

WHAT IS ACCREDITATION?

Licensed child care providers meet at least minimum standards set by state and local ordinances. Providers that are accredited have met standards established by national and regional organizations. To achieve this accreditation status the program must engage in extensive self-study and be validated during a site visit by a team of trained volunteer monitors. The early childhood program agrees to act upon the commission's suggestions regarding areas of marginal compliance with the criteria and submit written reports documenting improvements and continued compliance.

*Florida Gold Seal was instituted by the Florida legislature to pay a higher rate for a child care scholarship to providers who have met the national accreditation standards of one of the following organizations: **ACSI, ACTS, APPLE, MSAC, NACECPPP, NAEYC, NAFCC, NECPA, NAC, NSACA, SACS.**

***ACSI**

Association of Christian Schools International
727-734-7096 www.acsi.org

***ACTS**

Association of Christian Teachers and Schools
417-862-2781

***APPLE**

Accredited Professional Preschool Learning Environment
800-322-2603 www.facm.com

***MSAC**

Montessori School Accreditation Commission
707-938-3818 www.montessori-msac.org

***NACECPPP**

National Accreditation Council for Early Childhood Professional Personnel and Programs
703-941-4329

***NAEYC**

National Association for the Education of Young Children
800-424-2460

***NAFCC**

National Association for Family Child Care
800-359-3817 www.nafcc.org

***NECPA**

National Early Childhood Program Accreditation
800-505-9878

***NAC**

National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs
800-537-1118

***NSACA**

National School-Age Alliance
617-298-5012 www.nsaca.org

NPSAG

National Private School Association Group Private School Accreditation
800-840-939 www.npsag.com
800-840-940

***SACS**

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Elementary and Middle School
353-567-3057 www.sacs.org

AMI

American Montessori International
800-872-2643 www.Montessori-ami.org

AMS

American Montessori Society
212-358-1250 www.amshq.org

CGACS

Church of God Association of Christian School and Day Care
813-620-3366

FACCS

Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools
850-442-0065 www.faccs.org

FCC

Florida Catholic Conference
850-222-3803 www.flacathconf.org

FCIS

Florida Council of Independent Schools
813-287-2820

FKC

Florida Kindergarten Council
813-286-2997 www.fcis.org

FLOCS

Florida League of Christian Schools
86.3-683-5726

FUMC

Florida United Methodist Church
800-282-8011 ext.141 www.flumc.org