

Qualifications of Your Evaluators

As an applicant, please choose two evaluators, one advanced clinical social worker* and one advanced clinical social worker or clinical psychologist (doctorate) or psychiatrist (M.D. or D.O.). On the Evaluator Registration screen, tell us whom you have chosen to judge your competency as a specialist in practice with children and their families.

* Characteristics - Master's degree in social work; at least five years of post-graduate clinical social work practice, including two years under clinical supervision; current in practice (3,000 clinical practice hours in the past 10 years including at least 300 hours in the past year); licensed in good standing at the highest clinical level available in each state or jurisdiction where you practice (unless exempted by terms of government employment).

An Evaluator has direct knowledge of your specialty practice as a Colleague, Consultant, or Supervisor, as described below:

- ❖ **Colleague** in the workplace, or referral-maker, participant in supervision or consultation groups, structured clinically oriented exchanges, and other interactions
- ❖ **Consultant** who case-consulted with you
- ❖ **Supervisor** who formally supervised your clinical practice

An Evaluator must have at least one full year of direct knowledge (in the past four years) of your specialty practice with children and their families, and, at the outset of that year:

- ❖ Have (in addition to the full year mentioned above) at least five years of post-graduate practice before the start-date of contact with you
- ❖ hold state licensure in good standing at the highest clinical level in each state or jurisdiction in which they practice, unless exempted by terms of government employment
- ❖ practiced with children at a significant level, for whom 20% of clients) on average) are children and their families

An Evaluator must NOT be related to you.

Note: you are responsible for staying in touch with your Evaluators so that they mail their evaluations within one month of our receipt of your application materials.

Note: If you cannot find eligible evaluators (as above), you may pursue alternate evaluators (please contact the Credentialing Department at 1-800-694-5285, ext 16). Failing that, you may approach the Board to request a waiver, in which you must demonstrate equivalency of standards.