



One Youth, One Adult, One Life at a Time

Family Guidance of Pittsburgh Awarded Accreditation by the Christian Association of Youth Mentoring

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Westborough, MA: Family Guidance of Pittsburgh, has been awarded full accreditation in recognition of following best practices in youth mentoring by the Christian Association of Youth Mentoring (CAYM). Family Guidance is among the oldest and most established Christian mentoring programs in the country. Their pioneering efforts helped establish mentoring fundamentals that have been emulated throughout the country. The process to achieve this accreditation includes a thorough self-review by an organization, followed by review and site visit of CAYM staff to conduct interviews and examine program administration. Accreditation was awarded January 1, 2015.

Brian Johansson, President and CEO of Family Guidance, explained his reasons for having CAYM review their organization:

“Accreditation with CAYM identifies the Family Guidance mentoring program as a best practice organization providing quality and safety to the vulnerable children and families we serve. We are grateful for this recognition and what this accreditation stands for on a national platform.”

Included in this review are documented policies, procedures, guidelines and program practices. A positive outcome will demonstrate to the organization’s board, community and ministry partners that Family Guidance is a program that can be trusted to run an effective mentoring ministry that will safeguard children, mentors, partners and the organization.

The evaluation also provides input on improving or correcting any practices that may fall short of CAYM standards. Family Guidance has demonstrated that quality management and oversight are truly making a difference in their community.

The CAYM Accreditation operates on a three-year cycle in addition to program annual self-review to ensure that organizations continue to keep step with the high standards needed to ensure safety and effectiveness.

To learn more about Family Guidance, visit <http://familyguidance.net>.

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The mission of CAYM is to help churches and Christian ministries across the U.S. establish safe, effective and sustainable mentoring programs in their communities in order to help hurting youth reach their God-given potential.