

40 YEARS - NARA MILESTONES

1976-1985

- 1976** Charter established for The Association for Regulatory Administration (ARA), the precursor of NARA, Tulane University
- 1977** Published first newsletter

1986-1995

- 1986** Changed name to Association for Regulatory Administration in Human Services (ARAHS)
- 1988** Published first ARAHS licensing curriculum
- 1989** Changed name to The National Association for Regulatory Administration (NARA)
- 1990** Extended membership into Canada
- 1991** Published *Propositional Statements in Defense of Licensing as Sound Public Policy for the Safeguarding of Children in Away-From-Home Care*
- 1992** Held first licensing seminar Raleigh, North Carolina
- 1993** Published *Licensing Workload Process Bulletin*
- 1994** Presented Best Rules Award to the state of Delaware for Family Child Care Rules
- 1995** Launched training and consulting services, Maryland
- 1995** Published *Code of Ethics for Regulators*

1996-2005

- 1997** Launched website
- 1997** Published Policy Paper by Harold Gazan, titled *Emerging Trends in Child Care Regulation*
- 1997** Published comparative report on Child Residential Facilities
- 1997** Published *Comparative Child Welfare Study: Residential Facilities and Day Treatment Programs*
- 1998** Published *Enforcement Research*
- 1998** Published comparative enforcement study titled *A Survey of Negative Enforcement Options and Practices*
- 1998** Presented Best Rules Award to the state of Maine for Assisted Living Rules
- 2001** Published position paper on the Privatization of Licensing
- 2001** Published *Comparative Report on the Frequency and Types of Human Service Licensing Inspections*
- 2001** Published *Case Against Privatizing Human Care Licensing*
- 2002** Representative on the Assisted Living Work Group convened by the US Senate Special Committee on Aging to develop recommendation for improving quality in assisted living
- 2002** Published *Regulating Dimensions of Quality in Early Care and Education*
- 2004** Launched Trainer-in-a-Box series
- 2004** Collaborated with the National Child Care Information Center (NCCIC) for the 2004 Child Care Licensing Study
- 2004** Published Joint Position Statement - Equal Protection and Quality Education for Every Child

2006-2016

- 2006** Launched the 2005 Child Care Center Licensing Study
- 2006** Published the NJ - Report to Department of Human Services, Office of Licensing, on Automated Licensing Systems
- 2006** Published the WA - Report on Effective Legal Proceeding to Ensure Provider Compliance

- 2009** Implemented the NARA webinar series to bring educational opportunities to licensors throughout the year
- 2009** Published two resources for licensing agencies: The NARA Vision Series, Part I: Recommended Best Practices for Human Care Regulatory Agencies, First Edition, and the Achieving the Vision Workbook enabling licensing agencies the ability to evaluate licensing programs against the best practices which characterize effective human care licensing programs
- 2009** Partnered with USM/Muskie School of Public Service to introduce four licensing courses (based on the NARA Licensing Curriculum) online. With the completion of the coursework, NARA awarded Credential (Level 1) to qualified candidates
- 2009** Met with the leaders in the Administration of Children and Families (ACF) and the Child Care Bureau, to provide information on licensing issues and needs
- 2009** Consulted on best practices in regulation and recommended content areas to be included in child care licensing rules to a legislative committee working on improving early care development policies and practices
- 2009** Advocated for legislation establishing the Early Learning Challenge Fund for comprehensive, collaborative early learning initiatives
- 2010** Launched a call to action for the federal government to set standards for meaningful regulatory requirements to ensure that current federal funds for child care and early education are buying beneficial care
- 2010** Initiated a Call to Action based on the research of Amie Lapp-Payne's research *Strong Licensing - The Foundation for a Quality Early Care and Education System* NARA's Call to Action
- 2011** Assisted 10 states and provinces in implementation of the key indicator systems
- 2011** Developed joint position paper with ECEC Building Pathways to Child Care Excellence
- 2011** Published Amie Lapp-Payne's research titled, *Strong Licensing: The Foundation for Quality Early Care and Education System: Preliminary Principles and Suggestions to Strengthen Requirements and Enforcement for Licensed Child Care*
- 2012** Published Tangential Speculation and the Regulatory Investigation
- 2013** Published Policy Paper by Ron Melusky titled *Abuse, Restraint, and the PICAR Method*
- 2013** Presented From Data to Outcomes with representatives from The Finance Project and the National Governor's Association for Best Practices at the NACCRRRA Policy Symposium
- 2013** Partnered with Rick Fiene and the Research Institute for Key Indicators, LLC (RIKI) to produce Key Indicator Systems
- 2014** Published the first Model Family Foster Home Licensing Standards with Annie E. Casey Foundation; The American Bar Association, Center on Children and the Law; and Generations United
- 2014** Published the Privacy, Security, and Choice - Cameras in Assisted Living Settings
- 2014** Partnered with the National Center on Child Care Quality Improvement (NCCCQI) to apply best practices research within the states to protect children from physical harm and enhance learning and development
- 2014** Partnership with Children's Environmental Health Network
- 2015** Published Best Practices for Human Care Regulation and assessment tools, Best Practices for Human Care Regulation Self-Assessment Tool and Best Practices for Human Care Regulation Follow-Up Tool
- 2015** Developed the Survey of State Assisted Living Regulations to provide minimum standards for adult care licensing
- 2016** Instrumental in the passage of South Carolina's H.4510/R.203 which was based on the Model Family Foster Home Licensing Standards published by NARA in 2014