

- 1976 Association for Regulatory Administration (ARA) was chartered at Tulane University (New Orleans, LA) and incorporated in North Dakota
- 1977 First NARA Newsletter published
- 1978 First president elected (Anne L. Leatherman, TX)
- 1980 National ARA Conference held in Arlington, TX
- 1983 ARA National Council (governing board) created
- 1986 Name changed to Association for Regulatory Administration in Human Services (ARAHS)
- 1988 First ARAHS licensing curriculum published
- 1989 Name changed to National Association for Regulatory Administration (NARA) incorporated in Virginia
- 1990 Membership expanded to Canada
- 1991 Articles of Incorporation amended - Published Propositional Statements in defense of Licensing as Sound Public Policy for Safeguarding the Children in Away-From-Home-Care
- 1992 First NARA Licensing Seminar held in Raleigh, NC
- 1993 First NARA Bylaws adopted - Initial NARA Licensing Workload Process Bulletin published
- 1995 Launched training and consulting services, Maryland - Published Code of Ethics for Regulators
- 1997 Launched website - Published Comparative report on Child Residential facilities - Comparative Policy Paper by Harlod Gazen, titled Emerging Trends in Child Care regulation - Comparative Child Welfare Study: Residential Facilities and Day Treatment Programs
- 1998 Published comparative enforcement study titled: A Survey of Negative Enforcement Options and Practices
- 2001 Celebrated 25th Anniversary in Pittsburgh, PA - Published position paper on the Privatization of Licensing - Published Comparative report on the Frequency and Types of Human service Licensing Inspections - 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 - Published Regulating Dimensions Of Quality in Early Care and Education
- 2003 First NARA Executive Director - Pauline Koch
- 2004 Launched Trainer-in-a-Box Series - Collaborated with the National Child Care Information Center (NCCIC) for the 2004 Child Care Licensing Study - Published Joint Position Statement - Equal Protection and Quality Education For Every Child
- 2005 First meeting in Albuquerque, NM (during Licensing Seminar) to explore potential interest and support of NARA creating online courses for NARA's Curriculum.
- 2006 Celebrated 30th Anniversary in Oklahoma City, OK - launched 2005 Child Care Licensing Study - Published NJ Report to Department of Human Services, Office of Licensing, on Automated Licensing Systems- WA Report on Effective Legal Proceeding to Ensure Provider Compliance - Collaboration began between NARA and USM to develop Online Curriculum.
- 2009 Implemented the NARA webinar series to bring educational opportunities to licensors throughout the year - 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 - 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 - 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 - Consulted on best practices in regulation and recommend content areas to be included in child care licensing rules to a legislative committee working on improving early care development policies and practices - Advocated for legislation establishing the Early Learning Challenge Fund for comprehensive, collaborative early learning initiatives - History, Concepts, Ethics, and Rule-Making in Human Care Regulation
- 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 carrer and early education are buying beneficial care - 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 - Developed joint position paper with ECEC Building Pathways to Child Care Excellence - 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 - NARA's National Regulatory Professional Credential (NRPC) now available to be awarded for eligible human care regulatory professionals.
- 2012 Published Tangential Speculation and the Regulatory Investigation - Child Care Licensing Study Released

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Operational Plan was developed and implemented Board approved **2014**
 NARA's first full time Executive Director, Pauline Koch - Released Model Family Foster Home Licensing Standard - 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 - Published the Privacy, Security, and Choice - Cameras in Assisted Living Settings - 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 - Partnership with Children's Environmental Health Network -

Transitioned to new Association Management Company - **2016**
 Celebrated NARA's 40 year Anniversary - 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

Child Care Licensing Study Released **2018**

Created COVID-19 Resources Page - Conducted COVID Facilitated **2020**
 Dialogues to support field - Conducted first fully virtual Licensing Seminar - Papers released on Social Distancing and Remote Inspections - COVID-19 Licensing Study conducted

Direct hired Executive Director / CEO - Ended **2022**
 management services contract - Partnership with EHCC expanded to participate on standards update project - Moved NARA offices to Virginia - First DEI committee

2013 Strategic Plan was developed and implemented - Board of Directors implemented plan to reduce the number of Board members from 17 to 11 - Published Policy Paper by Ron Melusky titled Abuse, Restraint, and the PICAR Method - 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 - Partnered with Rick Fiene and the Research Institute for Key Indicators, LLC (RIKI) to produce Key Indicator Systems

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 - 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 - Updated Child Care Workload Assessment

2017 Reviewed and revised NARA Mission - Created NARA Values - Celebrated NARA's 25th Annual Licensing Seminar - A Brief History, by Nick Scalera posted to website - Names of Founding Members and Board Presidents added to website

2019 Most successful financial year yet! - Child Care Study released

2021 Conducted first fully hybrid Licensing Seminar - Began updating NRPC courses and creating remaining licensing curriculum courses

2023 Hired full-time Office Manager - Representing NARA on the National Workforce Registry Alliance (NWRA) Board - Fireside chats with Board President