

NAFCC Accreditation Mentoring Program

Region 6 Educator Provider Support in partnership with The Institute for Education and Professional Development is pleased to offer this professional development opportunity to family child care educators who wish to achieve NAFCC Accreditation.

What is NAFCC Accreditation?

The National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) Accreditation is recognized as the highest indicator that a family child care program is a quality environment. Through a process that examines all aspects of the family child care program, educators improve their program and practices to achieve accreditation.

What does this program offer?

This mentoring program is designed for family child care providers who are interested in enrolling in the Self-Study Step of the NAFCC Accreditation process. Accreditation candidates will purchase the Self-Study kit and receive periodic mentoring sessions which include: coaching/mentoring for quality improvement within their individual programs, completion of required documentation, time management for Accreditation, resource sharing, and preparation for the Observation Step of NAFCC Accreditation.

Two types of mentoring are available:

- **Group Mentoring:** The group peer mentoring model will provide each candidate with the resources and advice he or she needs as well as establishing a peer group for motivation and support. Groups of 5-10 educators will meet every two weeks for approximately 2 hours. Group mentor meetings will include an optional recommended site visit to each candidate's program. Attendance at the "NAFCC Accreditation Orientation" course or webinar is encouraged as it will provide a solid foundation to begin the Self-Study.
- **One-to-One Mentoring:** One-to-one mentoring is geared toward those providers who are more comfortable with the traditional mentoring approach, enjoy a personalized coaching and learning style, or need additional mentoring, clarification and understanding of particular portions of NAFCC Quality Standards. One-to-one mentoring is also recommended for Accreditation candidates who have already begun the Self-Study process and would like further assistance/advice or for Accredited providers who would like assistance with their Annual Renewals. Attendance at the "NAFCC Accreditation Orientation" course or webinar is encouraged as it will provide a solid foundation to begin the Self-Study, or act as a refresher course for those returning to the Accreditation process.

This course is intended to assist guiding family child care educators through the accreditation process, it is not a guarantee that accreditation will be awarded.

- **Cost: FREE!**
- **Time and location: A mentor will contact you to arrange for times and locations according to the type of mentoring you choose.**

This course is designed and facilitated by



TO REGISTER FOR NAFCC ACCREDITATION MENTORING

Go to:

<http://region6eps.bostonabcd.org/mentor-services>

Questions?

Call Linda at 888-353-4373

To find out more about the recommended course "NAFCC Accreditation Orientation" go to:

<http://region6eps.bostonabcd.org/>

and click on "Courses", "CEUs"

This class is offered through the Region 6 EPS, with funding from the Department of Early Education & Care. For more class offerings, view the EEC Professional Development Calendar at www.eec.state.ma.us or the EPS 6 webpage at <http://region6eps.bostonabcd.org/>