

# CDC earns accreditation from NAEYC

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The employees of the NAS Meridian Child and Youth Program (CYP) are proud to announce the accreditation of the Child Development Center (CDC) through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

The National Association for the Education of Young Children is the premier accrediting body for early childhood programs in the United States.

Early childhood programs are required to be successful in the nine competency areas for accreditation. These competency areas include: Safety and Health, Environ-

ments, Relationships, Teaching, Assessment, Teachers and Families, Community Relationships, Leadership and Management, and Curriculum.

The accreditation process is a challenging and lengthy one that includes program assessments, family involvement, establishment of classroom and program evidence portfolios and a final NAEYC validator observation visit. The validator visit for NAS Meridian CDC was June 27.

The entire CYP team is proud of its accomplishment and commitment to high quality early childhood programming. Further, they appreciate the assistance of families and other community members who supported their efforts on behalf of NAS Meridian children. For more information call (601) 679-2652.