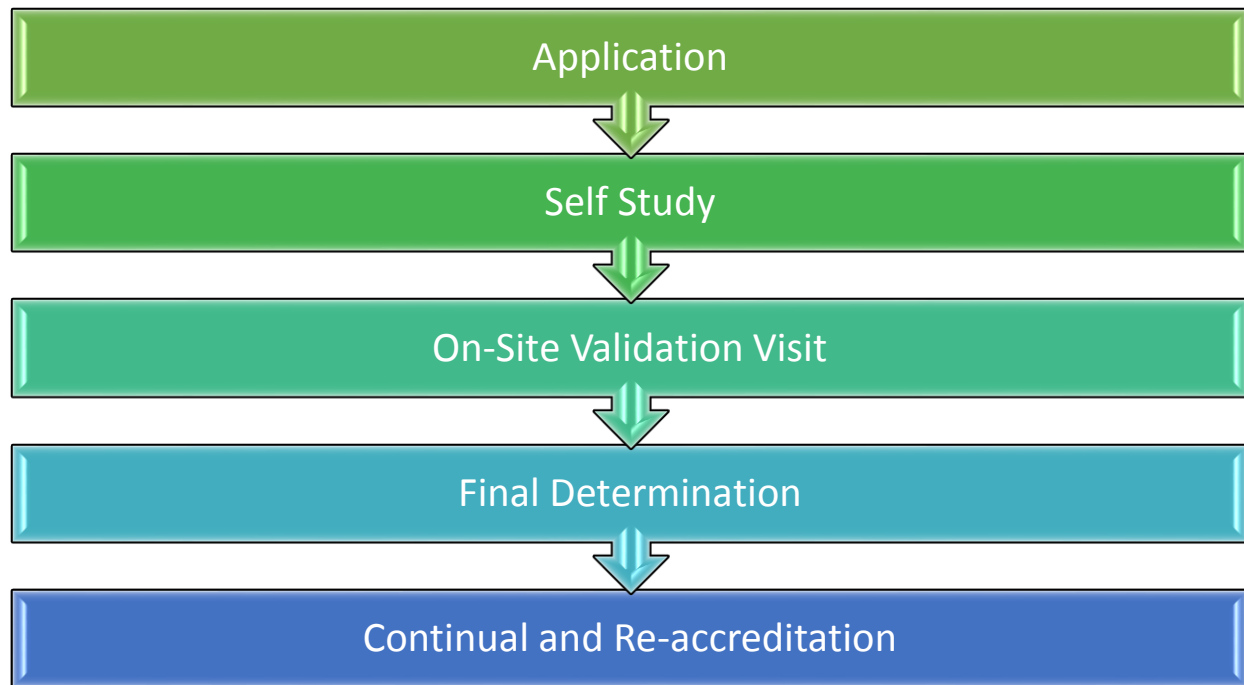


Green Apple Accreditation of Children's Services

Accreditation Step by Step Process



Application

The provider submits the **GAACS** Membership Application, Accreditation Application, and nonrefundable fees.

Self-Study

Upon application acceptance, the Provider participates in Accreditation Orientation, submits Self Study Evidence through the **My GAACS Account**, and requests an on-site visit.

On-Site Visit

GAACS validators conduct on-site validation inspection of the Provider facility in accordance with What to Expect during the On-Site Visit. Validators make recommendation to **GAACS** based on validation visit whether to approve, defer, or deny accreditation.

Final Determination

GAACS reviews all supporting documentation and makes the final decision to grant or deny accreditation within 10 days from receipt of the Visiting Committee's recommendations, response(s) from the candidate member organization (if any), and Self Study Evidence.

Continual and Re-accreditation

Continual accreditation-To maintain accreditation, the Accredited Program must submit an annual report and applicable nonrefundable fee no later than June 30th every year with exception to the year of initial accreditation/re-accreditation.

Re-accreditation-Within six months before expiration date of the current accreditation, **GAACS** accredited programs must re-apply for accreditation in accordance with the most recent Accreditation Process.