

Dear Early Childhood Educators:

The Austin Childcare Providers Network (ACPN) continually strives to serve our membership with valuable resources to promote quality early childhood education services, build sustainable businesses, encourage ongoing professional development, and increase family strengths. These services have been presented through product donations for families and professional development programs for members as listed below:

- Early Childhood Educator - ECE Level 1 Modules through Gateway's i-learning
- Child Development Associate (CDA) - Begins in July, 2026
- National Association for Family Childcare (NAFCC) ongoing support services to achieve the QRIS Silver Level of Quality
- AIM4EXCELLENCE - Begins March 2026
- Creative Curriculum/TSG
- Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale
- Truman College cohort participation

We value your professional relationship and continuing support with ACPN. These membership offerings, along with our advocacy efforts have increased our ability to address equity issues within the early care sector that relate to educators' concerns and elevate physical and mental health issues caused by toxic stress at the local, state and federal levels. ACPN is one of the few early childcare associations within the Chicago area who have been effective in advocating matters with political and early care leaders.

2026 Membership Fees

Family Child Care	\$150.00
Group Home	\$200.00
Each Child Care Center	\$300.00

The membership fee includes engagement in our programs for up to 3 staff or assistants for Family Childcare, Group Homes or Center based programs.

We have attached a link to the website to complete our ACPN Membership Form, and a staff profile for each employee (<https://www.austinchildcare.org/>). Full payment is required before your anniversary date. Should you have any questions, please contact Josephina @ josephinah@austinchildcare.org.

Respectfully,

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