



4C For Children



Pursuing Accreditation for Group & Family Childcare

What is Accreditation?

Accreditation is a review process performed by a nationally recognized outside agency. It involves staff and family participation, and supports programs with **quality improvement, self assessment and reflection** by utilizing self-studies and program and class observations.

Benefits and Opportunities

Accreditation agencies such as NAFCC (for family providers) and NAEYC (for group childcare) **recognize programs' individuality and support their efforts to provide high-quality care.** NAFCC and NAEYC are approved "alternative paths" within YoungStar that allow you to send in your Accreditation Certificate to determine your star level instead of being evaluated by your Quality Coach.



*With **NAEYC**, all accredited programs are automatically 5 stars. With **NAFCC**, all accredited programs are automatically 4 stars and can achieve 5 stars when the provider has a registry level of 12 or higher.*

How can the AFP help you pursue accreditation?

The Accreditation Facilitation Project supports providers seeking accreditation. We provide training, mentoring services and scholarships to ensure all providers get the resources they need to succeed, with a focus on five priority

zip codes: 53204, 53206, 53210, 53215 and 53218. The AFP Coach will support each program through the major stages in the process, with individualized coaching and mentoring services designed to fit the needs of each program.

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Who is NAEYC?

The National Association for the Education of Young Children believes that all children thrive in a society dedicated to ensuring they reach their full potential. NAEYC promotes high-quality early learning for all children by connecting practice, policy, and research. naeyc.org



Who is NAFCC?

The National Association for Family Child Care is a nationwide non-profit dedicated to promoting high-quality child care by strengthening the profession of family child care for nearly one million paid home-based early learning programs. nafcc.org/accreditation

Project Funders



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Complete an interest form: <https://bit.ly/3Gm1Ro>

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