# **PATHWAY TO ACCREDITATION**

# Step 1: Affiliate

#### **Timeframe**

Members may remain in this category for up to 12 months

#### **Benefits**

- Satellite consultant devoted to supporting your program
- Unit, equipment, resource & book loans
- Satellite professional development
- Resource open house events
- Satellite's newsletter (full of resources for your program)
- Networking & leadership opportunities including family child care support groups

### Requirements

- Wisconsin regulated family child care program in good standing (certified or licensed)
- YoungStar participation
- Review accreditation standards
- Commit to working with an accreditation consultant, focusing on meeting the accreditation standards
- Quarterly consultant visits
- Complete quarterly enrollment surveys
- Meet terms of Satellite contract

# Step 2: Associate

### **Timeframe**

Members may remain in this category for up to 12 months

### Additional requirements

- Purchase and maintain business liability insurance
- Obtain and maintain car insurance if transporting children
- Provider health report with TB test
- Commit to Satellite's Code of Ethics
- Biannual CPR training
- Attend a minimum of one Satellite training or support group

# Step 3: Accredited

#### **Timeframe**

Once achieved, accreditation is ongoing unless the requirements are no longer met

#### **Additional benefits**

- A minimum of 4 stars rating through Youngstar and all associated benefits
- Satellite referral system
- City of Madison child care funding for applicable families
- Additional funding opportunities

#### **Additional requirements**

- Meet accreditation standards
- Complete the re/accreditation process, including consultant observations, accreditation packet and family surveys
- Program/parent contract
- Program policies
- Biannual Child Abuse and Neglect training

