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**New Beginnings' Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program
Earns Three-Year CARF International Accreditation**

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) —The Center on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF International) recently announced that New Beginnings Counseling Center has been accredited for a period of three years for its Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program. This is the first CARF accreditation granted to New Beginnings Counseling Center.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be given to an organization and shows the SSVF program's substantial conformance to the CARF standards. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer-review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit its commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality.

New Beginnings Counseling Center is a non-profit organization with offices at 324 E. Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara. It has been providing counseling, group therapy, and supportive services to the low income population in the Santa Barbara area since 2000. The Supportive Services for Veteran Families program (SSVF) is a Veterans Administration-funded supportive services grant awarded to non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives across the country in order to eliminate Veteran homelessness nationwide. Staff members provide short-term case management and temporary financial assistance with the primary goal of achieving long-term stability in permanent housing.

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process and continuous improvement services that center on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF International, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services. For more information about the accreditation process, please visit the CARF website at www.carf.org.

New Beginnings Counseling Center provides quality, affordable counseling, shelter, case management and education that strengthens our community and provides our clients with the ability to lead healthy and productive lives. New Beginnings Counseling Center, located at 324 East Carrillo Street, Suite C, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, (805) 963-7777, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.sbnbcc.org.