

ELP Accreditation Updates

Staff Spotlight

This month's staff spotlight is Annette West, Staff Assessor. You can learn more about Annette here: [Early Learning Program News | NAEYC](#).

NAEYC Assessors

Over the years, NAEYC has employed many people to assess early learning programs. You might have known this group as validators or contracted assessors in the past. Today, NAEYC employs a team of full-time staff assessors located all over the country and tasked with conducting site visits! NAEYC is grateful to have this group of thoughtful, diverse educators to be the face of the organization when they show up at your front door! All staff assessors have a background in early childhood education and intensive initial and ongoing training on our ELP accreditation content. Do you recognize your most recent assessor in this group photo?



Planned Changes to Accreditation

Coming soon you will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the updated accreditation content! The NAEYC team has been hard at work organizing the content into the updated three-tiered system and working with a variety of focus groups. The goal of the accreditation re-envisioning is to provide a more equitable, accessible experience. Our hope is the new system will provide an opportunity for programs who haven't thought about accreditation in the past to see it as a worthwhile option for them in the future!

Updated content for your review and feedback will be posted on the website in the upcoming weeks. You can also find Frequently Asked Questions on our website: [Planned Changes to Accreditation | NAEYC](#).

Accreditation Tips

How often should you update your portfolios? Portfolio evidence should be accurate and up to date. NAEYC accreditation staff suggest that you find time annually to review your portfolio documentation and ensure that evidence is updated. This doesn't have to be an impossible task!

- Have staff pick one standard per month to review and edit as needed. If you do this regularly, your portfolios are always up to date.

- Take advantage of staff meetings and professional development days to dig into portfolio guidance. Use portfolio reviews as a professional development tool.
- 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. You can find templates for digital portfolios here: [Accreditation Tips and Tools | NAEYC](#)

Challenging Behaviors

What do we get asked the most about here at NAEYC? Challenging Behaviors! The latest member benefit book is titled [Spotlight on Young Children: Challenging Behavior](#). If you didn't receive this book through your membership, you can order it on our website! Want more support setting your classrooms up for success? Check out [Culturally Appropriate Guidance](#), an on-demand course on the NAEYC Learning Lab! Also, look to Standard 1: Relationships for more information about positive guidance and supporting each and every child in your classroom. Join the conversation on [HELLO](#) to discuss the guidance strategies you find to be most helpful in your classroom.

Leading with NAEYC

Are you interested in leadership opportunities at NAEYC? There are many opportunities for you to support the organization as a volunteer leader! NAEYC is recruiting Governing Board applicants and other opportunities. Check out all the opportunities to lead here: [Leadership Opportunities | NAEYC](#).



For Families

We've moved! You can now find great articles and resources for families on NAEYC.org. [Check it out!](#)



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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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