NAFCC Accreditation Cohort Opportunity

Maine Roads to Quality Early Care and Education Professional Development Network (MRTQ) is pleased to announce a unique opportunity for 20 Family Child Care Professionals to join a state-wide cohort to meet the accreditation standards of the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC). This opportunity is being made available thanks to the generous contribution of the John T. Gorman Foundation. Please read the following information to learn more and to see if your program may be eligible for selection.

NAFCC COHORT DESIGN

- Programs will receive training and technical assistance provided by a Cohort Facilitator. Information regarding the NAFCC Accreditation process can be found through a link at MRTQ’s website: http://muskie.usm.maine.edu/maineroads/accreditation/family.htm
- The programs pursuing NAFCC Accreditation through this cohort will be expected to attend statewide conference call meetings once a month from February 2015 – June 2016. Training hours will be awarded for participation.
- The Cohort Facilitator will provide guidance throughout the accreditation process in the form of on-site visits and additional individualized program support.
- The cohort participants will take part in an online course on environments which will be offered several times during the cohort period.
- Equipment mini-grant funds will be available to programs. The cohort facilitator will work with cohort participants to develop a plan for use of mini-grant funds upon completion of the environments course.
- $700 of the Accreditation fees will be paid.

TO QUALIFY FOR SELECTION TO THIS STATEWIDE NAFCC ACCREDITATION COHORT

✓ Complete NAFCC Cohort Applications as soon as possible.
✓ All family child care staff must be members of Maine Roads to Quality’s Professional Development Registry. To ensure that staff entries in the MRTQ Registry are updated and complete, they may access the Online Registry at https://mrtq.musk.usm.maine.edu/
✓ Programs should currently be at a STEP 3 on Maine’s Quality Rating System, Quality for ME. Exceptions may be made for those close to Step 3. Please contact MRTQ at 1-888-900-0055 to discuss assistance with moving toward Step 3.

Programs may receive site visits to determine selection status. Joining this cohort does not guarantee accreditation.

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