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Why is accreditation important?

For Children

Accredited child care homes offer a safe, inviting, and stimulating environment for children. Educational activities meet the needs and interests of diverse groups of children while promoting the individual development of each child.

For Parents

Accreditation helps parents identify high-quality, responsive care for their children. Parents can expect that their children are growing and learning in an environment that accommodates their individual needs.

For Communities

Accreditation strengthens communities by providing a strong start for children who have been well cared for in a nurturing and educational environment.



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NAFCC Accreditation



Quality.

Commitment.

Excellence.

What is NAFCC Accreditation?

NAFCC sponsors the only nationally recognized accreditation system designed specifically for family child care providers. This research-based program reflects the "many right ways" providers can demonstrate quality. Accreditation benefits the provider's program and the children and families they serve by insuring a high quality of care and improved daily operations.

NAFCC Accreditation is awarded to family child care providers who meet the eligibility requirements and the NAFCC Quality Standards, which focus on the following five content areas:

Relationships

The Environment

Developmental Learning Activities

Safety & Health

Professional & Business Practices



How do I get started?

The first step towards becoming nationally accredited is to enroll in self-study! We will send you a kit designed to help you examine your program and implement the NAFCC Quality Standards.

Enroll online at:
nafcc.org/getting-started

Or contact us at:

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We can't wait to start this journey to quality with you!

Accreditation Benefits

- Gives providers the tools to develop and maintain a high-quality family child care home
- Connects providers with a nationwide community of quality-driven providers
- Provides a concrete definition of "quality" for family child care homes
- Empowers providers to own and elevate their profession in the family child care field
- Opens doors to leadership opportunities for providers within their communities
- Helps providers market their programs to parents and their communities
- Encourages providers to pursue ongoing professional development opportunities

