

2010 Year in Review— Accomplishments



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Streamlined the NAEYC Accreditation process

- Solicited feedback through TORCH discussions with the early childhood field to inform the criteria review, resulting in a toolkit for group criteria-review discussions hosted by community leaders
- Released the **Streamlining Classroom Portfolios** document, helping programs in their Classroom Portfolio development
- Updated available forms that streamline information submitted throughout the four-step process
- Developed national and state agreements to eliminate redundancies in the submission of teacher qualifications
- Streamlined the 4th Anniversary Annual Report
- Streamlined the fee structure by creating a single, consistent annual accreditation fee, and announced it publicly on NAEYC's website

Increased the transparency of NAEYC Accreditation

- Released an independent review of NAEYC Accreditation by Walter Gilliam
- Provided updated criteria guidance in a new resource, **NAEYC All Criteria Document**

- Made public the new renewal procedures, including Intent to Renew forms and renewal materials and a new fee structure
- Clarified the 72-hour notification procedures, including potential required follow-up by programs
- Updated the appeals resource to make the appeals process clearer

Provided NAEYC Accreditation support to programs

- New full-day training opportunities at NAEYC Headquarters
- Face-to-face training opportunities with NAEYC staff throughout the country at Affiliate and stakeholder events
- **Benefits of Accreditation** video and promotional YouTube videos about NAEYC Accreditation
- Listen & Learn webinars on NAEYC's website to clarify the four steps in pursuing and maintaining NAEYC Accreditation
- **Best Practices of Accreditation Facilitation Projects** manual to assist local groups in facilitating NAEYC Accreditation

- Ongoing webinar training opportunities and an enhanced lineup of workshops on accreditation at the NAEYC Annual Conference
- 25th Anniversary Celebration of NAEYC Accreditation booklet, **The Impact of Quality**, shares stories from programs and families about their experiences with NAEYC Accreditation
- Improvements to spreadsheets for Survey Results and Pre-Visit Protocol
- Procedures to support more flexible submission deadlines
- Updated **Guide to Self-Assessment** with relevant resources highlighted to help clarify the self-assessment process
- Recognition of NAEYC as a third-party accreditation agency by Northwest Accreditation Commission

Ahead in 2011, watch for continued NAEYC Accreditation streamlining and increased transparency of system improvements and program supports.

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