



ELP Accreditation Updates

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 released a recording of the October 24 NAEYC Learning Lab webinar that provides an overview of the new system.

- [English Webinar Recording](#)
- [Spanish Webinar Recording](#)

We encourage you to visit our [Planned Changes webpage](#) for more information on the new tiered system, including the revised assessment items and tools and several frequently asked questions (FAQs).

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

What is the fee structure for each tier?

- New system fees are based on Tier of application and the number of children enrolled. The chart below outlines the new fees for Accreditation and Accreditation+ for a program that serves 0-60 children.
- [Click here to view the new proposed fee structure.](#)

Current Fees (0-60 children)	New Fees (0-60 children)	
	Accreditation	Accreditation+
Enrollment = \$575 Application = \$300 Candidacy = \$950 Total to become accredited = \$2425 Annual Fee = \$650 Total cost of 5-year term = \$4425	Recognition = \$400 Accreditation = \$650 Total to become accredited = \$1050 Annual Fee = \$650 Total cost of 5-year term = \$3000	Recognition = \$400 Accreditation = \$650 Accreditation+ Site Visit Fee = \$1750 Total to become accredited+ = \$2800 + Annual Fee = \$850 Total cost of 5-year term = \$4580

What is the benefit of doing Accreditation+ vs Accreditation?

Accreditation+ includes increased quality assurance protocols that are intended for programs that want or need increased accountability due to state or local requirements, or personal goals.

Will programs up for renewal that want to renew at the accreditation tier submit the evidence required for both recognition and accreditation? And, if they want to renew at the accreditation plus tier, would they submit evidence required for all three levels?

- Accredited programs that go through renewal (at either Accreditation or Accreditation+) in the new system will NOT encounter the Recognition assessment items, but only the Accreditation documentation items.
- Accreditation+ programs would be assessed for the Observation specific items during a planned site visit.
- Accreditation programs would be subject to a random visit throughout the term where they would be assessed for the Observation specific items.

Can non-center-based programs participate in NAEYC's Quality Assessment and Accreditation System?

Yes. NAEYC believes that high quality early childhood education can be provided in all settings, but we have been rightly held to account for the ways in which this belief has not been sufficiently reflected in our actions, and in our own systems and structures. While some FCC homes and public-school classrooms have earned NAEYC accreditation over the past decades, the ELP accreditation system had not been structured for true inclusivity. In the revised system, and in response to requests to do better with respect to inclusivity, we are working hold ourselves accountable for making ELP accreditation more accessible and equitable, expanding high-quality early learning opportunities for all children, particularly those from communities with limited access to resources.

For more FAQs, visit our [Planned Changes](#) webpage.

Planned Changes FAQs

Accreditation Tips

Active supervision is critical to keeping children safe as well as a requirement for becoming accredited and maintaining accreditation. This resource includes policies

and procedures you may consider implementing to ensure that your education team takes steps to prevent supervision lapses.

Supervision in Accredited Programs

Leading with NAEYC

DEADLINE EXTENDED: Public Comment Period for Revision of Position Statements

Last year, NAEYC reached out to the field to get feedback to begin the revision process of two foundational position statements, the [Code of Ethical Conduct](#) and the [Early Childhood Program Standards](#). With feedback from thousands of educators, and the guidance of workgroups made up of Governing Board members, educators, faculty, researchers, partners, and advisors, we are extending our public comment period with draft versions of these two revised position statements for your review through **December 15, 2024**.

We invite you to join the revision process by looking through the drafts and sharing your thoughts and perspectives. Click the button below to read more about how to share your feedback!

[Read More](#)

NAEYC Holiday Hours and Office Closure

NAEYC offices will be closed:

- During the Thanksgiving holiday from 3:00 PM on Wednesday, November 27 to Friday, November 29.
- During the Winter holidays from Wednesday, December 25 through Wednesday, January 1.

The NAEYC Support Team will return on **Thursday, January 2**.



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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