



Accreditation Quality
Improvement Support

In March 2025, **The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)** launched their *NEW* early learning program quality assessment and accreditation system.

The Office of Early Childhood (OEC) is continuing our partnership with NAEYC to **pay NAEYC accreditation fees** for NAEYC-eligible Connecticut early care and education (ECE) programs through June 30, 2026.



What do you need to know?

- The new [NAEYC Early Learning Program Accreditation Portal](#) continues to allow for an easy, formless process where OEC pays NAEYC accreditation fees for CT ECE programs.
- More information about the NAEYC accreditation system changes can be found on their [Planned Changes to Accreditation](#) website.



What do you need to do?

Access these *NEW*, easy to follow instructions for the updated NAEYC Accreditation Portal on the [OEC's AQIS webpage](#); there are no forms to complete!

- If your program was a registered user of the NAEYC Portal or OEC funding support before February 15, 2025, follow these [step-by-step instructions to have OEC cover your NAEYC fees](#).
- If your program is *NEW* to NAEYC, follow these [step-by-step instructions to have OEC cover your NAEYC fees](#).

Have additional questions about NAEYC accreditation and OEC covering fees?

- Click [here](#) for more information about OEC's Accreditation Quality Improvement Support (AQIS) initiative, to find your region's facilitation staff, and to learn more about upcoming free supports!
- Email oec.accreditation@ct.gov

Family Child Care provider pursuing the National Association of Family Child Care (NAFCC) Accreditation? Click [here](#) for details about OEC support for family child care programs.



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