

Eligibility Requirements for NAFCC Accreditation

*Providers and Co-Providers **



In addition to demonstrating compliance with the Quality Standards for NAFCC Accreditation, a provider must meet the following eligibility requirements to be considered for accreditation by NAFCC:

- Be at least 21 years of age
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Provide care to children for a minimum of 15 hours per week
- Provide care to a minimum of three children in a home environment.
At least one child must not reside in the provider's home
- Be the primary caregiver, spending at least 80% of the operating hours actively involved with the children. Co-providers must spend at least 60% of the time actively involved with the children
- Have at least 12 months experience as a family child care provider before the observation visit. Meet the highest level of regulation to operate a family child care program by the authorized regulatory body
- Be in compliance with all regulations of the authorized regulatory body
- Have a favorable state and federal (FBI) criminal history (*also applies to assistants, substitutes, and other adults living in the family child care home)
- Be in good health in order to provide a nurturing and stable environment for children (*also applies to assistants and substitutes)
- Maintain a current CPR and Pediatric First Aid certification (*also applies to assistants and substitutes)
- Adhere to the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct
- Complete at least 120 clock hours of documented family child care related education/training within the 3 years prior to submitting the accreditation documentation . Please refer to the NAFCC Accreditation training requirements for more information on specific training requirements.

**Includes requirements for assistants and other adults in the home WHERE INDICATED.*