

## 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](http://www.naeyc.org)**.

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