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NURTURING DEVELOPMENTAL & LEARNING ACADEMY EARNS NATIONAL NAEYC ACCREDITATION

Program among the top in the nation by earning accreditation

Calumet City, IL – Nurturing Developmental & Learning Academy located in Calumet City, has earned accreditation 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 **Dr. Bailey, Executive Director, Nurturing Developmental & Learning Academy.** "NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible." The mission of Nurturing Developmental & Learning Academy is to provide exceptional care for children in a clean, safe learning environment. We place the need of each individual child at the forefront of our program. Efforts are focused on each child's personality as well as fostering their overall development. Our goal is to promote the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of each child. We recognize and foster an active partnership between home and school; including partnerships formed with the community. Learn more about us at www.nurturingdevelopment.com.

To earn NAEYC Accreditation, **Nurturing Developmental & Learning Academy** 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 **Nurturing Developmental & Learning Academy** 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 NAEYC Accreditation, visit www.naeyc.org/academy.

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