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Community Child Care Center Earns National NAEYC Accreditation
Program among the top in the nation by earning accreditation

September 20, 2013- [Portsmouth, NH] – Community Child Care Center of Portsmouth has earned accreditation from the [National Association for the Education of Young Children](http://www.naeyc.org) (NAEYC) – the nation’s leading organization of early childhood professionals.

“We’re proud to have renewed our accreditation for another five years, earning us the mark of quality from NAEYC, and recognition for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards,” said Deb Stokel, co-Executive Director and Director of their Early Childhood Education program. “NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible.” Community Child Care Center first achieved NAEYC accreditation in 2008 and was just re-accredited after an extensive assessment.

"Our program was visited in July by two NAEYC assessors who observed and tabulated scores for overall quality as well as individual classroom quality. The average score for individual classrooms was 97%. The overall program received commendations and scores of 100 or 100+ in 8 out of the 10 NAEYC Program Standards," said Stokel.

In New Hampshire, there are 57 NAEYC-accredited programs, with only five in Rockingham County. In the 25 years since NAEYC Accreditation was established, it has become a widely recognized sign of high-quality early childhood education.

“The NAEYC Accreditation system raises the bar for child care centers and other early childhood programs,” said Jerlean E. Daniel, Ph.D, executive director of NAEYC. “Having earned NAEYC Accreditation is a sign that Community Child Care Center is a leader in a national effort to invest in high-quality early childhood education.”

The NAEYC Accreditation system has set voluntary professional standards for programs for young children since 1985. In September 2006, the Association revised program standards and criteria to introduce a new level of quality, accountability, and service for parents and children in

child care programs. The new standards today reflect the latest research and best practices in early childhood education and development. NAEYC is committed to utilizing the newest studies and analysis on positive child outcomes to ensure young children continue receiving the highest-quality care and education possible.

The NAEYC Accreditation system was created to set professional standards for early childhood education, and to help families identify high-quality preschools, child care centers and other early education programs. For more information about NAEYC Accreditation, visit www.naeyc.org/academy or www.rightchoiceforkids.org.

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