



Accreditation Program Support

Accreditation Facilitation Projects Overview

In many communities and states, local accreditation facilitation projects (AFPs) support the quality improvement efforts of child care centers, preschools, and other early childhood programs. Accreditation facilitation projects provide technical assistance and support to programs that are working on NAEYC Accreditation in an effort to raise the quality of their early childhood programs. Some AFPs also provide financial incentives or assistance for programs to earn accreditation.

If you provide local support to programs but you do not meet the requirements, please contact Alison Pepper, Sr. Director of Accreditation Program Support at apecpper@naeyc.org for more information on how the Accreditation Program Support department can assist you or if you have questions about AFPs.

NAEYC's Accreditation Program Support department has identified Zakiyyah Holmes as the primary point of contact for AFPs. If you have any questions about the information below, contact Zakiyyah Holmes at 800-424-2460, ext. 8348, or zholmes@naeyc.org.

NAEYC Supports to AFPs

- **Registration in the AFP Online Database** - Registration is the first step for an AFP to become involved in other supports as listed below. NAEYC encourages all AFPs to register for free and keep their profiles updated. Program administrators are able to access lists of AFPs in their area through this database. To register, go to the Academy's website at www.naeyc.org/academy, choose Accreditation Facilitation > Registration.
- **Connect to Early Childhood Programs in Your Area** - Be listed as a local support for early childhood programs in your area through the NAEYC website.
- An NAEYC manual, ***Best Practices of Accreditation Facilitation Projects: A Framework for Program Quality Improvement Using NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and Accreditation Criteria*** describes the best and most effective practices used by AFPs for motivating and helping programs make lasting improvements in their services for children and families, using the framework established by NAEYC Accreditation. This manual is not intended for individual program administrators, but rather for umbrella organizations providing support. To request a printed copy of this manual, e-mail apecpper@naeyc.org. A PDF file can be found at <http://www.naeyc.org/academy/afp/overview>.
- **Discounted Self-Study Kits** - Self-Study Kits are available to AFPs and others that facilitate NAEYC Accreditation through the submission of the [Individual Purchaser Self-Study Kit Order Form](#). The Self-Study Kit is available at the discounted rate of \$250 (originally \$395) if the registered AFP meets **ONE** of the following requirements:
 - The AFP is funded by public money and works with 10 or more programs.
 - The AFP is funded by a private entity to provide facilitation services to 10 or more programs that are not part of the same corporate structure.
- **Face-to-Face Meetings** - Held at the NAEYC Annual Conference & Exposition and the National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development.
- **Monthly Conference Calls** - Held on the second Thursday of each month and facilitated by Alison Pepper from 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET. Calls are free to all registered AFPs.
- **Members-only Online Community** - Access to this online community allows AFPs to share ideas, network, and discuss various facilitation strategies. Registration is automatic for AFPs that are registered in the AFP Online Database.

Registration for conference calls and the online community are automatic for AFPs that are registered in the online database.

Contact NAEYC's Academy Information Center at 800-424-2460 option 3, option 1, or via e-mail at accreditation.information@naeyc.org with questions about the NAEYC Accreditation process, program standards, and/or criteria.

NAEYC Academy Website
AFP Information
Help & Resources
NAEYC Training Center

www.naeyc.org/academy
<http://www.naeyc.org/academy/afp/overview>
<http://www.naeyc.org/academy/primary/helpoverview>
<http://www.naeyc.org/academy/primary/apstrainingcenter>