Accreditation Decision Policy

The Council for NAEYC Accreditation of Early Learning Programs oversees accreditation decisions and sets, reviews, and oversees the implementation of the definitions for the following accreditation decisions:

- Accredited: the program demonstrates satisfactory performance in meeting all requirements for NAEYC Accreditation

- Deferred: the program does not demonstrate satisfactory performance in meeting all requirements for NAEYC Accreditation.

- Withdrawn: a program fails to submit materials and or fees by the established deadlines. Programs may also withdraw from the accreditation process at any time.

- Inactive: An accredited program that may experience a disruption that impacts its ability to care for children. A program must have legitimately requested and been approved to temporarily shut down their child care program. Disruptions considered for granting this status include, but are not limited to: building renovations, military deployments, extended illness, serious economic hardship.

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