



**Always Updating and Upgrading – Study Groups!**

Announcing the Connecticut AFP's  
**NAEYC Accreditation Study Groups – Spring 2008**

To explore the new

**NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and Accreditation Criteria**

It's not just about the NAEYC certificate – this is about [continuous program improvement](#), about creating a system and maintaining it. Do you **really** know how to **grow your program** before AND after the assessment visit? Don't rest on getting by or what you think you know. We can all improve practice and have stronger programs. Wherever you are in the process, **join a Connecticut AFP study group!**

**What is a Connecticut AFP Study Group?**

A Connecticut AFP Study Group is:

- ★ A facilitated discussion of best practices;
- ★ A model to take back to your program and encourage shared understanding;
- ★ A network of administrators, teaching staff, and other early childhood professionals;
- ★ The right people in the right place to answer your questions: Up-to-date NAEYC guidance and counseling by trained Connecticut AFP staff
- ★ Innovative strategies to put criteria in policy and practice
- ★ A discussion place for deciding on the right evidence in your portfolios.

**Journey to Excellence... Join Us! Find your study groups below!**

**North Central Region**

All sessions will be held at CREC, 111 Charter Oak Ave, Hartford

Session	Day and date	Time	Room	*Standard(s)
1	Friday February 1	1-3	Council room	Overview / (10) Leadership & Management
2	Friday February 15	1-3	Council room	(6) Teachers
3	Friday February 29	1-3	Council room	(5) Health
4	Friday March 28	1-3	Council room	(7) Families & (8) Community Partnerships
5	Friday April 4	1-3	Council room	(4) Assessment of Child Progress

\*Participants must read the standards and criteria prior to the first meeting. These are available on line at [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org) or you may order *NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and Accreditation Criteria* through the NAEYC online store.

**North Central registration:** All workshops are offered free of charge. *Registration is required.* Please phone or email name, program information and session(s) you will be attending to [wmcgrath@crec.org](mailto:wmcgrath@crec.org) or 860.509.3692. For directions to CREC, go to the HAEYC website at [www.hartfordaeyc.org](http://www.hartfordaeyc.org)

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**South Central Region**

All sessions will be held Gateway Community College, Room 205, 60 Sargent Drive, New Haven

Session	Date	Time	*Program Standard(s)
1	February 20, 2008	3-5 pm	Overview of Study Groups and NAEYC Accreditation
2	March 12 and March 26, 2008	3-5 pm	(4) Assessment of Child Progress
3	April 9 and April 23, 2008	3-5 pm	(5) Health and (9) Physical Environment
4	May 14 and May 28, 2008	3-5 pm	(6) Teachers and (10) Leadership & Management

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**South Central Registration:** All study groups are offered free of charge. *Registration is required.* Please email name, program information and session(s) you will be attending to: Carol Annette, [cannette@gwcc.commnet.edu](mailto:cannette@gwcc.commnet.edu) or call 203.285.2229 or 800.236.2714.

**Northwest Region**

All sessions will be held at Education Connection, 355 Goshen Road, Litchfield

Session	Date	Time	*Program Standard(s)
1	February 21, 2008	1-3 pm	(1) Relationships
2	March 20, 2008	1-3 pm	(2) Curriculum
3	April 17, 2008	1-3 pm	(4) Assessment of Child Progress

**Northwest Registration:** All study groups are offered free of charge. *Registration is required.* Please phone or email name, program information and session(s) you will be attending to Orié Marrero: (860) 567-0863 x185 or [Marrero@educationconnection.org](mailto:Marrero@educationconnection.org). You must RSVP to attend.

**Southwest Region**

All sessions will be held at: St. Paul's Child Development Center, 1475 Noble Avenue, Bridgeport

Session	Date	Time	Program Standard*
1	Thursday, March 6	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	(3) Teachers & 6-Teaching
2	Thursday, March 20	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	(4) Assessment
3	Thursday, April 3	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	(5) Health
4	Thursday, April 17	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	(7) Families & (8) Community Relationships
5	Thursday, May 1	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	(9) Physical Environment
6	Thursday, May 15	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	(10) Leadership & Management

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**Southwest registration:** All study groups are offered free of charge. *Registration is required.* Please phone or email name, program information and session(s) you will be attending to: Donna Delohery, 203-791-1904, x140 or [delohery@educationconnection.org](mailto:delohery@educationconnection.org). Maximum of 20 participants per group.

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**East Region**

**Session 1 will be held at the Visiting Nurses Association of SE CT, New London**

Session	Date	Time	*Program Standard(s)
1	February 14 & 28; March 13 & 27	2:30 – 4:30 pm	(1) Relationships and (2) Curriculum

**Session 2 will be held at: EASTCONN Windham Mills, Building 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 322 Main Street, Willimantic**

Session	Date	Time	*Program Standard(s)
2	April 16, April 30, May 14, and May 28, 2008	9-11 am	(1) Relationships and (2) Curriculum

**East registration:** All workshops are offered free of charge. *Registration is required.* Please phone or email name, program information and session(s) you will be attending to Dara Bowling at (860) 455-0707 ext. 3034 or [dbowling@eastconn.org](mailto:dbowling@eastconn.org) OR register online at [www.learn.k12.ct.us](http://www.learn.k12.ct.us). For information, call 800-292-6971 or email Roberta Fauntleroy, [rfauntleroy@learn.k12.ct.us](mailto:rfauntleroy@learn.k12.ct.us). RSVPs must be received two weeks before the first scheduled date of the workshop and/or study group.

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