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### PRESS RELEASE

## Council on Quality and Leadership Awards Emory Valley Center Excellence Accreditation

Emory Valley Center President, Jennifer Enderson, today announced that Emory Valley Center has again been awarded the four year Person-Centered Excellence Accreditation from CQL | The Council on Quality and Leadership. This award confirms that the organization shares CQL's vision for person-centered solutions to improve the quality of life for people receiving supports and services.

Emory Valley Center has been meeting the needs of intellectually, developmentally and physically disabled people in the community since 1955. Its' mission is to enhance the lives of children, adults and their families in an environment that promotes independence, dignity and respect.

"Everyone at Emory Valley Center has worked hard to achieve this honor of being accredited again by CQL" said Jennifer Enderson, President of Emory Valley Center. "Embracing and implementing their vision has really changed the way we approach the services we provide. Our goal continues to be to empower the people we support in making choices about how they live their lives within our community. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Council."

When Emory Valley Center partnered with CQL to pursue accreditation, it undertook a rigorous process to review and improve services and supports. The efforts of Emory Valley Center were focused on empowering the people who receive support to pursue what really matters in their lives, and achieve their personally-defined outcomes.

Emory Valley Center has been awarded CQL accreditation as a result of demonstrating proficiency in the following areas:

- **Basic Assurances®**  
Ensuring fundamental safeguards related to health, safety and human security
- **Personal Outcome Measures®**  
Supporting and empowering people to achieve their goals and dreams
- **Person-centered Excellence**  
Demonstrating organizational commitment to continued enhancement of systems



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“CQL commends Emory Valley Center for its success in increasing the quality of life for the people it supports. We are pleased to partner with them on this journey of ongoing organizational transformation,” states Mary Kay Rizzolo, president and CEO of CQL.

CQL | The Council on Quality and Leadership is an international non-profit, virtual organization dedicated to the definition, measurement and improvement of personal quality of life. CQL’s vision is a world of dignity, opportunity and community for all people. Learn more about CQL by visiting: [www.c-q-l.org](http://www.c-q-l.org)

Emory Valley Center has been meeting the needs people with developmental, intellectual and physical disabilities in our community for 63 years. The agency currently provides a comprehensive array of educational, vocational, residential, rehabilitation and senior services, programs and support to over 1,400 adults and children monthly in 16 East Tennessee counties.

To learn more about Emory Valley Center and their programs and services, visit [www.emoryvalleycenter.org](http://www.emoryvalleycenter.org) and follow them on facebook, [www.facebook.com/emoryvalleycenter](https://www.facebook.com/emoryvalleycenter) and Instagram, [emory.valley.center](https://www.instagram.com/emory.valley.center) for success stories, program updates, announcements and event photos.