

"Being nationally accredited made me want more for my program, the families in my care and for other family child care providers."

Eddie-KS

NAFCC Accreditation

At-a-Glance

NAFCC Accreditation is recognized as the highest indicator of quality in a family child care program.



NAFCC's accreditation process is designed to be a continuum of professional development and quality improvement. There are 6 components to the process:

Anatomy of the Accreditation Process

First Steps

Getting started on the path to quality is easy!!!



- 1 Become a member of NAFCC online at nafcc.org.
- 2 Enroll in self-study. Download a Self-Study Enrollment form or enroll online at nafcc.org.
- 3 GET STARTED when you receive your self-study kit!!!

Self-Study Enrollment

During self-study, you evaluate your program using the Quality Standards for NAFCC Accreditation and make quality improvements.

Application

NAFCC assesses your eligibility. This, among others, includes verification of CPR and First Aid certification, background checks, and family child care specific training.

Observation

NAFCC trained observers conduct an observation of you and your program. The observer gathers information based on the Quality Standards and objectively documents what is seen and heard. Prior to your observation visit you will complete the Self-Certified Standards book and families will complete parent surveys.

Decision

NAFCC reviews documentation from the observer and yourself, as well as data from the parent surveys. The Accreditation Commission uses that information to determine your accreditation status. Accreditation is valid for 3 years based on the successful completion of annual updates.

Fees

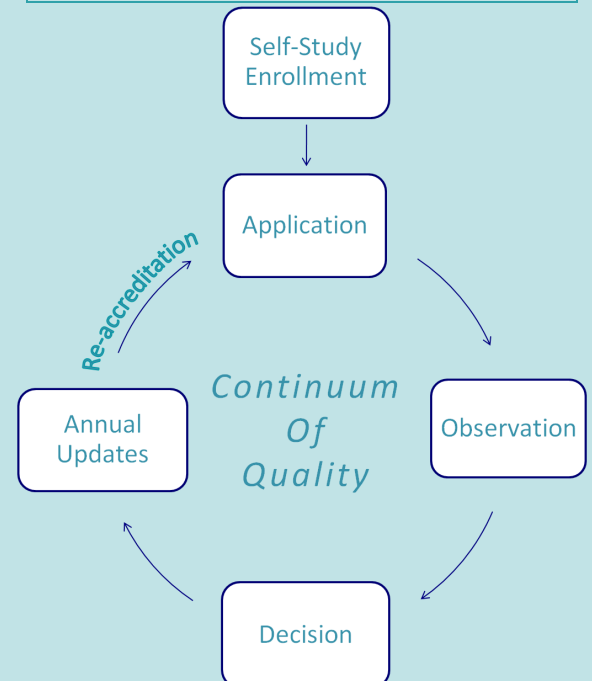
Member	Non-member
Self-Study Enrollment	
\$300	\$425
Accreditation Application	
\$500	\$700
1st & 2nd Year Annual Updates	
\$150	\$225
Package Fee-SAVE \$\$\$ <i>Includes self-study, application and annual updates.</i>	
\$900	\$1275

Annual Updates

You will assess yourself and your program to ensure continuous compliance with the Quality Standards, verify you continue to meet all eligibility requirements, and report professional development activities and quality improvements you have completed during the year.

Re-accreditation

You display an on-going commitment to the profession of family child care when you pursue re-accreditation. Re-accreditation validates that high quality family child care is a legitimate option for parents and essential to the community.



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