



ACCREDITATION PROGRAMS

	NECPA	NAEYC	MSDE	NSACA
Contact Information	The National Early Childhood Program Accreditation Commission, Inc. of National Child Care Association (NCCA) 1016 Rosser St Conyers, GA 30012 1-800-505-9878 www.careguide.com	National Academy of Early Childhood Programs of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) 1509 16 th St, NW Washington, DC 20036 (202) 232-8777 or 1-800-424-2460 www.naeyc.org	Early Childhood Accreditation Project of Maryland State Department of Education 200 West Baltimore St Baltimore, MD 21201 Joyce Nixon, Accreditation Project Facilitator (410) 767-4441 www.msde.state.md.us	National School Age Child Care Alliance (NSACA) 1137 Washington Street Boston, MA 02124 (617) 298-5012 www.nsaca.org
Available for	Licensed early Childhood Programs & Licensed Child Care Centers			Programs serving children from 5 to 14 years of age
Qualifications	Staff must meet legal licensing requirements for operations	Program operating for 12 months or more		
Regulatory Requirements	Hold state license for at least one year or proof of exemptions	Meet state requirements		
Preparatory process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Self study and evaluation ▪ Surveys of staff and parents ▪ Classroom observation ▪ Verifier observation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administer self evaluation ▪ Staff and parent questionnaires ▪ Classroom observation ▪ Validator observation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Application for accreditation ▪ Orientation ▪ Self-appraisal ▪ Program Improvement/Enhancement 	Purchase NSACA Standards of Quality School-Age Care Purchase the Self-Study and Accreditation Kit- ARQ: Advancing and Recognizing Quality
Evaluation measure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Program description ▪ Classroom Observation Form ▪ Surveys of staff & parents ▪ AAIS (Automated Accreditation Indicator System) Review ▪ National Accreditation Council Review and NECPA commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Program description ▪ Classroom Observation Form ▪ Staff & parent questionnaires ▪ Accreditation Commission Review 	External review by independent validators	Program profile, Endorsement visit Self study, parent, staff and children surveys
Updates	Annual	Annual		Annual
Cost	7-120 children \$650* 121-240 \$800 241 + children and more \$950 *fee includes application fee and verification fee	Level 1: (60 children or less) \$425* Level 2: (61-120 children) \$650 Level 3: (121-240 children) \$825 Level 4: (241-360 children) \$1,000 (for each additional 120 children, fee increases \$50) * fee includes application and validation	No cost	The ARQ kit: \$150 Endorsement visit fee: \$750
Valid for	3 years	3 years	3 years	3 years