Child Crisis Arizona achieves national accreditation

MESA, Ariz. (March 22, 2021) – After nearly two years of in-depth analysis and review, Child Crisis Arizona has achieved national accreditation through the New York based Council on Accreditation (COA), demonstrating the implementation of best practice standards in the field of human services.

COA accreditation is an objective, independent and reliable validation of an agency’s performance. 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 standardized best practice thresholds for service and administration, and increases organizational capacity and accountability by creating a framework for ongoing quality improvement.

“As an organization we are beyond proud to have achieved our objectives in being COA accredited,” said Torrie Taj, CEO of Child Crisis Arizona. “It’s ensured that we are providing the best possible care to our clients not only now but for years to come.”

To achieve COA accreditation Child Crisis Arizona first provided written evidence of compliance with COA’s international standards. Thereafter, a group of specially-trained volunteer Peer Reviewers confirmed adherence to these standards during a series of on-site interviews with trustees, staff and clients.

About Counsel of Accreditation
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 Child Crisis Arizona
For more than 44 years, Child Crisis Arizona (CCA) has served the Valley’s vulnerable children and families and is committed to ending child abuse and neglect through prevention, education and intervention programs. The agency offers emergency shelters for children, teen moms and their babies; a group home for teen boys in the foster care system; foster care and adoption services; as well community-wide parenting classes, workshops, support groups and early education programs for low-income families. Our vision is “Safe Kids. Strong Families.” Learn more at www.childcrisisaz.org.