



Accepted National Accrediting Bodies for MCCYN or MCCYN-PLUS

It is DoD’s policy that community-based child care providers receiving fee assistance meet State licensing regulations and requirements; **adhere to early learning standards by a DoD approved national accrediting organization**; and be inspected by an outside agency once a year. Providers participating in their state’s Quality Improvement program may also qualify, if they are accredited by a recognized agency or have a quality level of three or higher.

If an accrediting agency’s early learning standards have not been reviewed by DoD, a thorough evaluation will be conducted by the Office of Military Family Readiness Policy for approval. Therefore, unlicensed community-based providers will not be considered (e.g., Association of Christian School International ACSI have faith-based programs that voluntarily comply with state licensing requirements) for the fee assistance program.

Agency Name	Abbreviated Name
National Association for the Education of Young Children, Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation	NAEYC
National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs	NAC
National Association for Family Child Care	NAFCC
National Early Childhood Program Accreditation	NECPA
COGNIA	Formally known as AdvancED
Council on Accreditation	COA
Association for Christian Schools International	ACSI
Association Montessori International/USA	AMI
American Montessori Society	AMS
Middle States Association	MSA
Accredited Professional Preschool Learning Environment	APPLE
Accepted State Accreditations	
Maryland State Department of Education	MSDE