

Professional Association Membership Resources - Indiana

Membership in a professional organization is “fundamental evidence of professional engagement” (certification handbook 2017) and is required for all levels of CYC Certification. The CYC Certification Institute recognizes the organizations listed below. Individual membership in any of these organizations meets the requirement.

National membership associations

ACYCP Association for Child and Youth Care Practice email: info@acycp.org

web site: <http://www.acycp.org>

NAA National After School Association email: info@naaweb.org

web site: <https://naaweb.org/>

(submit a copy/screen shot of your “My Profile” page for verification or contact Megan Ross megan@serendipity-media.com)

NPJS National Partnership for Juvenile Services email: help@npjs.org

web site: <http://www.npjs.org>

NFPA National Foster Parent Association email: info@nfpaonline.org

web site: <http://nfpaonline.org>

NASW National Association of Social Workers email: membership@naswdc.org

web site: <http://www.naswdc.org>

Indiana membership associations

IJDA Indiana Juvenile Detention Association

web site: <http://www.youthlawteam.org/IJDA.html>.

Certified practitioners may choose organizations in the state of residence to meet the requirement. The association must fit within the description provided below to qualify:

- Offers individual membership (agency membership in an organization does not meet the requirement for professional membership). The practitioner must have an individual membership.
- Supports professionalization of child and youth care practitioners (with the understanding that this can be a passive stance).
- Offers an ethics code for practitioners and/or endorses the Standards for Practice of North American Child & Youth Care Professionals.
- Represents and advocates for child and youth care practitioners.
- Offers opportunities to: keep up-to-date with developments in foundational and specialized areas of child and youth care practice and participate in education and training opportunities.

Note: These criteria were established by the Association for Child and Youth Care Practice and the National CYC Certification Board, and adopted by the CYC Institute.