Mt. Olive Child Care & Learning Center Earns National NAEYC Accreditation

Program recognized among the top in the nation by earning accreditation

Budd Lake, N.J. – Mt. Olive Child Care & Learning Center located in Budd Lake has earned re-accreditation from the <u>National Association for the Education of Young Children</u> (NAEYC)—the world's largest organization working on behalf of young children.

NAEYC Accreditation is a rigorous and transformative quality-improvement system that uses a set of 10 research-based standards to collaborate with early education programs to recognize and drive quality-improvement in high-quality early learning environment. "We are proud to have continued our mark of quality by earning reaccreditation. Since 1993, the Center has been recognized as a high quality program by NAEYC. Our Staff and Board remain committed going forward to serving the educational, developmental, and emerging needs of Infants, Toddlers, Preschoolers, and School -Age children and their families", said Gail Reuther, Executive Director.

To earn NAEYC Accreditation, Mt. Olive Child Care & Learning Center went through an extensive self-study and quality-improvement process, followed by an on-site visit by NAEYC Assessors to verify and ensure that the program met each of the ten program standards, and hundreds of corresponding individual criteria. NAEYC-accredited programs are always prepared for unannounced quality-assurance visits during their accreditation term, which lasts for five years.

In the 30 years since NAEYC Accreditation was established, it has become a widely recognized sign of high-quality early childhood education. More than 6,000 programs are currently accredited by NAEYC—less than **10 percent** of all child care centers, preschools, and kindergartens nationally achieve this recognition.

"NAEYC-Accredited programs have committed to a process that takes time, energy and dedication to complete" states Alissa Mwenelupembe, Senior Director Early Learning Program Accreditation." Mt. Olive Child Care & Learning Center has demonstrated their commitment to young children and their families."

For more information about NAEYC Accreditation, visit the NAEYC website.