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## OKLAHOMA RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY ACHIEVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Genesis Project Demonstrates Best Practices in Care for Abused and Neglected Boys

September 13, 2022 - JONES, OKLA – The Genesis Project has achieved national accreditation through the New York-based Council on Accreditation (COA). Located east of Edmond, Oklahoma, The Genesis Project provides trauma-informed therapies, life skills, recreation, and education to boys, ages six to 12, who have been abused or neglected. Organizations pursue accreditation to demonstrate the implementation of best practice standards in the field of human services. COA evaluated all aspects of The Genesis Project's programs, services, management, and administration.

COA accreditation is an objective, independent, and reliable validation of an agency's performance. The COA accreditation process involves a detailed review and analysis of an organization's administration, management, and service delivery functions against international standards of best practice. The standards driving accreditation ensure that services are well-coordinated, culturally competent, evidence-based, outcomes-oriented, and provided by a skilled and supported workforce. COA accreditation demonstrates accountability in the management of resources, sets

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standardized best practice thresholds for service and administration, and increases organizational capacity and accountability by creating a framework for ongoing quality improvement.

To achieve COA accreditation, The Genesis Project first provided written evidence of compliance with the COA standards. Thereafter, a group of specially trained volunteer Peer Reviewers confirmed adherence to these standards during a series of on-site interviews with board members, staff and clients.

Based on their findings, COA's volunteer-based Accreditation Commission voted that The Genesis Project had successfully met the criteria for accreditation. An endorsement of COA and the value of its accreditation process is reflected in it being named by the US State Department as the sole national independent accrediting body under the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption to accredit intercountry adoption service providers. In addition, COA is the only national accreditor designated by the U.S. Department of Defense to develop accreditation standards and processes for human service programs provided to military personnel and their families.

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## About Council on Accreditation (COA)

Founded in 1977, COA is an independent, not-for-profit accreditor of the full continuum of community-based behavioral health care and social service organizations in the United States and Canada. Over 2,000 organizations — voluntary, public, and proprietary; local and statewide; large and small — have either successfully achieved COA accreditation or are currently engaged in the process. Presently, COA has a total of 47 service standards that are applicable to over 125 different types of programs. To learn more about COA, please visit www.coanet.org.

## About The Genesis Project

Founded in 1985, The Genesis Project is a residential treatment facility near Jones, Oklahoma for boys, ages six to 12, who have been abused or neglected and entrusted into our care by The State of Oklahoma. We are working for a world where every child has a safe home. We provide evidence-based, trauma-informed therapies, life skills training, education and hope in a safe, supportive environment. Our goal is to help our boys successfully and confidently return into their communities. The Genesis Project is an accredited agency by Council on Accreditation (COA), demonstrating best practice standards in the field of human services. Find out more about our program and services: www.genesiskids.com or on Facebook.