



EVENING SHADE FAMILY HOME DAYCARE CENTER AWARDED NATIONAL ACCREDITATION IN CHILD CARE SERVICE QUALITY



Better Beginnings congratulates Lorene Cahall (pictured), owner of Evening Shade Family Home Daycare, on earning national accreditation.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (March 17, 2022) – [Better Beginnings](http://BetterBeginnings.com), a program of the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education focusing on giving children the best quality care, congratulates Lorene Cahall of [Evening Shade Family Home Daycare](http://EveningShadeFamilyHomeDaycare.com) for achieving national accreditation by the [National Association for Family Child Care](http://NationalAssociationforFamilyChildCare.org) (NAFCC).

This accreditation is awarded to child care family home providers that meet the highest standards for home-based quality care in early care and education. This is the only national accreditation awarded to child care home providers.

“Lorene’s dedication to her field and to the children and families she serves is admirable and valued,” said Kelli Hilburn, program administrator of Better Beginnings. “I’m thrilled that she is joining other accredited family home providers across the nation.”

Cahall achieved accreditation after completing 120 hours of professional development and a lengthy application process that included observation and review by a council. She is one of nine child care family homes that participated in a cohort to achieve this accreditation.

“For families, knowing who is an accredited provider helps them find the best possible early childhood experience for their children,” Cahall said, who has been in business for 22 years. “It warms my heart that parents can trust my program in ensuring these standards of quality are met. It makes me feel so proud of myself. I do and will continue giving each family the best experience I possibly can.”

Any child care family home provider can apply for accreditation on the NAFCC’s [website](#). This accreditation results in a child care family home provider achieving Better Beginnings [Star Level 3](#), the highest quality ranking that can be achieved.

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