

## 5 Reasons that the Hassles of Accreditation are Worth It

Accreditation is a daunting process that many organizations must orchestrate to maintain eligibility for state or federal funding. Listed below are several of the positives that agencies can count on as they work through the standards:

5. Accreditation standards are developed with the input of expert practitioners from around the country. You can't hardly buy this much expertise about best practices for your service areas, administrative departments, and Board of Directors.
4. Accreditation standards tend to improve organizations in their administrative operations, their services, and the environments of care (facilities). Everyone benefits from the comprehensive scrutiny and thoughtful improvements that accreditation brings, especially in those agencies that encourage participation of employees at all levels who wish to contribute to the efforts.
3. The quality improvement processes of accreditation, which are so dependent on consistent data collection, will result in better-informed leadership and an organization that is more responsive to the input of its clients and employees.
2. Accreditation expects that performance systems will be tied to strategic plans, quality improvement data, and the needs of persons served: a perfect combination. Done well, these processes will enhance employee performance and impact the outcomes of service delivery.
1. The Number 1 reason many agencies appreciate accreditation? It's the best team builder you can get—meaningful work across agency divisions, with improvements that can be seen and felt. Challenging? Yes, but worth it.

There are many more benefits to accreditation and the preparation process! Contact us for a complimentary consultation regarding your organization's accreditation.

We specialize in accreditation through COA (Council on Accreditation of Children and Family Services) but have been successful with NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children), and JCAHO (Joint Commission for Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations).