



# American Foundation of Counseling Services, Inc.

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### **American Foundation of Counseling Services receives accreditation**

GREEN BAY, Wis. – American Foundation of Counseling Services (AFCS) has been awarded Full Accreditation for July 2011-April 2014 from the Samaritan Institute located in Denver, Colorado.

“Accreditation is a major accomplishment and demonstrates a Center’s commitment to excellence, “ according to the Rev. Dr. Paul Bretz, Executive Vice President of the Institute, which is the headquarters for an international network of Samaritan Centers. “The accreditation process indicates that Centers; offer professional services within a framework of quality organizational, administrative, and financial practices,” Bretz said.

AFCS was established in 1965 by George Kress and Norman Vincent Peale with the original goal of providing training and counseling education to clergy and congregations in northeast Wisconsin. Today, AFCS provides outpatient counseling to individuals, regardless of their insurance coverage or ability to pay. The organization is also a state-licensed child placing agency, providing intensive out of home placement for children that have been a victim of abuse or neglect or who have delinquency issues. AFCS continues to work closely with the faith community in the area by providing pastor leadership groups, premarital counseling workshops, marriage enrichment seminars and individual consultation to clergy and church leadership teams.

Through its affiliation with the Samaritan Institute, AFCS is part of an international network of 89 Samaritan Centers with 481 offices in 30 states and Japan. To learn more about AFCS, visit [www.americanfoundationonline.org](http://www.americanfoundationonline.org) or contact Bob Johnson at (920) 437-8256.

