72-hour Notification Policy

NAEYC Accredited Programs are required to notify NAEYC within 72 hours of the occurrence of any of the following:

1. The death of any child;

2. Revocation or suspension of the program’s license to operate as outlined in the eligibility requirements.

3. If one or more infant, toddler, or young two year old is out of the direct sight or sound supervision of all teaching staff for more than five minutes.

4. If one or more preschooler, kindergarten, or school-age child is out of direct sight or sound supervision of all teaching staff for more than ten minutes.

5. Any suspected physical or psychological abuse of a child by Program staff or any adult connected to the program.

NAEYC will acknowledge receipt of all such notifications within 72 hours of receipt of the notification.

If NAEYC learns that a program did not provide the 72-hour notice as required under this Policy, NAEYC has the right to open up a review of the program and its accreditation status, which may include a verification visit at the program’s expense. Such review may lead to a recommendation of deferral of the program’s accreditation.

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