

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

## CAA program accredited

Community Action Agency's (CAA) Children's programs of Jackson and Hillsdale have earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) – the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals. NAEYC was created to set professional standards for early childhood education, and to help families identify high-quality preschools, child care centers and other early education programs. "We're proud to have earned the mark of quality from NAEYC, and to be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards," said Mary Cunningham DeLuca, Director of Children's Programs. "NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible."

The following sites that have been recently accredited include East Jackson Head Start, McHugh Head Start, Pittsford Elementary Head Start and Great Start Readiness Program, Waldron Head Start and Great Start Readiness Program, Hillsdale Head Start, Reading Elementary Head Start and Great Start Readiness Program adding to our already accredited sites of Concord, Lyle Torrant and Ashton Ridge.

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The nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals, NAEYC was created to set professional stan-

dards for early childhood education. Earning accreditation means that CAA's Head Start program went through an extensive self-study process to measure the program and a site visit by NAEYC Assessors to ensure that the program met each of the 10 program standards. NAEYC-accredited programs are also subject to unannounced visits during the accreditation period, which lasts for five years.