

# HCDC Accreditation

The Hiersteiner Child Development Center is one of the first early childhood programs to earn accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children – the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals.



(left to right) Andreas Casquino and Emmanuel Aligaz with Sara McElhenny, program director, HCDC, combine learning and fun.

"We're proud to have again earned the mark of quality from NAEYC and to be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards," said Sara McElhenny, program director, HCDC. "Although HCDC has been accredited since 1993, meeting this new set of higher standards should help families know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible."

To earn NAEYC accreditation in the new system, HCDC went through an extensive self-study process, measuring the program and its services against the 10 new 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 10 NAEYC program standards.

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