



Green Meadow Preschool accredited by NAEYC

The Green Meadow Preschool program has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) - the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals.

More than 11,000 early childhood programs are currently accredited by NAEYC. By earning accreditation, the Green Meadow Preschool program has become a leader in a national effort to raise the quality of early childhood education, and to help give all children a better start. NAEYC created its accreditation program in 1985 to set professional standards for early childhood education, and to help families identify high-quality childcare and early education programs. To earn NAEYC's accreditation, the Green Meadow Preschool program conducted a self-study to determine how well we met the standards. After further planning, the program was observed by an independent, professional validator, and then reviewed by a national panel. The Green Meadow Preschool is accredited by NAEYC for a five-year period.

NAEYC accredited programs must

- Promote positive relationships for all children and adults to encourage each child's sense of individual worth.
- Implement a curriculum that fosters all areas of child development: cognitive, emotional, language, physical and social.
- Use developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate and effective teaching approaches.
- Provide ongoing assessments of a child's learning and development and communicate the child's progress to the family.
- Promote the nutrition and health of children, and protect children and staff from illness and injury.
- Employ and support a teaching staff that has the educational qualifications, knowledge, and professional commitment necessary to promote children's learning and development and to support families' diverse needs and interests.
- Establish and maintain collaborative relationships with each child's family.
- Establish relationships with and use resources of the community to support achievement of program goals.
- Provide a safe and healthy physical environment.
- Implement strong personal, fiscal, and program management policies so that children, families, and staff have high-quality experiences.