

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
- Equipment and curriculum unit loans
- Program assessment resources
- Developmental screening and assessment tools
- Satellite professional learning opportunities
- Satellite's regional social events throughout Wisconsin
- Satellite support groups
- Mentoring program
- Leadership opportunities

REQUIREMENTS

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

Step 2 Associate

Timeframe:

Members may remain in this category for up to 12 months

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Developed a beginning understanding of the accreditation standards
- Began to align program to the accreditation standards
- Committed to Satellite's Code of Ethics
- Obtained business liability insurance
- Obtained business car insurance, if applicable
- Completed educator health report
- Attended a Satellite professional learning event, social event, or support group

Step 3 Accreditation

Timeframe:

Accreditation is ongoing unless the requirements are no longer met

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- Pride and prestige of having achieved accreditation—the highest quality in early childhood education
- A minimum of 4 stars rating through YoungStar and all associated benefits
- Satellite referral system

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Meet accreditation standards
- Complete the re/accreditation process, including consultant observations, accreditation packet, and family surveys
- Implement program/family contract
- Establish and maintain program policies
- Complete biennial child abuse and neglect training