



ELP Accreditation Updates

Happy Holidays from the ELP Accreditation Team!

Wishing you a joyful holiday season filled with warmth, laughter, and peaceful moments with loved ones. We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to partnering with you in the New Year.

Webinar Recording: An Overview of NAEYC's New Quality Assessment and Accreditation System and Revised Early Learning Program Standards

To help Early Learning Programs prepare for the new Quality Assessment and Accreditation System that will launch in March 2025, we have several resources available on [our Planned Changes webpage](#).

Accreditation Resources

- [Overview of new system](#) (also available in [Spanish](#))
- [New system revised assessment items](#)
- [New system required assessment items](#)

Assessment Tools

- [Recognition Application Tool](#)
- [Accreditation Application Tool](#)
- [Accreditation Observation Tool](#)
- [New fee structure](#)
- Recorded Webinar: [An Overview of NAEYC's New Quality Assessment and Accreditation System](#) (also available in [Spanish](#))

Do you have feedback?

We are excited to launch this new and innovative system and we are looking forward to your feedback on how we can make it even stronger. The new NAEYC Quality Assessment System is set to launch in Spring 2025, and changes are currently in the pilot phase. While we are getting feedback on the updated content, process and tools from the pilot sites, we also welcome engagement from all individuals and organizations within the ECE field, particularly those who may be most impacted by these changes, and whose expertise, partnership, and importance we tremendously value and respect. To share your feedback with us, **please complete [this survey](#)**.

As we move forward, we are continuously challenging ourselves to think innovatively and to hold ourselves accountable to our own stated values around accessibility, equity, diversity, and inclusion. We thank you for all the support you have given NAEYC early learning program accreditation over the years, and for your support and engagement on the journey to launch the system into the future!

New System | FAQ Highlights

Do new programs apply first for Recognition and then Accreditation?

New programs must first apply and be granted Recognition status before applying for Accreditation status.

Does Accreditation+ have a site visit that is not random?

Accreditation and Accreditation+ programs will be subject to unannounced random visits; Accreditation+ will also have a required site visit within a term.

If I am a program renewing my accreditation, when will the documentation evidence need to be submitted?

Documentation submission must be submitted in the renewal window, which starts after the submission of the 4th Annual Report, and ends 6 months before the VUD, therefore programs have 6 months after they submit their 4th Annual Report to submit their documentation.

We encourage you to visit our **Planned Changes webpage** for more information on the new tiered system, including several frequently asked questions.

Planned Changes FAQs

Accreditation Tips

Digital portfolios are simpler to update than paper portfolios. As NAEYC moves to the new accreditation system, digitized documents are going to be required. If you start transitioning to digital documentation now, you will be ready for the switch!

- [Digital Portfolio Tip Sheet](#)
- [How to Digitize Your Portfolio](#)

NAEYC Holiday Hours and Office Closure

NAEYC offices will be closed during the Winter holidays from **Wednesday, December 25 through Wednesday, January 1**. The NAEYC Support Team will return on **Thursday, January 2**.

Contact NAEYC Support

Arts Learning Opportunities for Educators & Families!

Join Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts for an exciting week of free virtual workshops designed for Early Childhood Educators and families, where we'll explore active learning through the arts on **Monday, January 27 through Saturday, February 1**. Enjoy sessions led by Wolf Trap Master Teaching Artists and a special appearance by Jasper the Squirrel and his puppet friends! Key focuses include dance, movement, and music experiences to promote STEM, language, and literacy learning.

Register for Wolf Trap Arts Integration Week!



For Families

We've moved! You can now find great articles and resources for families on NAEYC.org. **Check it out!**



Stay in touch!

Connect with us on social media, and NAEYC members can **share ideas on Hello**.

We Love to Hear From you!

Additional questions? Feedback? Contact NAEYC ELP Accreditation staff today by emailing accreditation.information@naeyc.org. You may also reach us by telephone at **800-424-2460** option 3, for Accreditation of Early Learning Programs.



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