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**Child and Family Center at Shippensburg University  
EARNS NATIONAL NAEYC REACCREDITATION**

Program among the top in the nation by earning accreditation

**Shippensburg, PA – The Child and Family Center at Shippensburg University** has earned reaccreditation from the [National Association for the Education of Young Children](#) (NAEYC) – the nation’s leading organization of early childhood professionals.

“We’re proud to have earned the mark of quality from NAEYC, and to be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards,” said **Stephanie McCullough, Program Director**. “NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible.”

“The reaccreditation of **the Child and Family Center** is a validation of the wonderful work that the staff at the center provides young children and their families. As a faculty member, Child and Family Center Advisory Board Chair, and previous Child and Family Center parent, I’ve continued to be impressed by the professionalism and dedication to the development of young children,” said **Dr. Ford Brooks, Ed.D., professor in the Department of Counseling and College Student Personnel at Shippensburg University**. “Being accredited by NAEYC signifies the Child and Family Center as a leader in early childhood education not only regionally but nationally. The center is truly an asset to the university and surrounding community. I cannot emphasize enough how important the Child and Family Center has been to our family.”

To earn NAEYC Accreditation, **the Child and Family Center at Shippensburg University** went through an extensive self-study process, measuring the program and its services against the ten NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and more than 400 related Accreditation Criteria. The program received NAEYC Accreditation after an on-site visit by NAEYC Assessors to ensure that the program meets each of the ten program standards. NAEYC-accredited programs are also subject to unannounced visits during their accreditation, which lasts for five years.

In the 25 years since NAEYC Accreditation was established, it has become a widely recognized sign of high-quality early childhood education. More than 7,000 programs are currently accredited by NAEYC – approximately **8 percent** of all preschools and other early childhood programs.

“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 **the Child and Family Center at Shippensburg University** 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. To earn NAEYC Accreditation, a program must meet each of the ten NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards. Programs are accredited by NAEYC for a five-year period.

For more information about the Child and Family Center visit  
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