



Child Care Resource

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Williston Children's Center Receives Coveted NAEYC Accreditation

Williston, VT – Child Care Resource is proud to announce that its child care center in Williston has received national recognition with accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). NAEYC is the largest nonprofit association in the United States representing early childhood education teachers, experts, and advocates in center-based and family child care. Its voluntary accreditation program was started more than 30 years ago as a way to help families identify high-quality child care programs.

In 2007, *Parents Magazine* called NAEYC accreditation the “gold standard of approval” and stated that only 8% of child care centers nationwide achieve this level of accreditation. The new 2007 standards are considered quite stringent, making this achievement even more notable.

The recognition of quality followed a six-month process of documentation and portfolio development by the Williston Children's Center, led by Program Director Andrea Viets. “I would say our staff spent close to 400 hours completing the documentation process,” says Viets, “and most of that time was spent after hours and on weekends when the kids weren't here.” The center serves 40 children, ages 0-5.

Ellen Drolette, Child Care Resource Board President, says the report accompanying the NAEYC accreditation specifically praises the Center in the areas of Building Relationships, Teaching, and Leadership and Management. “It's a testament to the strength of their play-based curriculum, and the talented and professional staff,” added Drolette.

Child Care Resource, which has owned and operated the Williston Children's Center since 2004, is a nonprofit agency offering a wide range of services available for child care providers and the 6,700 children in full time, part time, after school or summer care in Chittenden County. For more information, please call Child Care Resource at 863-3367 or visit www.childcareresource.org.

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*Williston, VT - **Denise Hatin**, longtime teacher at the Williston Children's Center, reads to the Toddlers.*