

## BE COMMITTED TO QUALITY

### ENROLL IN SELF-STUDY

Learn more about high quality family child care and how implementing the Quality Standards for NAFCC Accreditation raises the quality of care children receive.

During self-study providers develop a quality improvement plan and make changes that are necessary to meet the quality standards. Self-study offers opportunity for providers to thoughtfully consider how to plan training and other professional development activities that support the program changes and improvements.

The benefits to providers, children, families, and communities are worth the commitment.

Enrolling in self-study is easy. Just visit our website to enroll online or download a Self-Study Enrollment form.



## NAFCC ACCREDITATION...

**DEFINES** standards of quality for the field of family child care

**HELPS** parents and policy makers recognize high-quality family child care

**PROMOTES** providers' self-assessment and professional development

**SERVES** as a cornerstone in state professional development systems

*"Being accredited is a symbol of quality. Being accredited is a symbol of commitment - it's a mark of excellence for a family child care provider who is really dedicated to her business."  
-Rebecca, Family Child Care Provider*



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**QUALITY.**

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## WHAT IS NAFCC ACCREDITATION?

NAFCC sponsors the only nationally recognized accreditation system, designed specifically for family child care providers. This system was designed by hundreds of providers, parents, and early care and education experts in an effort to create a quality indicator for family child care programs across the country.

NAFCC Accreditation is awarded to family child care providers who meet the eligibility requirements and the Quality Standards for NAFCC Accreditation. Accreditation reflects a high level of quality through a process that examines all aspects of the family child care program:

- Relationships
- The Environment
- Developmental Learning Activities
- Safety and health
- Professional and Business Practices

Accredited providers agree to abide by the standards set forth and to be measured against those standards with periodic integrity and compliance reviews.

## BENEFITS OF BEING ACCREDITED

- Increases providers' self-esteem
- Encourages providers to be professional
- Gives providers a concrete definition of quality in family child care
- Keeps providers excited about their work
- Encourages providers to pursue ongoing training and professional development opportunities
- Inspires providers to become leaders in the field
- Helps providers market their programs to parents and the community
- National recognition for offering high quality care
- Establishes respect for the family child care profession
- Helps providers develop important community relationships

## ACCREDITATION RAISES QUALITY

### FOR CHILDREN

Accreditation is an indicator that family child care homes offer safe, inviting spaces and warm, nurturing care complete with educational activities designed to meet the needs and interests of all children while promoting individual development.

### FOR PARENTS

Accreditation is an indicator that parents can use to help identify responsive, stimulating child care. Parents can expect that their children are growing and learning in an environment that is responsive to their individual needs.

### FOR EMPLOYERS

Accreditation is an indicator that family child care homes offer a stable, high-quality child care program which research has shown directly improves employee attendance, morale, and productivity.

### FOR COMMUNITIES:

Accreditation is an indicator that quality family child care providers are available to help make communities attractive to families, signaling that children are well cared for and educated during their early years and before and after school.

