Getting Started in Self-Study: Easy as 1-2-3

During Self-Study, you evaluate and improve yourself, your practices, and your program using the Quality Standards for NAFCC Accreditation.

1. **The Provider Guide**
   The Provider Guide covers each step of the process. Read chapters 1-4 to get an overview of accreditation. You will refer to chapters 5-8 often as you work through Self-Study. Behind the Provider Guide are tabs and sheet protectors provided to store the documents you will submit with your accreditation application and the documents you will show your observer during your observation visit.

2. **Benchmarks to Quality**
   The Benchmarks to Quality organizes the Quality Standards into four levels, allowing you to break Self-Study into manageable pieces. You will use this book to evaluate your program and develop a plan to be ready for your observation and become accredited. Chapter 5 in the Provider Guide explains how to use the Benchmarks to Quality.

3. **Collect Documentation**
   In addition to mastering the quality standards, you will take steps to meet accreditation eligibility requirements and collect the application documentation during self-study. Some documentation, such as training hours and background check information take significant time to acquire, so plan ahead and give yourself plenty of time! Refer to chapter 6 in the Provider Guide for more information.

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