TORCH

The Online Resource Center Headquarters

to support program quality improvement through

NAEYC Accreditation of Programs for Young Children

www.naeyc.org/torch

The Online Resource Center Headquarters (TORCH) is an online community developed to support program quality improvement through NAEYC Accreditation of Programs for Young Children. Anyone can set up a free, personal **TORCH** account to view the NAEYC Accreditation Criteria and access tools to help their program engage in the NAEYC Accreditation process.

What can I find on TORCH?

The TORCH Criteria Search is a searchable database of all criteria that includes:

- The full language of the criterion
- The age category or categories to which the criterion applies
- The Assessment Category of the criterion
- Guidance associated with the criterion
- All Sources of Evidence in which evidence for the criterion should be included
- FAQs that apply specifically to the criterion

The TORCH Resource Library includes:

- Optional tools and resources to help you align your program to the NAEYC Accreditation Criteria during Self-Study
- Official tools to assist you as you document your program's compliance with the NAEYC Accreditation Criteria during Self Assessment

(NOTE: These tools replace resources previously included in the CD-Rom from the 2006 edition of the Self Study Kit)

TORCH Discussions allow you to participate in community discussions regarding the 10 NAEYC Standards and Criteria

The TORCH Help Desk connects you to the NAEYC Accreditation Program Support Information Center. Ask an expert Information Coordinator questions about the NAEYC Accreditation Criteria, the accreditation process, and more.

How can I access TORCH?

Follow the self-registration instructions below to set up your free, personal **TORCH** Account:

- Go to www.naeyc.org/torch
- Enter Login ID: naeyc
- Enter Password: naeyc
- Click the triangle button beside the password box. You'll see 'Welcome to TORCH' and the NAEYC Accreditation logo. Click on the triangle button to continue.
- Select your time zone using the drop down box. Click on the triangle button to continue.
- Change your password. Click on the triangle button to continue.
- Enter your profile information. Click on the triangle button to submit.
- Make a note and remember to use your new login ID and password the next time you log in.

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