



FAQ

- Q. What is the Minnesota Association of Child Care Professionals (MACCP)?
- A. *MACCP is a brand new, voluntary association of licensed family child care providers from Minnesota. The mission of MACCP is to strengthen the family child care profession by advocating for policy improvements, offering additional support and services to providers, and by promoting family child care as an exceptional option for quality care and early childhood education.*
- Q. Why should I join MACCP?
- A. *As with any organization, the more members we have, the stronger we are and the more we can accomplish. As a professional member, you will have opportunities to provide direct input that will be used to determine our policy agenda. We at MACCP understand you work hard for your money and we will work hard to earn your membership. We have a board position dedicated to finding and securing benefits and perks for our members.*
- Q. Are you affiliated with a union?
- A. *No. MACCP strongly supports each provider's right to choose what organizations—if any—he or she wants to be part of or support. MACCP respects the independence of each provider and will fight to sustain that right.*
- Q. How are you different from other associations?
- A. *With each passing year, the family child care profession faces new challenges. MACCP is a new breed of association that was designed specifically to address these challenges on a number of different fronts. MACCP filed for non-profit status as a 501C(4), preventing the IRS from limiting our lobbying and advocacy work at the Capitol. This allows us to focus the majority of our resources directly on advocating for the policy changes we so desperately need. MACCP is an organization of licensed family child care providers working to support our profession. We are not funded by outside organizations or government agencies, so our priority will always be our members. We do not have any paid staff, so almost every membership dollar we earn directly supports our efforts.*

Q. I am not a child care provider. Can I still join?

A. *There are two types of membership available with MACCP. A professional membership comes with voting rights in both the election of officers and in any surveys or questionnaires used to help set the agenda of the organization. It is crucial that these important decisions be made by those impacted and directly involved in the profession. Therefore, only licensed family child care providers are eligible to purchase a professional membership. We welcome everyone else who supports the mission and goals of MACCP to purchase an associate membership. While this does not come with voting rights, your support makes a difference!*

Q. What legislation are you supporting this coming session?

A. *There are numerous different proposals we are working on that we believe will benefit family child care providers and address some of the challenges we have been facing. Stay tuned for more information as we continue to build our legislative agenda. Do you have ideas for a bill? Would you like to assist with our public policy efforts? Please contact us.*