

Youth Family Questionnaire



Introduction

_____ is preparing to earn the Youth Development Associate™ (YDA) Credential.

The YDA™ Credential is awarded by the Department of Defense through the Council for Professional Recognition (the Council), located in Washington, D.C. To be awarded this credential, the candidate has taken on a significant professional challenge that assesses their experience and education. The YDA Credential is awarded to competent adults who have demonstrated their ability to meet the needs of youth and families on a daily basis. The process of earning the YDA provides an experience for the candidate to identify areas of strength and improvement needed through self-assessment and feedback from their local assessment team and the families of the youth in their care. We invite you to complete this questionnaire, to provide your important feedback to help the candidate continue to grow as a professional.

Please know that:

- Completing this questionnaire is optional. If you choose to complete it, your feedback will only be read by the candidate and the local assessment team in order to contribute important information that may assist in evaluating the candidate's work.
- You may provide your feedback anonymously if you choose.

If you choose to complete the questionnaire, you must return it to _____.

Family Questionnaire

Each of the following topics relates to key areas of quality professional practice as outlined by the Council for Professional Recognition. For each area, please rate the candidate on a scale of 1 – 3.

1	Needs improvement/Area for professional growth
2	Capable/Competent
3	Very capable/Area of strength

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The candidate:			
1. Provides a safe, clean environment that prevents and reduces injuries and teaches youth how to stay safe.	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
2. Promotes good health and nutrition and provides an environment that contributes to the prevention of illness.	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
3. Uses the space, relationships, materials, and routines as resources for constructing an interesting, secure, and enjoyable environment that encourages play, exploration, and learning.	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
4. Provides a variety of equipment, activities, and opportunities to promote the physical development of my youth.	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
5. Provides activities and opportunities that encourage curiosity, exploration, and problem solving appropriate to the developmental levels and learning styles of youth.	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
6. Actively communicates with my youth and provides opportunities and support for youth to understand, acquire, and use verbal and nonverbal means of communicating thoughts and feelings.	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
7. Provides opportunities that stimulate youth to play with sound, rhythm, language, materials, space, and ideas in individual ways and to express their creative abilities.	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
8. Promotes physical development and provides emotional security for my youth and helps them to know, accept, and take pride in themselves and develop a sense of independence.	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
9. Helps youth feel accepted in the group, helps youth learn to communicate and get along with others, and encourages feelings of empathy and mutual respect among youth, peers, and adults.	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
10. Provides a supportive environment in which youth learn and practice appropriate and acceptable behaviors as individuals and as a group.	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
11. Establishes an open, positive, responsive, and cooperative relationship with members of our family.	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
12. Is well-organized and effectively manages the program activities.	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3
13. Presents themselves in a professional manner.	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3

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Name (optional)

Thank you for taking the time to support the candidate's professional growth. If you would like to provide additional feedback, please feel free to attach it to this questionnaire.