very much impressed with Adriel's work, and as a result invited Kay Wyse, Vice President of Foster Care and Adoption, to join the Teaching Family Association Board of Directors.

Adriel, founded as an orphan's home by the Mennonite Church in 1896, is a not-for-profit agency serving children and families. Adriel is accredited by CARF, licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health. Adriel has offices in West Liberty, Archbold, and Dublin, Ohio. For more information about Adriel and their services to abused and neglected children visit the website at [www.adriel.org](http://www.adriel.org)