

NAEYC Accreditation of Early Learning Programs

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Site Visit Disruption

Emergencies affecting a site visit.

NAEYC realizes that there are factors that may prevent a program from hosting a site visit. If a program is awaiting a site visit, and service to children is suspended due to weather emergencies, public health emergencies, other natural disasters, or for any other reason, it is a program's responsibility to complete a "**Site Visit Disruption**" form. Classes must be in session and children must be physically present for a standard accreditation site visit to take place.

If a program reports a Site Visit Disruption to NAEYC, the program must also notify NAEYC once the program has resumed serving children. A new 6-month window will be given, and the site visit planning will resume.

However, if a currently accredited program does not resume serving children before its "valid-until date", its accreditation will expire. If a program that is not currently accredited does not resume serving children within 12 months of their candidacy submission date, the program will be withdrawn from the accreditation process. All programs will have 12 months to move forward with Stage 2: Application.

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