



Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children

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# Indiana Accreditation Project

## What is National Accreditation?

Accreditation is a voluntary process whereby early care and education programs can improve the quality of their programs and become nationally recognized. Accreditation ensures that staff are prepared to meet families' needs and are committed to ongoing evaluation and improvement. Accredited programs provide excellent education, professional staff, high standards, commitment, and leadership. Children, families, employers, and communities all benefit from accreditation.

## The Indiana Accreditation Project

The Indiana Accreditation Project is a project of the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children (Indiana AEYC) and is funded by the Indiana Family & Social Services Administration, Division of Family Resources and Bureau of Child Care. The Indiana Accreditation Project provides financial and technical assistance for early care and education and school age facilities wishing to initiate, complete, and maintain accreditation.

In the Indiana Paths to QUALITY™ Rating System accreditation is required to achieve Level 4, the highest quality rating. The State of Indiana recognizes eight accrediting bodies. Of those eight, funding is available to help with accreditation fees for five.

National Accrediting Bodies Recognized By Indiana	Financial Assistance Available?
NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children)	Yes
NAFCC (National Association for Family Child Care)	Yes
COA (Council on Accreditation)	Yes
NECPA (National Early Childhood Program Accreditation)	Yes
ASCI (Association of Christian Schools International)	Yes
NLSA (National Lutheran School Accreditation)	No
NAC (National Accreditation Commission)	No
Cognia Accreditation	No

To be eligible for an Indiana Accreditation Project scholarship, a program must be a licensed center, licensed home, certified registered ministry, public school, or other legally licensed exempt facility that is enrolled in Paths to QUALITY™ and in good standing.

## How Do I Apply?

Programs interested in applying for accreditation scholarships can contact the Workforce Coordinator for their county ([inaeyc.org/workforce-development](http://inaeyc.org/workforce-development)) or reach out to [accreditation@inaeyc.org](mailto:accreditation@inaeyc.org). More information can be found at [inaeyc.org/accreditation](http://inaeyc.org/accreditation).