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## ANNANDALE COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL EARNS NATIONAL NAEYC RE-ACCREDITATION UNDER NEW GUIDELINES

The Only Cooperative Preschool Program in Northern Virginia to  
Pass New Stricter NAEYC Standards

*Annandale, Va.* – Annandale Cooperative Preschool

([www.AnnandaleCoop.org](http://www.AnnandaleCoop.org)), located in Annandale, VA, has earned re-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 as the only cooperative preschool in Northern Virginia to receive NAEYC accreditation since the new standards were implemented,” said Anne Foster, Executive Director of Annandale Cooperative Preschool. 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. Annandale Cooperative Preschool’s mission is to educate children based on the philosophy of learning through play while meeting their emotional, social, physical, and intellectual needs. Annandale Co-op was created over 60 years ago by concerned parents who wanted to participate in their children’s

education on a fundamental level. Parents assist teachers in the classroom and manage the preschool. Programs are accredited by NAEYC for a five-year period. Annandale Co-op has been accredited by NAEYC since 1987.

To earn NAEYC re-accreditation, Annandale Co-op went through an extensive Self-Study process, measuring the program and its services against the 10 NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and more than 400 related Accreditation Criteria. "The NAEYC Accreditation system raises the bar for preschools, child care centers and other early childhood programs," said Mark Ginsberg, Ph.D., executive director of NAEYC.

Annandale Cooperative Preschool is also proud to be recently nominated for Nickelodeon's ParentsConnect 2009 Parents' Picks Awards for Best Preschool in the Washington, DC area. Voting continues for this award through July 15, 2009 at [www.parentsconnect.com/parentspicks](http://www.parentsconnect.com/parentspicks).