



Brad Barry

# All in the Family

*For Brad Barry '85G, the Widener experience links classroom, colleagues, and community to provide healthcare services for thousands of families.*

Brad Barry is the CEO of Child Guidance Resource Centers (CGRC), a private, non-profit, community behavioral health-care organization dedicated to providing quality care and educational services to meet the needs of children, youth, and their families in the tri-state area.

Through an array of clinical services, CGRC serves some 4,000 children and families through 25 different programs. CGRC comprises 150 full-time and 100 part-time employees, plus seasonal staff hired for its major summer programs. As part of the organization's 50th anniversary last year, CGRC unveiled a new 40,000-square-foot headquarters in Havertown, PA.

Barry was an experienced hospital CFO with a master's in taxation when he joined Widener's Master's in Health Administration program in the early '80s. At the time, he says, it was the only fully accredited health administration graduate program in the country. For three years, Barry attended night classes

after putting in long days at the hospital. He also spent in his required internship, where he planned and implemented a psychiatric services joint venture for three hospitals.

His Widener connections, particularly Dr. Larry Walker, brought him to CGRC. In the late '90s, Walker served on the board and brought in five Widener graduates to join the board and help revitalize the organization.

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Barry served as a board member from 1997-2000, including a stint as chairman in '99. He joined the CGRC executive staff as CFO in 2000 and became CEO in 2004. Three of those fellow grads are still on the board, and Barry is proud of the lifelong

connections he has formed through Widener.

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CGRC is a training site for Widener, with two PsyD interns, five PsyD practicum students, and at any one time, two social work student interns. Clinical director for outpatient services, Dr. Brad Richardson, is a Widener alumnus. Two active board members, Merv Harris and Don Ainsworth, are graduates of PMC. New board member Cecilia M. McCormick, Esq., is executive director of the office of the president at Widener.

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