

Council for NAEYC Accreditation

Are you looking for more ways to get involved in leading and advising the drive for quality improvement in early learning programs across the nation? The Council for NAEYC Accreditation is seeking three dynamic, experienced, and qualified candidates who are dedicated to promoting early childhood quality through program accreditation.

Position Description

In 2003, NAEYC's Governing Board established the Council for NAEYC Accreditation as an independent body to ensure the equity, integrity, and accountability of NAEYC Accreditation of Early Learning Program. The Council comprises nine appointed members serving staggered three-year terms. The Council reports directly to the NAEYC Governing Board.

Primary Responsibilities

- Approve policies needed to govern the operations of the NAEYC Accreditation of Early Learning Programs. Monitor and provide feedback on the operations of the NAEYC Early Learning Programs using performance standards for accountability.
- Oversee accreditation decisions.
- Recommend to the Governing Board cooperative relationships with other systems that would advance the mission of NAEYC Accreditation of Early Learning Programs.
- Review all proposed revisions to NAEYC's accreditation criteria for approval by the Governing Board.

Additional Responsibilities

- Serve on committee(s) and taking on special assignments
- Represent NAEYC to stakeholders; act as an ambassador for the organization and Early Learning program Accreditation
- Assist in identifying and recruiting potential Council Members

Council term/time commitments

NAEYC's Members of the Council for NAEYC Accreditation serve a three-year term that begins September 1 following their nomination by the Council members, and approval of the NAEYC Governing Board. In-depth meetings of the full Council are held at NAEYC Headquarters in Washington, DC three times a year; typically in September, February, and May. Council members receive detailed agenda materials to review prior to each meeting. New members attend an orientation at NAEYC Headquarters. Council members serve on committees that conduct business by e-mail, conference call, or face-to-face meetings (typically in conjunction with Council meetings). Travel and other expenses associated with Council service are covered by NAEYC.

Qualifications

This is an extraordinary opportunity for an individual who is passionate about NAEYC's Accreditation of Early Learning Programs. The Council membership shall be diverse, including, but not limited to, program and/or organizational auspice, professional experiences, age, gender, ethnicity and geography. Collectively, the

composition of the NAEYC Council shall reflect the range of experiences and perspectives needed to establish, monitor and evaluate the policies that govern NAEYC's early learning program accreditation system. Appointed NAEYC Council members are selected to represent their own points of view; they are not selected to represent particular stakeholder groups or their organizations. An effort is made to recruit individuals who currently or previously utilized an NAEYC accredited program.

Individually and collectively, Council members are selected to reflect:

- High-quality leadership with the commitment and ability to make meaningful contributions that will help the Council and the Association further its mission and vision;
- Understanding and commitment to NAEYC's vision, mission, core values and beliefs, strategic priorities, and NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct;
- Demonstrated commitment to the Association's desire to be a high-performing, inclusive organization that is enriched by and continually grows from its commitment to diversity, as embodied by its core beliefs;
- Strong interpersonal skills with ability to objectively consider diverse perspectives to guide major decisions of the Council;
- Commitment of time and other resources to provide vision and leadership as an effectively contributing Council member;
- Ability to be an ambassador and public spokesperson on behalf of the Association and its principles.

Other requirements

- All Council members must be NAEYC members in good standing.

Service on NAEYC's Council for Accreditation is without remuneration, except for reimbursement of expenses in relation to Council Members' duties that comply with Board policy.