



The Family Child Care “MASTER PROVIDER” Professional Development Certification Program

Level 1: MASTER PROVIDER APPRENTICE (white badge)	
Experience Requirement:	Minimum of 2 years as a regulated family child care provider (licensed if available)
Education/Training Requirements:	30 hours basic child development training (may include Health & Safety)
	32 hours of competency-level family child care training (i.e. <i>Second Helping</i> , or comparable training course)
	Current Pediatric/Child CPR and First Aid Training
Additional Requirement:	Current member of local, state and national family child care association
Level 2: MASTER PROVIDER (black badge)	
Experience Requirement:	A minimum of 5 years as a regulated family child care provider (licensed if available)
Education/Training Requirements:	Must meet Level I Education/Training Requirements
	Must have either a current NAFCC Accreditation OR current CDA OR A.S. Degree in Early Childhood Education
	Must have additional documentation of 65 hours of in-service training hours (or 6.5 CEU's) within the past two years
Additional Requirement:	Current member of local, state and national family child care association
Level 3: MASTER PROVIDER (bronze badge)	
Experience Requirement:	A minimum of 8 years as a regulated provider (licensed if available)
Education/Training Requirements:	Must meet all Levels 1 and 2 Education/Training Requirements
	Must hold and current CDA OR A.S Degree (or higher) in Early Childhood Education
	Must have current NAFCC Accreditation
	Must have additional documentation of 65 hours of in-service training hours (or 6.5 CEU's) within the past two years
Additional Requirement:	Current member of local, state and national family child care association
Level 4: MASTER PROVIDER (silver badge)	
Experience Requirements:	A minimum of 12 years as a regulated family child care provider (licensed if available)
Educational/Training Requirements:	Must meet all Level 1,2 and 3 Educational/Training Requirements
	Must have additional documentation of 65 hours of in-service training hours (or 6.5 CEU's) within the past two years
Additional Requirement:	Current member of local, state and national family child care association
Level 5: MASTER PROVIDER (gold badge)	
Experience Requirements:	A minimum of 20 years as a regulated family child care provider (licensed if available)
Educational/Training Requirements:	Must meet all Level 1, 2, 3 and 4 Educational/Training Requirements
	Must have additional documentation of 65 hours of in-service training hours (or 6.5 CEU's) within the past two years
Additional Requirement:	Current member of local, state and national family child care association
Master Provider – Specialty Classification (Mentor, Instructor, Instructor Trainer, Advocate and/or Leader)	
Requirement:	Must be a current family child care provider who qualifies for one of the Master Provider 'levels' listed above OR if non-active provider, must have a minimum of 2 years past experience.
Training Requirement:	Must have completed training in specialty by local, state or national organization
	If non provider, must hold a CDA or AS degree or higher in Early Childhood Education
Experience Requirement:	Must have a minimum of 2 years experience in this specialty

Note: Applicants seeking re-certification (in the same level or specialty) must meet same requirements as new applicants plus an additional 40 hours of in-service training (or 4.0 CEU's) in the field of Early Care and Education within the past two years.

MASTER PROVIDER CREDENTIAL

APPLICATION

We are pleased that you have decided to apply for the NEW and EXPANDED Master Provider Credential. Please note that we have expanded our credential to include four exciting new levels. Each of these levels and the major requirements are described on the back of this application form. The application fee is \$50.00 for new applications as well as for re-certification.

Please complete and submit this application (along with \$50.00 application fee) to Brenda Ives, Operations Director, PathFinders Unlimited, Inc., P.O. Box 580, Patrick Springs, Virginia 24133. If you have any question please contact Brenda at 276-694-7571 or fax 276-694-7571 (call first) or email at ives7153@embarqmail.com

All Applicants please check the appropriate line: Level 1 2 3 4 5

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

County: _____ Fax Number: _____

Please list what Level and/or Specialty Classification, you are applying for: _____

The following is a list of the documentation that must be included with this signed application form.

- A copy of applicants resume
- A copy of the applicant's current family child care registration or license
- Proof of how long the applicant has been a family child care (letter from local Licensing agency, Resource and Referral agency, Food Program, copy of regulation certificates or notices)
- Copy of membership cards of local, state and national Family Child Care Associations (if available in area)
- Documentation that supports the training requirements for each Master Provider level (if this is a new application all training must be met for the level applicant is seeking in addition to prior level training requirements)
- A copy of the applicant's NAFCC Accreditation Certification – if applying for Level II or higher
- A copy of the applicant's CDA Credential (or college degree) – if applying for Level II or higher
- A copy of the applicant's current Master Provider Certificate – if applying for re-certification
- Documentation of professional involvement – if applying for 'specialty' classification (copies of certification, training, and/or letters from Regulatory and Resource and Referral agencies are acceptable)

I the undersigned do hereby swear that this application (including the attached documentation) is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that in the event that any of this information changes (i.e. expiration of Accreditation or CDA) it is my responsibility to notify PathFinders Unlimited, Inc. immediately. I understand that misinformation given in this application or included in the supporting documentation is adequate cause to have my certification to become null and void. I also understand that if at any time during the 2 years that I am certified, I fail to meet the qualifications outlined above, I must refrain from representing myself as a Master Provider.

Signature of Applicant

Date