

What is NAEYC Accreditation?

Early childhood programs accredited by the NAEYC Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation have voluntarily undergone a comprehensive process of internal self-study and improvement. Each NAEYC-Accredited program must meet all 10 of the NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards. NAEYC Accreditation is the *mark of quality* for our accredited programs.

For more information about the standards and NAEYC Accreditation, visit
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Congratulations

You have chosen a program for your child that is accredited by the **National Association for the Education of Young Children** (NAEYC). For more than 20 years, families have relied on NAEYC Accreditation to ensure the quality of education and care provided in programs for young children.



The **mark of quality** in
early childhood education.

What is a high-quality early childhood program?

High-quality programs provide a safe and nurturing environment while promoting the development of young children. NAEYC-Accredited programs show their quality by meeting the 10 NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards, which are based on the latest research on the education and development of young children.

All NAEYC-Accredited programs must

- Promote **positive relationships** for all children and adults to encourage each child's sense of individual worth.
- Implement a **curriculum** that fosters all areas of child development: cognitive, emotional, language, physical, and social.
- Use developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate and **effective teaching approaches**.
- Provide **ongoing assessments** of a child's learning and development and communicate the child's progress to the family.
- Promote the **nutrition and health** of children and protect children and staff from illness and injury.
- Employ and support a **teaching staff** that has the educational qualifications, knowledge, and professional commitment necessary to promote children's learning and development and to support families' diverse interests and needs.
- Establish and maintain collaborative relationships with each child's **family**.
- Establish relationships with and use the resources of the **community** to support achievement of program goals.
- Provide a safe and healthy **physical environment**.
- Implement strong personnel, fiscal, and program management policies so that all children, families, and staff have **high-quality experiences**.

NAEYC Accreditation is awarded for five years. During that period, programs submit annual reports documenting that they maintain compliance with the NAEYC program standards. All NAEYC-Accredited programs are also subject to unannounced visits by skilled and reliable NAEYC program assessors to ensure that they continue to meet the standards. To verify a program's accreditation, please visit **www.naeyc.org**.

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If you have questions about an accredited program, call 800-424-2460
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