



## *August 2018 Accreditation Newsletter*

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### ***Provider Spotlight: Sandra Cumplido***

Sandra has been a childcare provider for over 25 years and became accredited with NAFCC for the first time in 2016. Her favorite part about being a child care provider is working with the children from day to day and being able to “provide a safe, educational, nutritious, fun environment and creating lifelong learners.” Sandra puts a lot of emphasis not only on the physical safety of the children in her care, but on their emotional safety as well. She firmly believes in supporting their freedom to be themselves and interact and learn with others.



Sandra prides herself in attending high quality trainings and seminars that help her learn different techniques, skills, and tools to better serve the children in her community. She recently attended NAFCC’s 2018 National Conference and traveled alone, which was a big step in pushing her outside of her comfort zone. Sandra said conference was “an amazing experience because I was able to obtain so much knowledge about child development. It was also a life lesson for me. It taught me that I am resourceful, confident, and I can do anything when I’m put to the test.”

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### ***Accreditation Process Question: Do I Need One Update or Two?***

We listened! You want to be focused on the kids, not on paperwork! During the 2017 accreditation updates, after careful consideration, it was decided to switch from two annual updates to one accreditation update after 18 months. All the 2017 changes were implemented as of January 1, 2018. What does this mean for you in regard to your update? This means that if you were accredited or went through reaccreditation (the process which includes an observation) AFTER January 1, 2018, you will only have ONE update, due 18 months after your initial accreditation. You will still have the period of 30 days before and after your due date to submit your update. For example, if you became accredited on February 2, 2018 your Accreditation Update would be due between July 2, 2019 and September 2, 2019. However, you became accredited on December 12, 2017, you will have two updates due – one between November 12, 2018 and January 12, 2019 and one between

Regardless of whether you have one or two updates, when you reaccredit you should still follow the reaccreditation timeline found [here](#).



Research has shown time and time again the importance of numeracy play during early childhood in predicting mathematical academic success for children in early elementary. What has not been vastly studied is the long-term effects this type of play has on subject enjoyment. Quality childcare providers understand that they are not simply preparing children for academic rigors but, instead, want to prepare children for enjoying lifelong learning. An article by Aidan Clerkin, Ph. D., and Katie Gilligan, MPhil, published this year in the *Journal of Early Childhood Research*<sup>1</sup> discusses the importance of numeracy play as a predictor for whether a child enjoys mathematics in late elementary school or not.

Numeracy play is play that provides the foundations for mathematical learning. These are things like playing with number toys, shapes, building blocks, and counting rhymes. It can be further divided into formal numeracy activities, which are more directed forms of play such as completing a number puzzle or singing "1, 2, Buckle My Shoe," and informal numeracy activities, which are activities that come about in daily life such as cooking or building independently with blocks. Both forms are highly important, with formal numeracy correlating with positive outcomes in "symbolic number knowledge, digit naming, and counting abilities" and informal numeracy correlating with positive outcomes in more general application of mathematical skills. A combination of both forms of play correlate with better working memory (immediate thought processing) and non-verbal intelligence (information analysis and problem solving without speaking).

The research shows that early numeracy play was significantly associated with students' liking of mathematics even after controlling for home background. This was especially true for girls. Higher levels of confidence in mathematical skills were also correlated with early numerical play. However, girls were shown to have higher anxiety in mathematics despite the fact that differences in performance between the genders were minor. The only difference shown between genders in early numeracy play was that boys were 36% more likely to participate in visio-spatial play (such as block building) than girls were, but no direct correlation was shown between these two statistics. The final piece of

relevant data shows that despite society's current focus on the importance of STEM careers, early literacy activities were shown to be engaged in far more often than early numeracy activities.

To encourage early numeracy play, here are some ideas:

- Hide and Seek (counting to 10)
- Building with blocks
- Doing Puzzles
- Early verbal math problems (I have three plates. Two are blue. How many are red?)
- Baking

- Organizing items from largest to smallest
- Uno
- Yahtzee
- Timing races
- Learn a dance
- Practice simple origami
- Count blocks as they are stacked

<sup>1</sup> Clerkin, A., & Gilligan, K. (2018). Pre-school numeracy play as a predictor of children's attitudes towards mathematics at age 10. *Journal of Early Childhood Research*, 16, 319-334. doi:10.1177/1476718X18762238

## Congratulations!

*The following providers enrolled in Self-Study Between April 1, 2018 and July 31, 2018.*

MD Laurie Donohue	IN Abigail Garrison	AL Kerrie Mccracken
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*The following providers earned their NAFCC Accreditation Between April 1, 2018 and*

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