



**Mount Kisco Child Care Center inc.**  
A Not-for-Profit Early Care & Education Program serving families since 1971

## **Mount Kisco Child Care Center Earns National NAEYC Accreditation**

*Program among the top in the nation by earning accreditation*

**Mount Kisco, NY – (February 6, 2012)** - Mount Kisco Child Care Center (MKCCC) located in Mount Kisco, NY has earned accreditation from the [National Association for the Education of Young Children](#) (NAEYC) – the nation’s leading organization of early childhood professionals.

“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 Dottie Jordan, Executive Director, MKCCC. “NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible.”

Established in 1971, MKCCC provides high quality, affordable child care to more than 160 children daily. The Center promotes innovative learning with unique programs, such as the intergenerational program, JEWEL, and the farm-to-table comprehensive nutrition program, Feed Me Fresh. Through these programs, MKCCC fosters each child's intellectual, physical, emotional and social development in a safe and healthy environment.

To earn NAEYC Accreditation, MKCCC went through an extensive self-study process, measuring the program and its services against the ten 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 ten program standards. NAEYC-accredited programs are also subject to unannounced visits during their accreditation, which lasts for five years.

In the 25 years since NAEYC Accreditation was established, it has become a widely recognized sign of high-quality early childhood education. More than 7,000 programs are currently accredited by NAEYC – approximately 8 percent of all preschools and other early childhood programs.

“The NAEYC Accreditation system raises the bar for child care centers and other early childhood programs,” said Jerlean E. Daniel, Ph.D, executive director of NAEYC. “Having earned NAEYC Accreditation is a sign that MKCCC is a leader in a national effort to invest in high-quality early childhood education.”

The NAEYC Accreditation system has set voluntary professional standards for programs for young children since 1985. In September 2006, the Association revised program standards and criteria to introduce a new level of quality, accountability, and service for parents and children in child care programs. The new standards today reflect the latest research and best practices in early childhood education and development. NAEYC is committed to utilizing the newest studies and analysis on positive child outcomes to ensure young children continue receiving the highest-quality care and education possible.

The NAEYC Accreditation system 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. To earn NAEYC Accreditation, a program must meet each of the ten NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards. Programs are accredited by NAEYC for a five-year period.

For more information about NAEYC Accreditation, visit [www.naeyc.org/academy](http://www.naeyc.org/academy).

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MKCCC is located at 95 Radio Circle, Mount Kisco, NY. For additional information, please visit [www.mkccc.org](http://www.mkccc.org) or call (914) 241-2135. For the latest news and updates, “Like” MKCCC on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/MKCCC](http://www.facebook.com/MKCCC)) and follow MKCCC on Twitter ([@MKCCC10549](https://twitter.com/MKCCC10549)).

**About Mount Kisco Child Care Center:** Mount Kisco Child Care Center is a licensed nonprofit, non-sectarian childcare facility that has served the working families of Northern Westchester since 1971. MKCCC provides exceptional and affordable, early-care and education to a diverse group of children three months to five years. The Center’s expanded school-age program serves children up to 12 years of age.

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