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## **ACEing Autism Has Coach Education Program Accredited**

*One of only 32 accredited programs nationwide*

The United States Center for Coaching Excellence (USCCE) announces that ACEing Autism successfully accredited its coaching education program under the USCCE's National Committee for Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCACE). Their Program Director Training Program was accredited at Level 1.

Through this accreditation process, NCACE ensures that the program adheres to the characteristics of excellence as prescribed by SHAPE America's *National Standards for Sport Coaches*, second edition. These standards feature eight domains of coaching responsibilities and within them, 40 standards and subsequent benchmarks representing the body of knowledge associated with each coaching responsibility and provide concrete examples of actions and orientations that constitute coaching competence.

As one of only 32 programs accredited within the United States, ACEing Autism clearly stands out as a leader in the United States in preparing tennis instructors in standards-based coach education. The members of the review panel evaluating the program noted, "It is evident that ACEing Autism is committed to high-quality programs through the establishment of a staff position on quality control, the consistency and conciseness of their coaching/program materials, the level of communication they have with coaches, and the ongoing collection of feedback from parents, volunteers, and coaches."

### **About ACEing Autism 501c(3)**

ACEing Autism was founded in Boston in 2008 and currently provides programming at 85 program locations in 29 states. ACEing Autism's adaptive tennis curriculum creates and provides opportunities for a safe, patient, and fun space for children with autism to foster the enjoyment of tennis and fitness. ACEing Autism's programs help to increase social skills, fine & gross motor skills, turn-taking, and confidence in their participants. Our programs offer a space for kids to be themselves and have fun while learning tennis! Incredible coaches and volunteers lead participants through drills, tennis skills, and games, advancing each step based on each individual.

### **About the United States Center for Coaching Excellence and the National Committee for Accreditation of Coaching Education**

The United States Center for Coaching Excellence is the premier authority on coaching education in the United States, providing coaching education programming support and accreditation of program through NCACE. NCACE offers accreditation and national recognition to sport organizations and institutions responsible for the preparation of coaches at any and all levels of sport. The rigorous review process ensures alignment with SHAPE America's *National Standards for Sport Coaches*, and that coaches are trained to effectively meet the unique developmental needs of every athlete. Through forward-thinking leadership and our team of expert reviewers, the USCCE is uniquely positioned to provide the highest quality, empirically-based guidance for the creation, implementation and evaluation of coaching education programs.

For more information, visit NCACE <http://www.qualitycoachingeducation.org> or the USCCE <http://www.uscoachexcellence.org/>