



Spring is almost here! I know that when I was working in child care centers, I was anxiously awaiting a time when the weather got warmer and days got longer because when children get more time outside everybody wins! While Spring looks a little different everywhere, I hope that you are finding ways to enjoy whatever it brings your way!



**Best wishes,**  
Alissa Mwenelupembe  
Managing Director, Early Learning

## ELP Accreditation Updates

**New Resource!**

Are you struggling to complete your Program Professional Development Plan? Have you always wondered how the Program and Individual Staff Professional Development Plans are different? You can [watch the video](#) or [read the handout](#) to check out this new resource!

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## Site Visit Extensions

As we gear up for exciting changes coming to accreditation, we are introducing some updates to our Site Visit Extension process. You can find the changes [on our website](#). Scroll down to view “Visit Extensions, Rescheduling, and Changes” for the most up to date procedures.

[Read Site Visit FAQs](#)

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## Program News Survey

Thank you to 351 of you who responded to our survey! Your feedback is invaluable! What did we learn from you? First of all, you like Program News, so we will keep it coming your way. We also learned that you would like to see more content about:

- classroom practices,
- management and leadership and
- the changes coming to accreditation

We look forward to continuing to support your work through this newsletter.

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## Planned Changes to Accreditation

We are still working hard to bring you a new and improved accreditation experience! Soon you will have the opportunity to give us feedback on the updated content. Here are some highlights of what we’ve done so far:

- Partnered with Children’s Equity Project at Arizona State University to do an equity review of the existing content as well as the process and our Early Learning Standards position statement revision.

- Began to align accreditation more closely to Developmentally Appropriate Practices so that there is no doubt that accreditation means DAP.
- Completed an extensive data analysis of accreditation items and cut the number of items by one third!

Stay tuned for more exciting updates about accreditation over the next few months. You can find Frequently Asked Questions on our website.

[Read the FAQ](#)

## ELP Staff Spotlight



### Meet Our Early Learning Program Accreditation Staff!

This month's staff spotlight is Angela Rice, Program Support Specialist. [You can learn more about Angela here!](#)



## 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](mailto: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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