

Scope and Severity Committee Policy

The Scope and Severity Committee is comprised of three early childhood education experts within NAEYC whose focus is quality assurance and assessment who are appointed by the Council on NAEYC Accreditation.

NAEYC refers cases to the Scope and Severity Committee when it learns or is notified about a violation of a Required Criteria that could lead to revocation of accreditation status. The Committee receives documentation from NAEYC to apply the Scope and Severity Screen. The Scope and Severity Committee determines whether a program is meeting its accreditation requirements and decides to Maintain Accreditation; Request Additional Verification; or Revoke the programs accreditation status. Decisions are made by majority vote.

Decisions of the Scope and Severity Committee are documented and maintained on file with the Early Learning Programs to ensure consistency throughout the review process and ensure that notifications of the decisions are sent to programs.

The Committee generally makes its decisions within three months of receiving all documentation from NAEYC. Programs may appeal the Committee decisions to the NAEYC Council for NAEYC Accreditation, Quality Assurance Committee.

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