

NAEYC will launch a re-envisioned accreditation system in early 2025: Designed to be simplified and more accessible, equitable and responsive to the needs of early learning programs. We've heard over the last four years: our technology made the current system almost impossible, and you appreciated the accreditation content, but it was hard to understand and inaccessible and burdensome for many. We set out to re-envision our quality assessment system so that it is:

**Streamlined**



**Equitable**



**Innovative**



**Aligned**



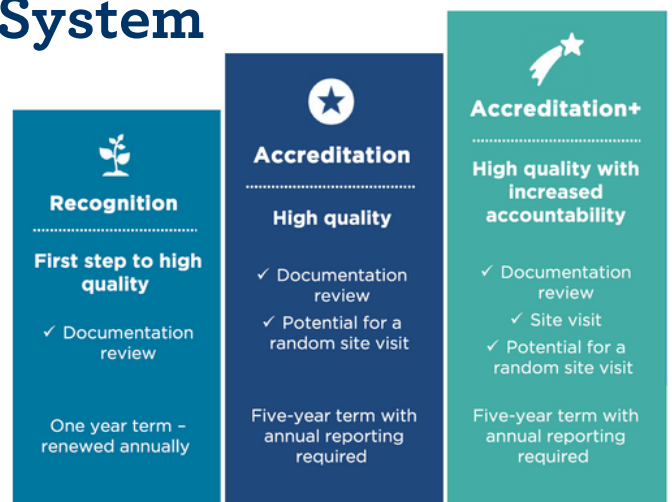
**Accessible**



## A Tiered Quality Assessment System

We have created a plan to improve the system so that it is more equitable, more accessible and provides programs with the transparency and feedback that you need to do your best work. We have revised the content so that it better reflects the uniqueness of early childhood programs across a variety of settings and helps you to showcase your strengths.

So, what does this new system look like? The new NAEYC Quality Assessment System includes three options for programs: Recognition, Accreditation and Accreditation+.



## Step by Step Process of New Tiered System



### Assessment Content

Existing accreditation standards and assessment items have been thoroughly reviewed with the intent to reduce complexity, improve accessibility, and increase NAEYC's ability to provide meaningful and actionable feedback to programs.

Recognition content will be focused on identifying the key policy components and baseline practices upon which high quality early learning experiences and environments can be built.

Accreditation content will be streamlined to include fewer, but still meaningful and rigorous assessment items. Like Recognition, a review of evidence will be the basis upon which an accreditation decision is initially granted. Accredited programs will remain accountable to maintaining high quality practices overtime through ongoing quality assurance measures, including unannounced site visits.

Accreditation+ content is the same as the Accreditation tier, but there are higher requirements for ongoing engagement with quality assurance.

