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Dear Orange County Early Care and Education Child Care Centers,

The Orange County Association for the Education of Young Children (OCAEYC) is pleased to announce that we will be holding NAEYC Accreditation Support meetings every other month during 2011! All child care programs in Orange County are invited to participate, whether you are renewing current accreditation, seeking new accreditation, or just interested in improving program quality. At each meeting, we will review the NAEYC Standards to gain an understanding of what NAEYC is looking for in the various criteria and how compliance can be documented. Discussions among the participants present strategies as to how to meet the criteria in different centers so programs can gain new ideas for improving quality. In addition, OCAEYC will collect tips from accredited programs and create a support and resource section on our website as a way to continue to support the NAEYC accreditation process in Orange County.

All meetings will be held from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Jenny Hart Preschool, 4445 Alton Parkway, in Irvine. The meetings will be facilitated by Dorothy Bregozzo, Early Childhood Consultant. Dorothy has worked with many programs for the past 16 years to help them earn and maintain accreditation through NAEYC.

For the first half of 2011, meetings will be held on January 20, March 17, and May 12. Reminders will be sent prior to each meeting, along with information on the topics to be discussed.

Please email Barbara Easton at BAEaston@aol.com if you would like to participate and/or to be placed on the new NAEYC Accreditation Support Group email list to receive information and updates regarding these meetings.

Mark your calendars now to attend! We look forward to seeing you in 2011.

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