



IYD Advisor Eligibility and Responsibility

The Advisor is a seasoned child or youth worker professional with knowledge to provide assistance and mentoring to a Candidate. The Advisor can be picked by the Candidate as long as the individual meets the requirements below. **An Advisor is required for Candidates pursuing an IYD using the Standard Process.**

Advisor Eligibility Requirements

A. Personal

- Be knowledgeable about the Credential requirements and standards and policies for quality programs for children and youth.
- Be familiar with the program where the Candidate will be observed and the needs of children and families in that community.

B. Education

- Bachelor or advanced Degree in child or youth development, youth agency administration, recreation, home economics, physical education, elementary education, special education, social work or related field from an accredited college; **OR**
- Associate Degree in a related field; **OR**
- Successful completion of the Indiana Youth Development Credential, plus a minimum of five years experience; **OR**
- A combination of education and experience which provides professional knowledge comparable to that normally acquired through the successful completion of a four-year course of study, plus experience.

C. Experience/Position: Minimum of two years of experience in a children's or youth program within the past five (5) years including:

- **One year** working directly with children in the same age range as the children in the Candidate's program as a staff, teacher, family child care provider, social worker or similar role; and
- **One year** of responsibility for the professional growth of another adult.

D. Without Conflict of Interest:

- May not be the relative of a child in the Candidate's care at any time during the credentialing process;
- May not be related by blood or marriage or other legal relationship to the Candidate;
- May not be working with the Candidate in a co-teaching situation.

Advisor Responsibilities

- Works with a Candidate for **at least 4 weeks**.
- Observes the Candidate at least **two times** assessing current competency in each functional area, recording observations and giving the Candidate recommendations for growth. If the advisor/candidate relationship exceeds 12 months, the Advisor should observe the Candidate at least every six months. The last observation should be conducted in the same program where the Candidate will be during the Assessment visit. This final Advisor observation should not be **more than six months** before the Assessment visit, and should not be **less than five days** before the Independent Reviewer observes the Candidate.
- Advises the Candidate about preparation of the *Portfolio* and *Resource File*
- Reviews the Candidate's *Portfolio* and *Resource File*.
- Participates in the Assessment Team meeting.

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