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## **The Children's Community Head Start Birth-to-Five Program Receives NAEYC Accreditation**



(Ronkonkoma and Port Jefferson, NY)... The Children's Community Head Start Birth-to-Five Program achieved accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) on 2/10/17. The program, with centers in Ronkonkoma and Port Jefferson, has earned the mark of quality represented by having met the NAEYC Early Learning Program Standards. Research shows a direct correlation between high quality

early learning and children's positive long-term outcomes in life, including increased educational attainment and healthier lifestyles.

The Children's Community Head Start Birth-to-Five Program is a federally funded comprehensive program serving income eligible pregnant women, infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in 13 school districts in central Suffolk County. Denice Karotseris, the Program Director says, "After two years of a program self-study involving all classroom, family service, health and education staff, we are very proud to be recognized as a nationally accredited early childhood program. The teamwork and dedication of our staff helped to make this goal a reality."

Enrollment for infants and toddlers is currently underway at both centers. Full day and full year programs are offered. For more information and to see if you qualify financially for this free program, please contact: Donna Callan (631) 476-9698 in Port Jefferson or Mary Ellen Butcher (631) 585-2020 in Ronkonkoma.

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