

## Section 1 - NAC Accreditation Information

ACCREDITATION START DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

ACCREDITATION EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

- PLEASE SUBMIT ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATE AND/OR LETTER SHOWING EXTENSION IF IN THE RENEWAL PROCESS.
- PLEASE SUBMIT A COPY OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES (IDCFS) LICENSE.

## Section 2 - Required Training

An on-site Program Administrator must complete the following training before applying for the Gold Circle of Quality. A Program Administrator may be any person listed in Section 4 of the main application as a Director, Assistant Director, or Director/Teacher. Completion of training will be verified by the Gateways Registry.

- 1. Has an on-site Program Administrator completed the *ExceleRate Illinois Orientation* ?**  YES  NO

## Section 3 - Standards and Evidence

Your program's NAC accreditation meets the following ExceleRate Illinois standards without need for additional documentation: 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 3C, and 4C. Standard 4B will be verified by the Gateways Registry.

For each question below, check either 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate whether your program meets the standard as listed.

If answering 'Yes', additional information and supporting documentation may be required. Completion of required trainings will be verified by the Gateways Registry.

### 1D – CHILD SCREENING

- 1. Does your program have policies and procedures in place to ensure that all children (birth-5 years) are screened at least annually for the purpose of identifying special needs and parents are provided screening results and information on where they can go for additional evaluation and services?**  YES  NO

- If Yes, supply a copy of your program's written policies related to developmental/child screening.

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1E – CHILD ASSESSMENT

2. Does your program implement an approved child assessment tool, as listed on the ExceleRate Illinois website?  YES  NO

2a. If Yes, what is the name of the assessment tool? \_\_\_\_\_

If No, please include a narrative description of how the assessment tool used aligns with the program’s curriculum.

1F – INCLUSION OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

3. Has an on-site Program Administrator and at least 50% of teaching staff completed an ExceleRate-approved training on inclusion of children with special needs?  YES  NO

3D – LINGUISTICALLY AND CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE PRACTICE

4. Does your program communicate with families in their home language whenever possible?  YES  NO  N/A  
*(not serving families with a home language other than English)*

If Yes, enclose an example of communication with families in their home language.

4B – STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

Initial ExceleRate Illinois applications receive an extension related to staff qualifications. Program staff are required to apply for the Gateways Credentials. Program staff must achieve the Gateways Credentials within the first year of the program’s eligibility.