

# NATIONAL ACADEMY OF EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS ACCREDITATION

The National Academy of Early Childhood Programs administers a national, voluntary, professionally sponsored accreditation system for all types of schools and child care centers. The Academy is a division of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the nation's largest organization of early childhood educators. NAFC is the Collier County affiliate of the Florida Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC sub-group)

## **WHAT IS NAEYC ACCREDITATION?**

Early childhood programs accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs have voluntarily undergone a comprehensive process of internal self-study, invited external professional review to verify compliance with the Academy's Criteria for High Quality Early Childhood Programs, and been found to be in substantial compliance with the Criteria.

The National Academy of early Childhood Programs/NAEYC is not connected with and is not responsible for the administration, acts, personnel, property or practices of accredited programs

A high quality early childhood program provides a safe and nurturing environment while promoting the physical, social, emotional and intellectual development of young children. In accredited programs, you will see:

- Frequent, positive, warm interactions among adults and children
- Planned learning activities appropriate to children's age and development, such as block building, painting, reading stories, dress-up and active outdoor play
- Specially trained teachers
- Enough adults to respond to individual children
- Many varied age-appropriate materials
- A healthy and safe environment for children
- Nutritious meals and/or snacks
- Regular communication with parents who are welcome visitors at all times
- Effective administration
- Ongoing, systematic evaluation

## **To obtain a list of accredited programs, contact:**

National Academy of Early Childhood Programs  
1509 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20036-1426  
232-877/(800) 424-2460  
Website: [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org)

Naples Alliance for Children  
(239) 649-5260

4 Cs: Community Coordinated Care for Children  
(239) 213-1137 or 1-866-987-5678

# **FAITH BASED ACCREDITING AGENCIES**

## **RELIGIOUS EXPEMPT**

The following contains a current list of the agencies recognized by the State of Florida as to meeting the statutory requirements in §402.231(1),F.S. for religious exemption and their last know address and telephone number.

**Note: If a childcare program utilizes the religious exempt status, the program must produce a current accreditation certificate identifying the agency by which they are accredited. If the name does not appear on this list, contact Community Coordinated Childcare (4C) 239-213-3321, for an up-to-date list.**

Association of Christian Child Care Centers and Schools (ACCCS) (Recognized June 13, 2000)  
18005 Allison Park Place, Suite 204, Tampa, FL 33647

No Telephone Number on File

Association of Christian Schools International  
PO Box 1177, Dunedin, FL 34698  
(727)734-7096 Fax: (727)734-3666

Association of Christian Teachers and Schools (National)  
1445 North Boonsville Ave., Springfield, MO 65802  
(417)862-2781 ext. 4025 Fax: (417)862-0416

Association of Christian Teachers and Schools (Recognized November 12, 1991)  
4340 North Hiawassee road, Orland, FL 32818  
(407)297-6995

Christian Schools of Florida  
100 Wellington Trace, West Palm Beach, FL 33414  
No Telephone Number on File

Church of God Association  
3736 Cragmont Drive, Tampa, FL 33619  
(813) 620-3366

Early Childhood Christian Education Association (Recognized May 24, 2001)  
Mail: PO 554, Bartow, FL 33831  
Location: 738 North Cornbee Road, Lakeland, FL 33801  
(863)512-1448

Florida Association of Christian Colleges & Schools, Inc.  
PO Box 10009, Tallahassee, FL 32302  
(850)422-0065

Florida Catholic Conference  
PO Box 1638, Tallahassee, FL 32302  
(850)222-3803

Florida Kindergarten Council  
5601 North Federal Highway, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 3308  
(954)771-4615

*Early Childhood Education/ Faith Based Accrediting Agencies continued*

Florida League of Christian Schools (Local Chapter of ACTS) (Recognized June 13, 1988)  
PO Box 24687, Lakeland, FL 33802  
(863)683-5726 Fax: (863)683-9602

Narrow Door Pentecostal (Council of God M.I., Inc.) (Recognized April 21, 2000)  
225 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street (PO Box 836), Haines City, FL 33845  
(863)421-0341

National Association for the Education of Young Children  
1609 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington DC 20036  
1(800)424-2460

National Lutheran School Accreditation Florida-Georgia District (Recognized August 2, 1999)  
7207 Monetary Drive, Orlando, FL 32809-5753  
(407)875-5556 Fax: (407)857-5665

Nicene Schools International, Inc. (Recognized August 30, 1996)  
4501 Tamiami Trail North, Suite 400, Naples, FL 34103-3013  
(239)263-8893

Papa Goose Network of Christian Nursery's (Recognized January 21, 1998)  
PO Box 3862, Lakeland, FL 33802  
(863)683-0825

Sunshine Association of Christian Schools, Inc. – Bible Baptist Church  
4090 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Pinellas Park, FL 34665  
(727)544-8657

Victory Ministries Association of Christian Schools International (Recognized May, 2001)  
920 Beville Road, Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
(904)257-7715 Fax: (904)257-9678

