

# Preparation Questions to Ask Regarding Accreditation

Earning accreditation is one of the most significant endeavors an organization will undertake. Accreditation offers professional recognition of meeting the highest standards in quality service delivery while providing clients with an appropriate tool for effectively evaluating service providers. Is your organization ready for accreditation? Consider the following...

Which accrediting body is the right fit for my organization? Why?

Do I know how to best "sell" accreditation to my board of directors and staff?

Who on staff has been through multiple accreditation reviews and who can be our Accreditation Champion(s)?

Have we developed quality improvement and risk management plans to orient all staff?

Is there a committee in place collecting performance data and tracking outcomes for all programs?

Do we have policies and procedures that meet current accreditation standards?

Do we have community stakeholders who will participate in the process?

Who will we have directly and indirectly involved in the accreditation process?

How will I keep staff and the board involved in the process and updated on progress?

What challenges were encountered during the last accreditation cycle, if applicable?

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