

The Indiana field of youth development has just taken a step forward in professionalizing the field. Previously we had the Indiana Youth Development credential, which aligned with many of the national credentials but was unique to Indiana.

Indiana is now partnering with the Child and Youth Care Certification Board (CYCCB) to support a national certification for child and youth care workers. This certification will soon become the highest standard for quality as a person develops their career as a youth development professional (Youth Worker).

There are three levels of certification; descriptions and additional information can be found at [this link](#).

The [qualifying exam](#) will be proctored in Indianapolis two times in January by Pam Clark. Questions can be directed to Pam at (812) 371-7455 or pamclark9@me.com. There is nothing you need to do to prepare for the exam. Formal education and/or your experience in the field have prepared you for the exam. Upon request, Pam will provide sample scenarios and questions representative of the style of the exam.

You may sign up to take the exam [here](#). The exam will be offered twice in January as follows:

Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm ET at the Indiana Youth Institute, 603 E. Washington St. Ste. 800, Indianapolis, IN 46204. You should plan to arrive at the testing site at 9:30 in order to sign in and complete some preliminary paperwork.

Saturday, January 16, 2016, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon ET at the Central Library, 40 E. St. Clair St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. You should plan to arrive at the testing site at 8:30 in order to sign in and complete some preliminary paperwork.

The fees for taking the test and completing the portfolio will be covered if you complete the process by April 1, 2016. This opportunity is for all youth workers, not just Journey Fellows.

- ✓ Access to cell phones will be limited during testing.
- ✓ Please bring water and/or other snacks with you to the test site, as you will not be allowed to bring anything into the testing environment once testing has begun.
- ✓ The proctor will provide #2 pencils for use during testing.

