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YWCA Child Development Center becomes nationally-accredited

Richmond, VA, August 17, 2006 – The YWCA of Richmond’s Child Development Center received accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the nation’s leading organization of early childhood professionals. The YWCA is only the 44th agency in Richmond to become accredited, out of nearly 200 childcare providers.

NAEYC accreditation signifies that a childcare center meets the highest level of early childhood educational and developmental standards set by recognized experts in the field.

“The YWCA provides full day, year-round, preschool programming. We have always been committed to providing an exceptional education to the little ones entrusted to our care,” Cathy Pond, the YWCA’s Executive Director, said. “Now we have the accreditation to verify what we have always known: we are an excellent preschool center that produces preschoolers ready for kindergarten.” Said Mark Ginsberg, Ph.D., Executive Director of NAEYC, “By earning accreditation, the YWCA has become a leader in a national effort to raise the quality of early childhood education, and to help give all children a better start.”

NAEYC “is dedicated to improving the well-being of all young children, with particular focus on the quality of educational and developmental services for all children from birth through age 8” (NAEYC website).

The YWCA of Richmond also operates programs addressing domestic and sexual violence.

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