

SELECTING AN ACCREDITING BODY

5 Things to Consider

Selecting a national accrediting body is one of the first steps in a process that will eventually take your organization in a more effective, organized and unified direction. Some initial research on the approved accrediting bodies can help save your group time and money when selecting the best partner for your organization.

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First Things First – The Baseline.

Knowing your starting point is helpful when thinking about an accrediting body and can give you a better understanding of what your organization's strengths will be in accomplishing the goal of accreditation. To determine your current level of readiness (baseline) — Take Accreditation Guru's free Accreditation Readiness Assessment online at www.AccreditationGuru.com/READY.

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Reputation – The Accrediting Bodies.

NATSAP has carefully chosen each of the approved accrediting bodies to help your organization, but it's always good to get an understanding of the differences in how they work and what they focus on. Ask NATSAP members about their experience, call NATSAP or call us!

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Data – Information You Can Use.

Are you looking to improve your outcomes and/or use existing data to better evaluate your operational strategies? Most organizations claim that accreditation not only improves outcomes for people they serve but provides a framework for making data-informed decisions that support achievement of performance targets, program goals and staff and client satisfaction.

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Time – Spending It and Saving It.

What amount of time available does your company have for this process? Efficient use of time is where a consultant can be very effective. Not only do they know exactly what the accrediting bodies are looking for and how best to compile organization data and information; they can also serve as sounding boards, provide training functions and navigate you through the more detailed aspects of accreditation to keep the process running both on time and on budget.

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Money – The Investment.

Fortunately, the investment in accreditation has a tangible return. It's different for every organization – but most who go through the process are able to point to improved efficiencies in one or more operational and/or strategic areas that lead to money saved. Risk profile reduction, staffing efficiencies gained, external validation of the quality of programs are just a few examples. Think about where you could use help in gaining efficiencies and talk to the accrediting body about how they work in that particular area.

Accreditation Guru also has a comparison chart for your review.
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