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### ***Delaware County Job and Family Services receives National Accreditation***

During today's Commissioner Session, the staff leadership of the Delaware County Job and Family Services office shared the good news of receiving national accreditation for their Children Services and Adult Protective Services programs.

"Our vision has been to pursue best practice standards for the families we serve. This national accreditation by the Council on Accreditation (COA) for Child Welfare was a natural next step," shared Sue Ware, Assistant Director. Accreditation signifies that an organization or program is effectively managing its resources and providing the best possible services to all of its stakeholders, according to the COA.

The Council on Accreditation (COA) is an international, independent, nonprofit, human service accrediting organization. Founded in 1977 by the Child Welfare League of America and Family Service American, their mission is to partner with human service organizations worldwide to improve service delivery outcomes by developing, applying, and promoting accreditation standards.

COA accredits the full continuum of child welfare, behavioral health, and community-based social services and currently accredits more than 2,200 organizations and programs serving more than 7 million individuals and families.

Commissioner Gary Merrell acknowledged the presentation with congratulations, "I know this is a team effort and required hours of collaboration, but with this recognition comes the assurance to the citizens of Delaware County that JFS is offering the standard of care deemed as the best in the country."

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