

The Quality Enhancement Initiative



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My favorite teacher was...

Each of us can complete that sentence. We remember the qualities that he or she had, the way they made us feel about learning, about ourselves, about life. A good teacher can change the course of a child's educational future and instill in them a love of learning and the confidence to try new things. This is especially true of teachers from birth to 8. These years set the foundation for future learning, for how a child approaches new situations and persists to mastery of a skill. 'Through this continuous and expanding process, early skills give rise to new ones and new experiences are integrated with previous ones.' (Guyton 2011)



So what makes a teacher great? Is it the relationship that is formed with each child? YES! Is it the dedication to learning how to present the information in a developmentally appropriate way? YES! Is it taking the time to find out what the children's needs, interests, and abilities are and adjusting the learning experiences to best fit each child? YES!!

And when that happens we remember.

To find out what NAEYC found when they looked at the best practice standards in teaching read the Trend Briefs: Teaching-Standard 3

What Best Practice has to say...

- Teachers design rich learning environments that allow for exploration and experimentation (NAEYC 3.A.04, NAFCC 3.1)
- The classroom community promotes independence and respect for others (NAEYC 3.B.02, 3.B.04, NAFCC 3.43)
- Teachers allow for children to learn in a variety of ways (group time, one on one, in small groups (3.D.10, NAFCC 3.15)
- Teachers actively seek out children's ideas by talking with them, observing them, and asking questions (NAEYC 3.E.09, 3.G.09 &10 NAFCC 3.10)
- As children learn new skills the teacher adjusts their teaching to support the child and offer appropriate challenges (NAEYC 3.G.03 NAFCC 3.9-3.11)

*** NAFCC recently revised it's standards. Some of the criteria noted above has been changed or added to the NAFCC Quality Standards

QEI Program Directors Meeting- February 19, 2013

We will be looking over Standard 3-Teaching this month. Our discussion will focus on the information NAEYC found in the Trend brief for Standard 3. Bring your portfolios and your

questions. We invite lively discussion! Bring a lunch if you would like. Everyone is welcome!

February 19th, 12-2pm

Spirit Bank (18th and Baltimore Branch-Conference Room)

1800 South Baltimore Avenue, Tulsa, 74119

For more information go to [QEI Program Directors Meetings](#)

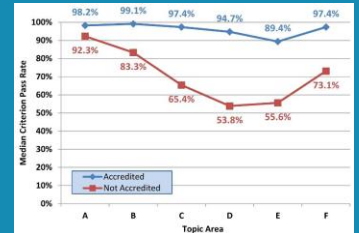


Did you know?

NAEYC is now offering study guides for many of the articles found in Young Children and Teaching Young Children. Look for **NEXT-YC** and **NEXT-TYC** at [NAEYC.org](#), a NAEYC professional development resource.

Find out more!

NAEYC has issued its latest [Trend Briefs](#) evaluating Accreditation Standards across programs. The research shows what criteria were most predictive of success in achieving and maintaining accreditation. Log in to [Torch](#) for more information.



Tulsa's Quality Enhancement Initiative (QEI) provides programs and intensive, on-going support that includes training, technical assistance, and funds/materials to improve and maintain the quality of care and education that young children and families receive. Programs that access this support include traditional child care programs, family child care homes, faith based, non-profit and for profit, as well as Early Head Start/Head Start and public pre-k classrooms. The QEI accomplishes this using NAEYC's Standards and Criteria of best practice for early childhood programs and NAFCC's Standards of best practice for family child care homes. **Program quality improvement** is an essential element for elevating young children's well being and early learning opportunities. *Tulsa's QEI is the only NAEYC recognized Accreditation Facilitation Project in the state of Oklahoma.* We recognize that quality is a process that is achieved over time and with regular maintenance.

For more information about the Quality Enhancement Initiative or to speak to an Accreditation Specialist please [Contact Us](#) or join us at our [Program Directors meetings](#).

Sincerely,

The Quality Enhancement Initiative Team
Child Care Resource Center

