



Reminders and Updates

Report Deadline Reminder

Programs preparing to submit a **first-time Self-Study Report**, a Response to Conditions Report, or an Interim Report this fall, please note that the submission deadline is **September 30**. For programs preparing to submit a renewal Self-Study Report, the deadline is **November 30**.

Programs are encouraged to schedule a completeness review call with our Director of Accreditation Services, Pamela Ehrenberg, as early as the report is ready to review and at least two weeks prior to their submission deadline. To schedule a call, please email highered@naeyc.org with your top 3 preferences for a date/time, and we will reach out to confirm your scheduled time. Please note that the purpose of this call is to ensure all required components are included and the report is ready to be submitted; staff are unable to review Key Assessments for alignment to standards or other assessment quality indicators.

All Programs Submitting Self-Study Reports Must Now Use the New Accreditation Standards

In October 2021, the **NAEYC Commission on the Accreditation of Early Childhood Higher Education Programs** released new **standards** for programs pursuing and maintaining NAEYC higher education accreditation. The Self-Study Report templates associated with the updated accreditation standards are available in the Accreditation Resource Library. **Programs submitting Self-Study Reports in 2023 and beyond must use the 2021 standards and Self-Study Report Templates which are labeled as “Pilot Self-Study Report Template for the New Higher Ed Accred Standards” in the Accreditation Resource Library.** For questions about which template your program should use, please contact us at highered@naeyc.org.

Year 4 Interim Report Submissions

To obtain the most benefit from the Commission review of Year 4 Interim Reports, programs submitting these reports are strongly encouraged to align learning opportunities and key assessments with one of the **2020 Professional Standards and Competencies** (it is OK if data were collected previously from versions of assessments aligned with the previous 2010 standards). Programs that are unsure about their capacity to submit learning opportunities and key

assessments with the 2020 Professional Standards and Competencies are strongly encouraged to contact staff (by emailing highered@naeyc.org or pehrenberg@naeyc.org) to consider whether requesting an extension to align with the updated standards may be in the program's best interest.

Join us for a Virtual Commission “Ask Me Anything” Session

Thank you to all who joined us for NAEYC’s Professional Learning Institute last month in Portland. Missed the opportunity or want more professional development? Save the date to **join NAEYC staff and Commissioners for an “Ask Me Anything” virtual session on July 13**. This is a great opportunity for programs to ask questions about the new standards, preparing Interim Reports, and preparing Self-Study Reports.

Invitations have been sent to programs in Self-Study, those responding to conditions, and those preparing to submit Interim or renewal Self-Study Reports this fall. Didn’t receive an invite? Register and submit questions in advance [here](#).

Annual Fee Invoices

Thank you for everyone's patience regarding our finance department's recent software updates and its impact on tracking annual fee invoices. If anyone is experiencing difficulty paying their 2023 annual fee, please contact our Accreditation Coordinator Javon Johnson at jjohnson@naeyc.org.



Meet Erin Speer Smith, NAEYC Higher Ed’s New Training Specialist!

Please join us in welcoming **Erin Speer Smith** to the NAEYC Higher Ed team as our new Training Specialist. Erin has served in the ECE field for over 25 years in roles working directly with children and families as a teacher, child care center administrator and child life specialist (in hospital settings), as well as supporting the ECE workforce in Child Care Resource & Referral and as an ECE higher ed faculty member. She served as a long-time NAEYC peer reviewer and consultant for the higher education accreditation system prior to joining the team, and currently also serves as coordinator for the NC Institute for Child Development Professionals.

As Erin begins in this new role, we’d love to hear from you about what resources you currently use and find helpful as well as what types of resources you would like to see us create. Please fill out [this short survey](#) to let us know your thoughts!



A Visit to Portland Community College's Accredited ECE Degree Program

During NAEYC's PLI in Portland, OR in June, NAEYC CEO Michelle Kang, Governing Board Chair Natalie Vega O'Neil and Senior Director of Higher Education Accreditation Mary Harrill, along with members of ORAEYC had the pleasure of visiting the NAEYC accredited ECE higher education program at Portland Community College. ECE Program Chair Jamie Heberlein organized an engaging two hours on campus where we had the opportunity to meet with students, deans, other program faculty, the staff at the campus child development center and the president of the college. That the program is student-centered, community-centered, and data-driven was evident through every conversation. Learn more about this vibrant program [here](#).

Upcoming CCAMPIS Grant Competition Deadline

Applications for the next round of Child Care Access Means Parents in Schools (CCAMPIS) grants are due July 31. CCAMPIS is a federal grant program, authorized by Title II of the Higher Education Act to increase low-income parents' access to postsecondary education by providing child care support on campus or in the community. The current grant cycle will make \$13.6 million available for up to twenty-seven colleges and universities. For the first time, it will invite applicants to consider the quality of services they provide, including considerations around the compensation received by early educators. The language in the priority is in keeping with the President's Executive Order on care. Click [here](#) to access the application announcement and package.

We've Moved!

Please update your records with NAEYC's new address: 1401 H St. NW Suite 600, Washington DC 20005.





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