



**October 15, 2012**

**Flora Gee, Director  
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7600 Hanover Parkway  
Greenbelt MD, 20770**

Dear **Ms. Flora Gee,**

*Congratulations!* Your program has achieved a new, five-year term of NAEYC Accreditation by successfully completing the renewal process. The administration, teaching staff, and families of **GCC Inc, dba Greenbelt Children's Center** are all to be congratulated for continuing to uphold the mark of quality represented by the NAEYC Accreditation system. On behalf of NAEYC, and specifically the NAEYC Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation, we commend your program's outstanding efforts in renewing NAEYC Accreditation.

This letter includes information about your program's new term of NAEYC Accreditation as well as information about publicizing your accredited status. Attached to this letter you will find the Accreditation Decision Report that includes a summary of scores for each of the ten NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and suggestions for ongoing improvement by topic area based on the data collected during the site visit for use in your annual report.

#### **TERM OF NAEYC ACCREDITATION**

Your new term of NAEYC Accreditation will begin on **October 15, 2012** and is valid until **February 1, 2018**.

To maintain NAEYC Accreditation, your program is required to maintain compliance with the NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and Accreditation Criteria. Additionally all NAEYC Accredited programs are:

- Required to file an Annual Report and applicable fees on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the above Accreditation date;
- Required to report any potential required criteria violations within 72 hours of the incident or event;
- Required to report program altering changes to the NAEYC Academy within 30 days of the change;
- Eligible to be randomly selected for an unannounced site visit;
- Required to respond to formal complaints and adhere to NAEYC's Complaint Policies and Procedures; and
- Required to agree to additional verification upon request.

Please, visit our website at <http://www.naeyc.org/academy> for complete information and details on new policies, procedures and any announcements related to your NAEYC Accreditation.



### **PUBLICIZING NAEYC ACCREDITATION**

The following information will be mailed to you in the coming weeks. This information will assist you in publicizing your program's continued NAEYC-Accredited status and understanding requirements and fees associated with your program's new term of NAEYC Accreditation.

- A new NAEYC Accreditation Certificate for public display.
- Flyers for parents, describing what NAEYC Accreditation means (in sufficient quantity for your enrollment for the next 5 years).
- "NAEYC-Accredited Program" ribbons for you and your staff members to attach to a name badge when you attend conferences or public meetings.
- Samples of "NAEYC Accreditation: The Right Choice for Kids" brochures in English.
- "NAEYC Accreditation Resources Catalogue" to use to purchase additional materials to promote your program's NAEYC Accreditation.
- "Maintaining NAEYC Accreditation" flyer to remind you how to maintain your program's new term of NAEYC Accreditation.
- "NAEYC Accreditation Fees" flyer to explain the fee structure that will apply to your program's new term of NAEYC Accreditation.

Note that the camera ready logo and other electronic versions of accreditation resources are still posted in your [program record](#).

Thank you for your continued commitment to program quality improvement through NAEYC Accreditation. Working together, we can improve the lives of children and families across the nation by building public recognition and support for NAEYC Accreditation, the mark of quality in early childhood education. We look forward to continuing to work with you throughout your new accreditation term in a process of continuous improvement, the hallmark of any accreditation system.

If you have any questions about this report, please contact us at 800-424-2460, select Option 3, followed by Option 1. You may also e-mail us at [accreditation.information@naeyc.org](mailto:accreditation.information@naeyc.org).

Sincerely,  
NAEYC Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation

cc: LaVenja Johnson(VIA EMAIL)

**NAEYC ACCREDITATION DECISION REPORT**

**Format of the Report**

**Summary:** This table shows your program’s scores\* for 1) each of the ten Program Standards, 2) each group observed during the site visit, 3) all required criteria, and 4) all Candidacy requirements. It also includes brief feedback on your Program Portfolio and Classroom Portfolio(s). To achieve NAEYC Accreditation, a program MUST:

- meet all Required Criteria; and
- meet at least 80% of assessed criteria for each program standard; and
- meet at least 70% of assessed criteria for each classroom/group observed; and
- continue to meet Candidacy requirements or be subject to further verification.

**Commendations:** This section contains Program Standards which received a score of 100%.

**Areas For Ongoing Improvement By Program Standard:** This section contains the Program Standards which met or exceeded the NAEYC Accreditation threshold of 80%. These contain topic areas for ongoing improvement.

<u>Percentage of Met Criteria By Program Standard:</u>	<b>Summary</b>	<u>Percentage of Met Criteria For Each Classroom Observed:</u>	
1. Relationships	91%	Room 1	97%
2. Curriculum	95%	Room 3	97%
3. Teaching	89%		
4. Assessment of Child Progress	100%		
5. Health	100+*		
6. Teachers	100+*		
7. Families	100%*		
8. Community Relationships	100+*		
9. Physical Environment	95%		
10. Leadership and Management	100+*		

<u>Summary of Required Criteria</u>		<u>Candidacy Requirements</u>	
1.B.09	Met	License/License Exempt Status	Met
3.C.02	N/A	Collaboration	Met
3.C.04	Met	Administrator Qualifications	Met
5.A.03	Met	Teacher Qualifications	Met
5.A.12	Met	Assistant Teacher Qualifications	Met
10.A.02	Met		
10.B.04	Met		

\* Score includes credit given for meeting Emerging Criteria. Please note that even if your program scored 100% or better on a particular Program Standard, there still may be topic areas reported for ongoing improvements. This can occur because Emerging Criteria are given extra credit when scoring. Therefore, there could be unmet criteria in a particular topic area although the credit given for meeting the emerging criteria raised the Program Standard score to 100% or more.



## **Summary Continued**

### Program Portfolio Feedback

The NAEYC Academy notes that your Program Portfolio adequately documents how the program's policies and procedures meet most of the NAEYC Accreditation Criteria assessed. However, it is recommended that your program further develop this source of evidence with additional documentation that is clearly described, labeled, and organized.

### Classroom Portfolio(s) Feedback

The NAEYC Academy notes that your Classroom Portfolio(s) offers adequate evidence for most of the NAEYC Accreditation Criteria assessed. However, it is recommended that your program further develop this source of evidence with additional documentation that is clearly described, labeled, and organized.



## **COMMENDATIONS**

### **5. HEALTH**

The NAEYC Academy commends your program for promoting the nutrition and health of children and protecting children and staff from illness and injury.

### **6. TEACHERS**

The NAEYC Academy commends your program for employing and supporting 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.

### **8. COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS**

The NAEYC Academy commends your program for effectively establishing and maintaining reciprocal relationships with agencies and institutions that can support it in achieving its goals for the curriculum, health promotion, children's transitions, inclusion, and diversity.