



An Overview of NAEYC's New Early Learning Hub

November 2025

Agenda & Objectives

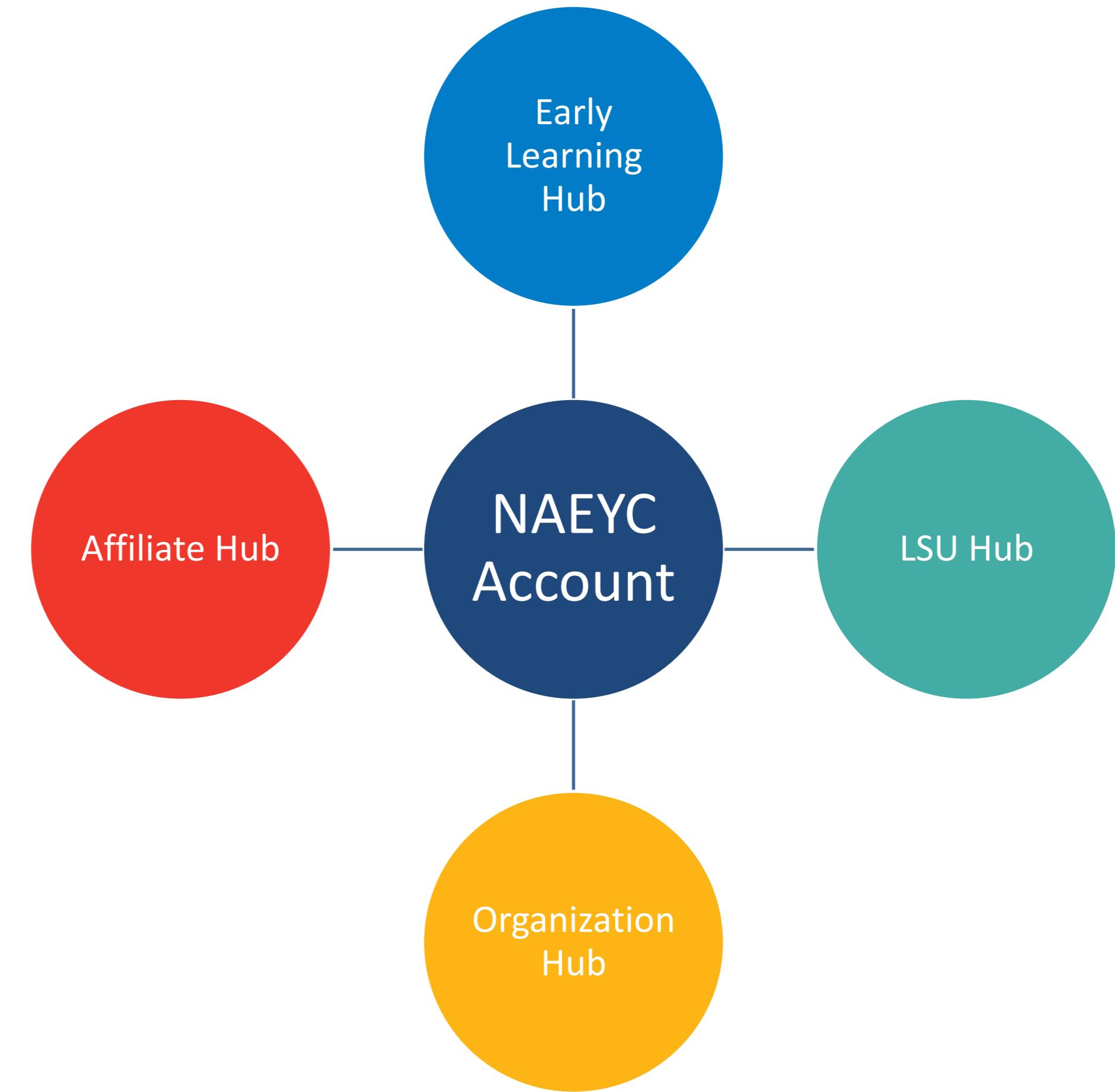
- Purpose of Early Learning Hub
- Overview of how to access and use the Hub
- Application Process
- Renewal Process
- Resources & Support

- Knowledge of the new Early Learning Hub that is used to support programs with accreditation
- Awareness of new processes and requirements in the new portal
- Understand the steps to get started in new portal



New NAEYC Portal

- The new online portal will be a “one-stop-shop” for all your NAEYC needs, including membership.
- Users will have access based on role and assignment.
- Early Learning Hub is intended for Directors and Administrators that support programs with accreditation.



New NAEYC Portal

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District of Columbia Association for the Education of Young Children

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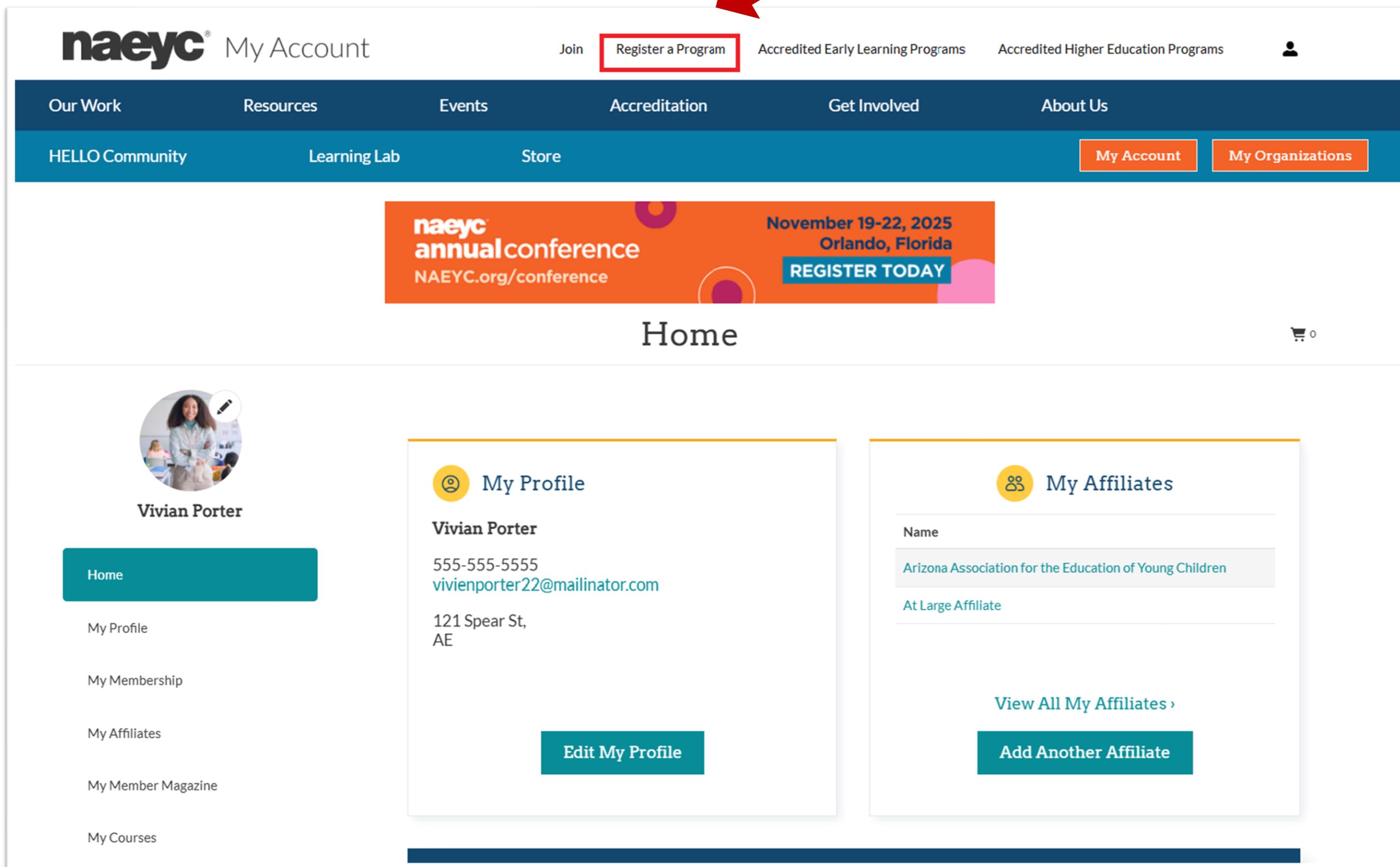
My Membership

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Valid Through: 1/14/2026

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Valid Until 1/14/2026

Once in the NAEYC My Account, use the “My Organizations” option to access the Early Learning Hub

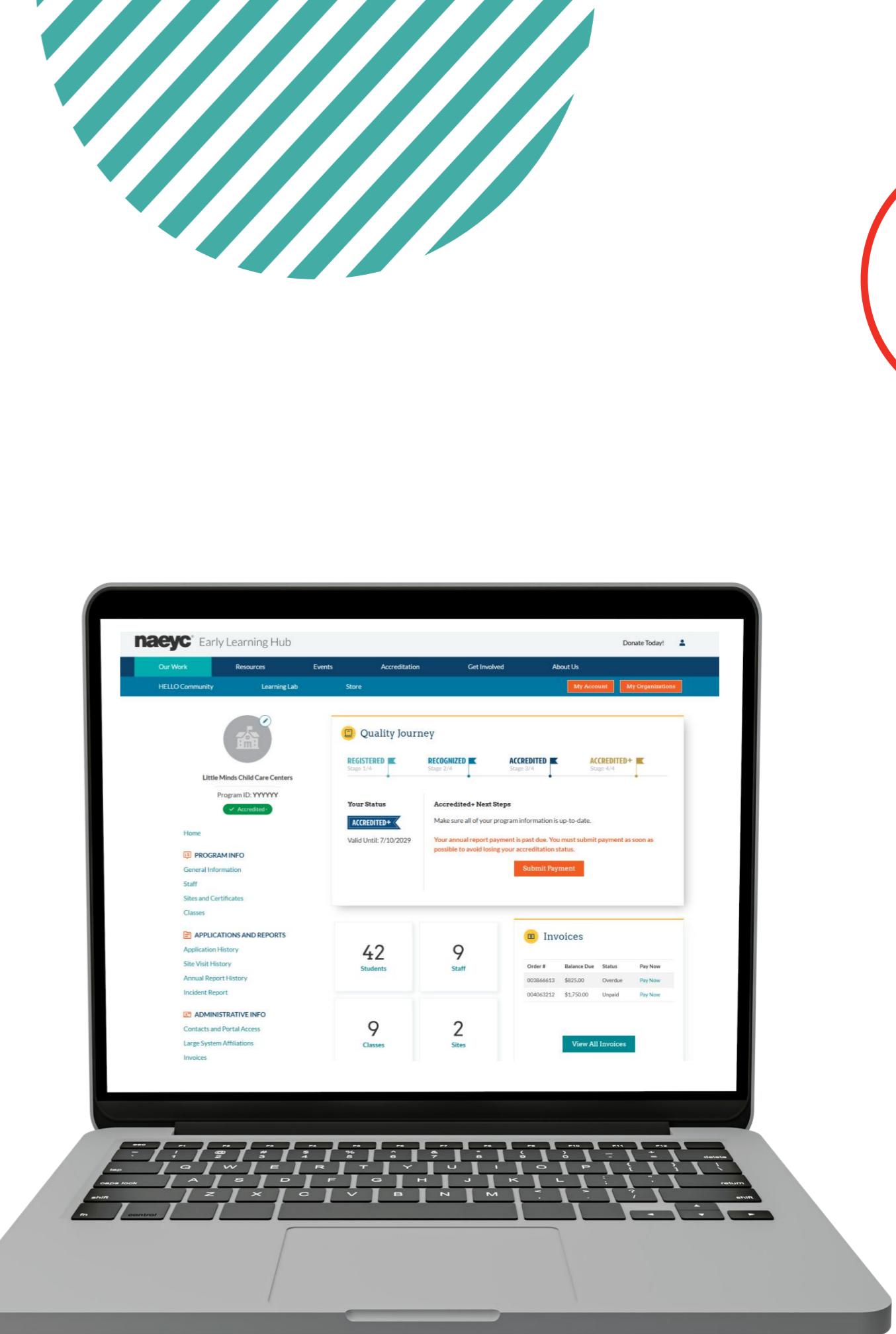
Adding New Program



The screenshot shows the NAEYC My Account homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Join', 'Register a Program' (which is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to it), 'Accredited Early Learning Programs', 'Accredited Higher Education Programs', and a user profile icon. Below the navigation bar is a secondary navigation bar with links for 'Our Work', 'Resources', 'Events', 'Accreditation', 'Get Involved', and 'About Us'. Under 'Our Work', there are links for 'HELLO Community', 'Learning Lab', and 'Store'. On the right side of the secondary navigation bar are 'My Account' and 'My Organizations' buttons. A banner for the 'naeyc annualconference' is displayed, with the date 'November 19-22, 2025' and location 'Orlando, Florida', and a 'REGISTER TODAY' button. The main content area is titled 'Home'. On the left, there is a sidebar for 'Vivian Porter' with a profile picture, a 'Home' button (which is teal and highlighted), and links for 'My Profile', 'My Membership', 'My Affiliates', 'My Member Magazine', and 'My Courses'. The main content area has two sections: 'My Profile' (with Vivian's information and an 'Edit My Profile' button) and 'My Affiliates' (listing 'Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children' as an 'At Large Affiliate' with a 'View All My Affiliates' and 'Add Another Affiliate' button).

- For programs that are new to working towards accreditation, use the “Register a Program” option from the NAEYC My Account to register the site.
- After the form is submitted, the new program’s ELP Record can be accessed under “My Organizations”.

Early Learning Hub



- The Early Learning Hub (or ELP Hub) allows program to manage accreditation information and is intended for director and administrator use.
- All legacy portal users and program relationships were migrated to the new Hub.
- Existing users complete a password reset to access Hub for the first time.
- Individuals must have a NAEYC Hub Account before they can be added as an Admin, Primary or Secondary contacts to access ELP Hub.
- NAEYC membership is not required to have a NAEYC Hub Account.

Early Learning Hub

From the Home page, programs can:

- View their status and valid until date
- Access Annual Reports and Applications
- View summarize data for the program and
- View invoices
- Make payments

The screenshot shows the NAEYC Early Learning Hub homepage for a program named "Little Minds Child Care Centers".

Header: naeyc® Early Learning Hub, Donate Today!, My Account, My Organizations.

Main Content:

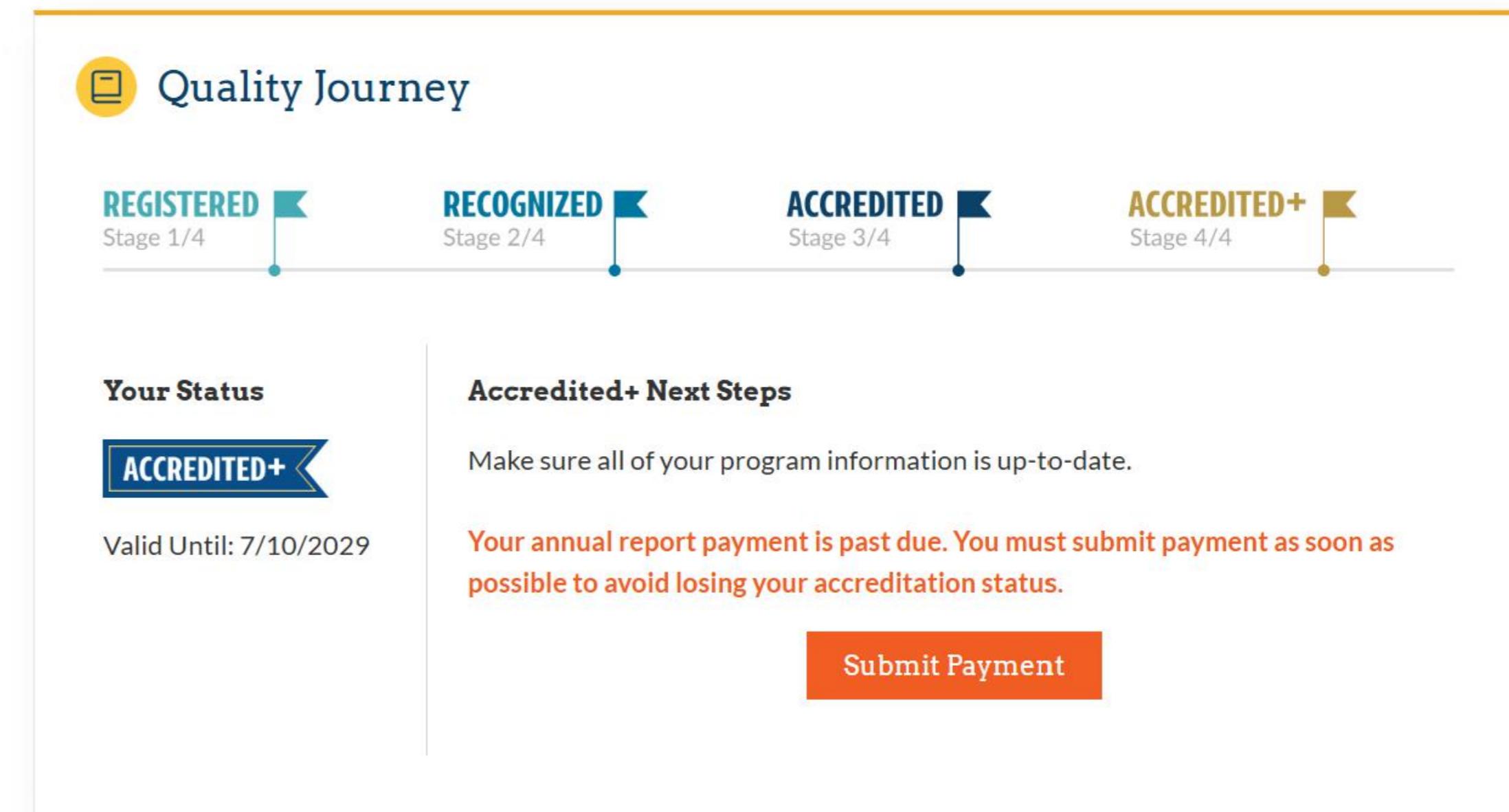
- Program Status:** Program ID: YYYYYY, Accredited+ (green badge).
- Quality Journey:** Stages: REGISTERED (Stage 1/4), RECOGNIZED (Stage 2/4), ACCREDITED (Stage 3/4), ACCREDITED+ (Stage 4/4).
- Your Status:** ACCREDITED+ (blue badge), Valid Until: 7/10/2029.
- Accredited+ Next Steps:** Make sure all of your program information is up-to-date. Your annual report payment is past due. You must submit payment as soon as possible to avoid losing your accreditation status. Submit Payment button.
- Administrative Data:** 42 Students, 9 Staff, 9 Classes, 2 Sites.
- Invoices:** Order # 00386613, Balance Due \$825.00, Status Overdue, Pay Now. Order # 004063212, Balance Due \$1,750.00, Status Unpaid, Pay Now.

Quality Journey Widget

On the ELP Hub Home page, the “Quality Journey” widget provides the program’s status and details on next steps.

Provides the ability to:

- Submit Annual Reports
- Submit Annual Payment
- Complete initial Recognition or Accreditation Application
- Complete renewal applications



Program Information

Programs are expected to keep their information in the Early Learning Hub current and up to date:

General Information

- Information about the program status and location

Staff

- Should include all teaching / caregiving staff

Sites and Certificates

- Key details on the Primary location and any eligible satellites - including details on hours and closure dates assessors will use
- Allows users to download the program's certificate for Recognition or Accreditation

Classes

Includes all classes that are included in the program (and any eligible satellites)

Best Practice Recommendation
Update information at least every 6 months - and as staffing changes; should reflect closure and blackout dates 6 months out.

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General Information



Program Profile

- Program Name, Main Phone Number & Website

Enrollment

- Enrolled by Age Group: Infant, Toddler, Preschool, Kindergarten
 - Age groups on certificates reflect the data in these fields
- Number of Families Served

Program Characteristics

- Program Type, Curriculum, Military Affiliation, Regulatory Status

Shipping Address

Mailing Address

Staff



- Within the “Staff” section, include all teaching / caregiving staff actively working in the program.
 - If an individual is counted in ratio at any time – they would need to be included.
 - This includes cooks that provide lunch breaks, etc.
 - If an individual will ever be left alone with children – they would need to be included on staff list and have CPR / First Aid.
- This is NOT where individuals are added that need to access the ELP Hub.
- When the user’s email is added, they will have a NAEYC Account Hub create and will receive automated email (not the ELP Hub).
- NOTE – staff qualification documentation is no longer required.

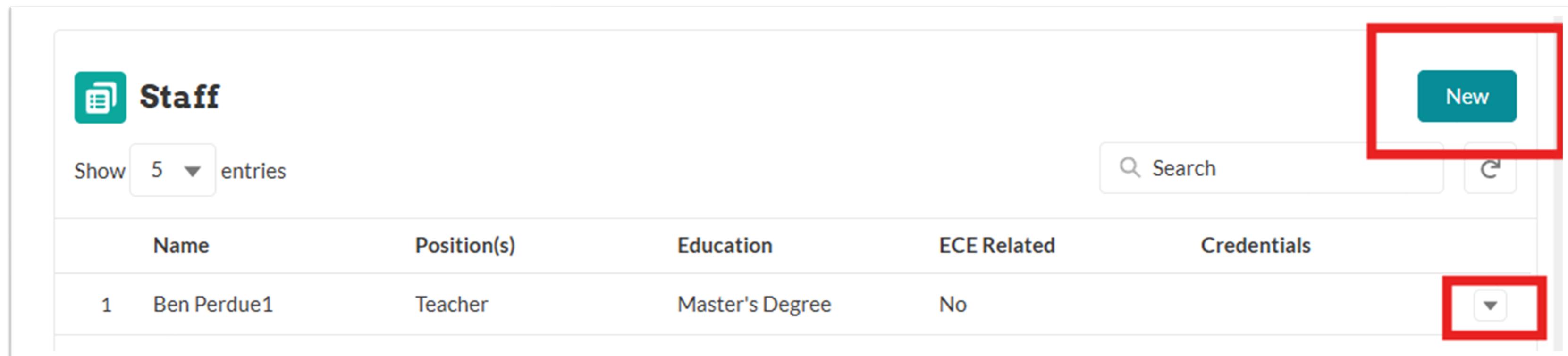
Managing Staff

To add new staff:

- Use the “New” option to add staff

To edit existing staff:

- Use the drop-down option and select “edit” to update a staff record
- Uncheck “Active” in a staff’s record when the individual is no longer working within the program



The screenshot shows a staff management interface with a table and various buttons. The table has columns for Name, Position(s), Education, ECE Related, and Credentials. One record is listed: Name is Ben Perdue1, Position(s) is Teacher, Education is Master's Degree, and ECE Related is No. The Credentials column has a dropdown arrow. The 'New' button in the top right is highlighted with a red box. The 'Search' and 'Print' buttons are also visible.

Name	Position(s)	Education	ECE Related	Credentials
1 Ben Perdue1	Teacher	Master's Degree	No	<input type="button" value="▼"/>

New

Search

Sites and Certificates

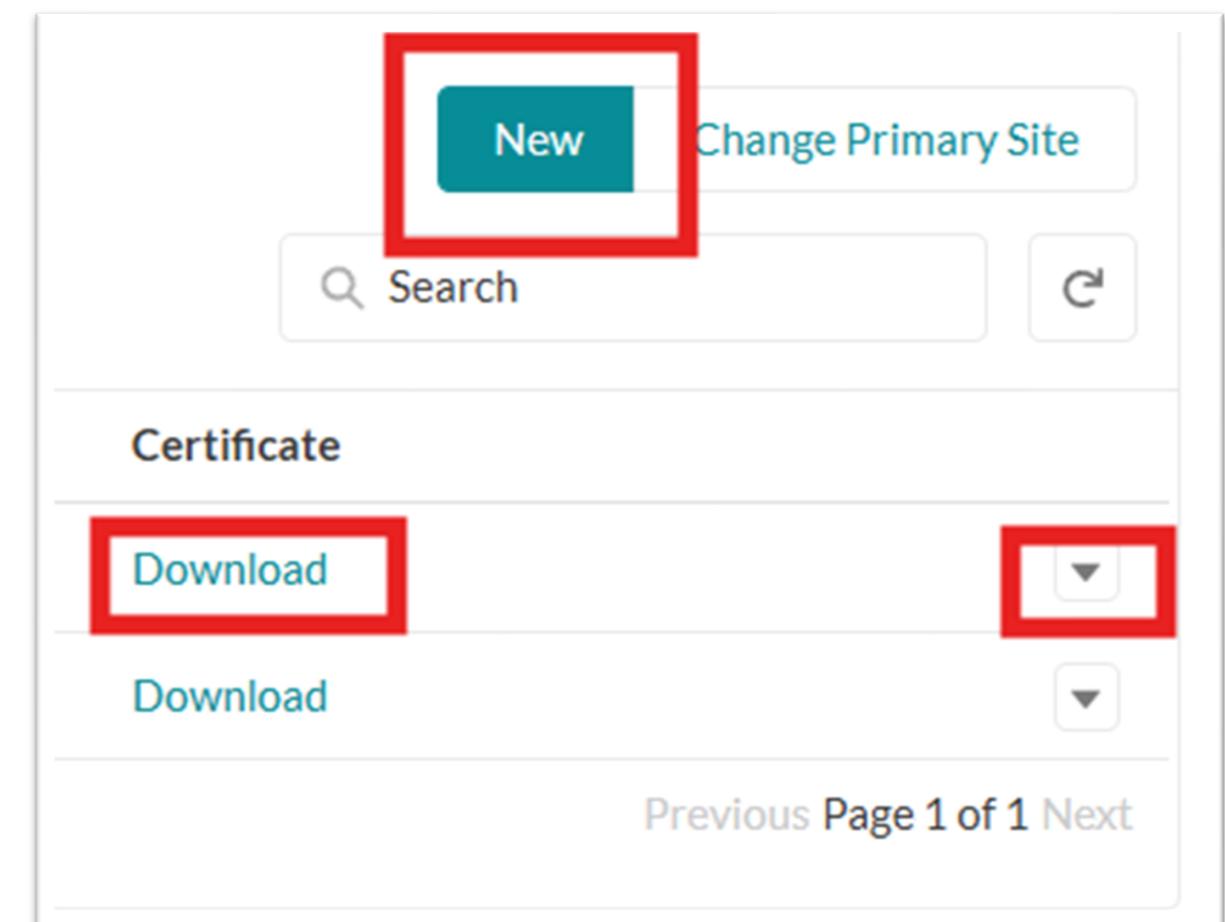


- Captures several details on the the physical location(s) that serve children.
- Each Early Learning Program must have at least one (1) program site that reflects the primary location.
- **IMPORTANT-** Ensure that all site information is kept up to date as NAEYC assessors will use this information when planning a visit, including:
 - Days & Hours of Operation
 - Closure Dates
 - Security & Parking
 - Language Needs
 - Temporary Closure Information

Sites and Certificates



- Certificates can be downloaded for each location using the “Download” option
- Ensure that the address you add for the site is the physical address, not a P.O. Box or APO address.
- If a site is temporarily closed but will reopen (e.g., if it is undergoing construction), you can note that in the site record.
- Use the “New” option to add new record
- Use the drop-down option and select “edit” to update a record
- To delete a site record, click edit and uncheck “Is Active”



Sites and Certificates



Satellites

- A satellite location is defined as an additional geographic location for a program that houses one or more of a program's class(es) of children AND the class(es) are under the same program administration and budget as the primary site.
- Include number of children and mileage requirements for eligibility.
- See the Policy Handbook on the NAEYC website for additional requirements for satellites.

Satellite Certificates

- When a program has satellites:
 - A certificate is available for each site
- Each certificate reflects:
 - the same Program ID
 - the program name listed under “Program Info – General Information”
 - ALL ages the programs serves based on the age group fields under “Enrollment”
 - the site address within the “Program Site” record



Program Sites		
Show 5 entries		
Site Name	Is Primary	Certificate
1 Little Minds	✓	Download
2 Satellite		Download

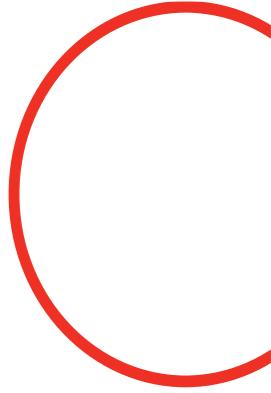
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New Change Primary Site

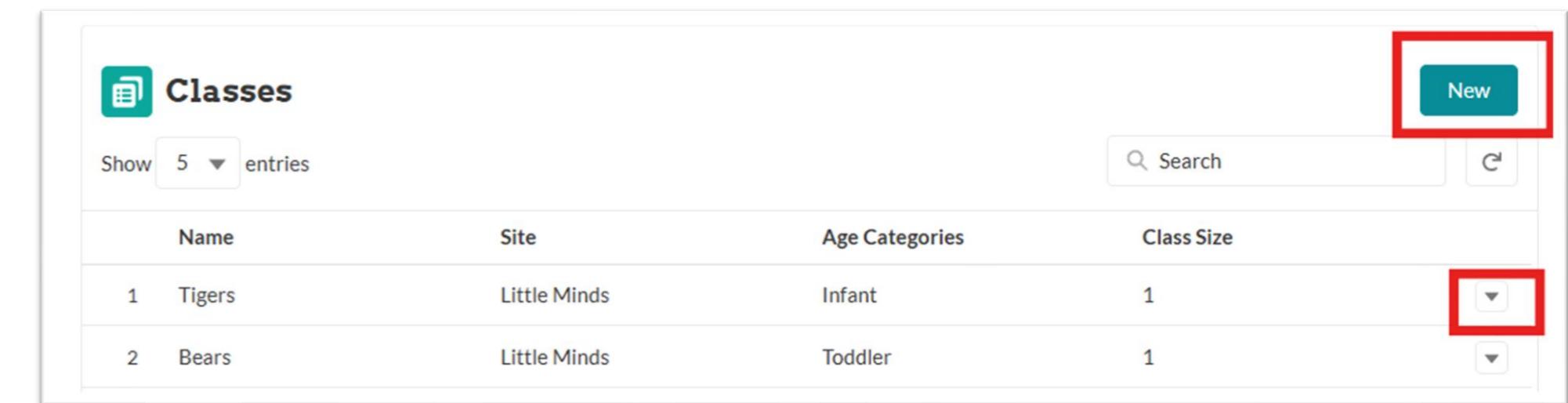
Search

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Classes



- The class list should include all classes that serve children.
- This includes any eligible satellites.
- **IMPORTANT** - Ensure that class information is kept up to date as NAEYC assessors will use this information when planning a visit.
- Use the “New” option to add new record
- Use the drop-down option and select “edit” to update a record
- To delete a site record, click edit and uncheck “Is Active”



	Name	Site	Age Categories	Class Size	
1	Tigers	Little Minds	Infant	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Bears	Little Minds	Toddler	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Applications and Reports

Application History

- View completed applications in new system

Site Visit History

- View completed site visits in new system

Annual Report History

- View completed Annual Reports in new system

Incident Report

- Provides one option for programs to submit Incident (72 hour) Reports
- Programs can also continue emailing the 72 hour Form to QualityAssurance@naeyc.org

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Application History

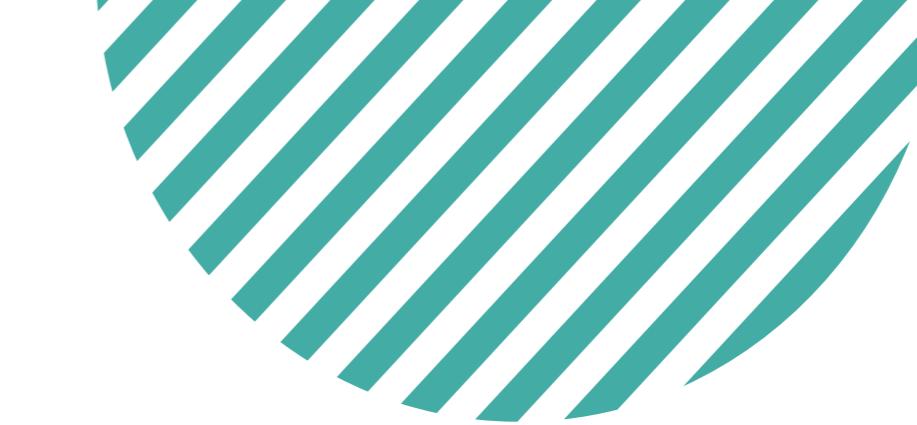


- Application results will be available here
- A summary of the application result is available along with a link to reports that provides scores by assessment item
 - Tier indicates whether it was Recognition to Accreditation
 - Renewal? Indicates if it was a renewal application
 - Submitted date reflects the date the program submitted to NAEYC
- Result displays the overall result of the application

Application History					
<small>Show 5 entries</small>					
Application	Tier	Renewal?	Submitted Date	Result	
1 0000000316	Recognition		6/11/2025	Pass	Score Summary Score Detail
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Links are available for a score summary or score detail. Selecting either will open up a report to view or export.

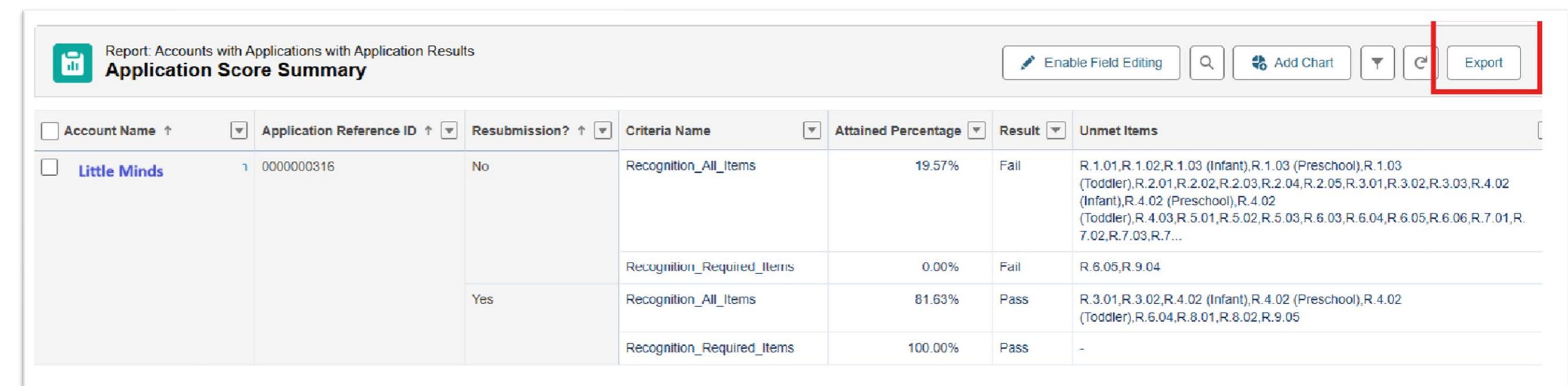
Application Score Summary



The Application Score Summary includes the following:

- **Criteria Name:** Indicates if All Items and Required Items
- **Attained Percentage:** Percentage of assessment items met, based on the number of items met divided by the total number of items assessed
- **Result:** Pass or Fail
- **Unmet Items:** List of assessment item that were NOT met (e.g., R.1.01, A.1.01)

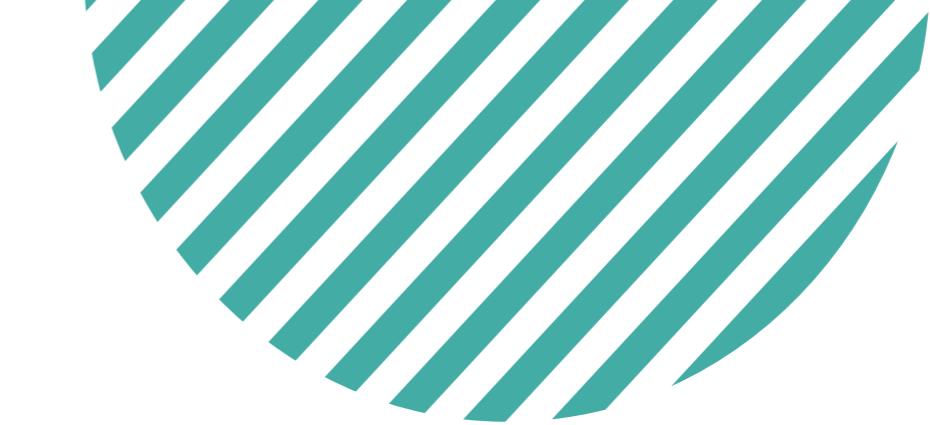
Two sets of scores are visible when the application has gone through re-submission



Report: Accounts with Applications with Application Results
Application Score Summary

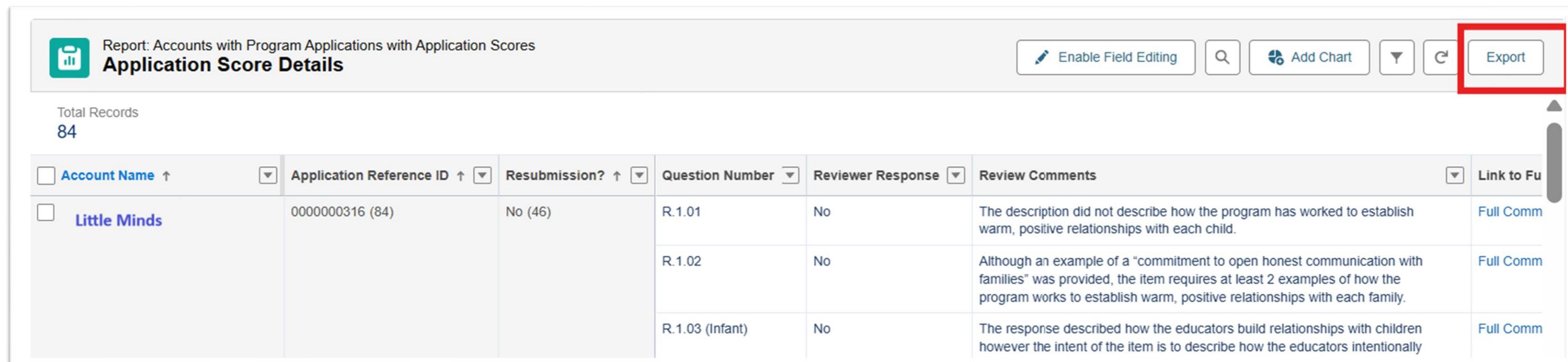
Account Name	Application Reference ID	Resubmission?	Criteria Name	Attained Percentage	Result	Unmet Items
Little Minds	0000000316	No	Recognition_All_Items	19.57%	Fail	R.1.01,R.1.02,R.1.03 (Infant),R.1.03 (Preschool),R.1.03 (Toddler),R.2.01,R.2.02,R.2.03,R.2.04,R.2.05,R.3.01,R.3.02,R.3.03,R.4.02 (Infant),R.4.02 (Preschool),R.4.02 (Toddler),R.4.03,R.5.01,R.5.02,R.5.03,R.6.03,R.6.04,R.6.05,R.6.06,R.7.01,R.7.02,R.7.03,R.7...
			Recognition_Required_Items	0.00%	Fail	R.6.05,R.9.04
		Yes	Recognition_All_Items	81.63%	Pass	R.3.01,R.3.02,R.4.02 (Infant),R.4.02 (Preschool),R.4.02 (Toddler),R.6.04,R.8.01,R.8.02,R.9.05
			Recognition_Required_Items	100.00%	Pass	-

Application Score Details



The Application Score Details Report includes item-level feedback:

- **Question Number:** NAEYC assessment item code (e.g., R.2.03, A.2.03)
- **Reviewer Response:** "Yes" means met, "No" means not met
- **Review Comments:** Specific feedback on what was missing or unclear



Report: Accounts with Program Applications with Application Scores

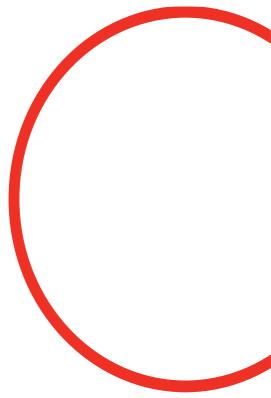
Application Score Details

Total Records 84

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Account Name	Application Reference ID	Resubmission?	Question Number	Reviewer Response	Review Comments	Link to Fu
Little Minds	0000000316 (84)	No (46)	R.1.01	No	The description did not describe how the program has worked to establish warm, positive relationships with each child.	Full Comm
			R.1.02	No	Although an example of a "commitment to open honest communication with families" was provided, the item requires at least 2 examples of how the program works to establish warm, positive relationships with each family.	Full Comm
			R.1.03 (Infant)	No	The response described how the educators build relationships with children however the intent of the item is to describe how the educators intentionally	Full Comm

Site Visit History



- New system site visit results by class will be available here.
- No legacy system ADRs are available within the ELP Hub.
- Program primary contacts will receive a decision notification via email within 45 days of the visit.

Site Visit History				
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Visit Date	Visit Type	Result	Result Date	Report
1 2/24/2025	Accredited+	Pass	3/27/2025	Report Link
2 7/9/2025	Quality Assurance	Deferred	7/9/2025	Report Link

A summary of the visit result is available along with a link to a report that provides scores by assessment item for each class observed

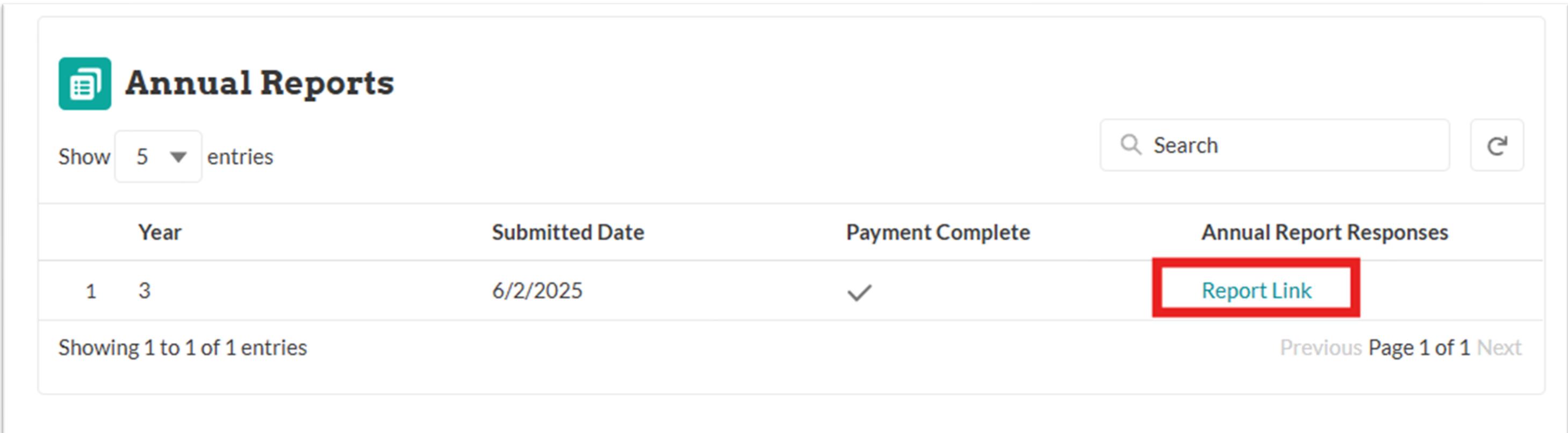
Results can be exported to Excel or CSV using the “Export” option

Report: Site Visits with Responses and Questions for Class Site Visit Detailed Responses						
<input type="checkbox"/> Class: Class Name <input type="button" value=""/>	<input type="button" value="fx"/> Item # <input type="button" value=""/>	Question: Observation Item <input type="button" value=""/>	Question: Required Item <input type="button" value=""/>	Scoring Weight <input type="button" value=""/>	Response (Text) <input type="button" value=""/>	Comments (Text) <input type="button" value=""/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dolphins	O.1.03	Educators facilitate infants' interest in look at, touching, or vocalizing to others.	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	No	Not observed during observation
	O.1.04	When toddler, preschool, and kindergarten children are in conflict, educators support them in thinking of alternative solutions rather than immediately providing a solution.	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Yes	
	O.1.05	Educators use narration and description of ongoing interactions to identify or model prosocial behaviors in children.	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Yes	

Annual Report History



- This section shows annual reports that were submitted through the new Early Learning Hub.
- Reports that were submitted through the legacy AIS system are not available.
- A summary of the annual report submission is available by selecting the “Report Link”



Annual Reports			
Show 5 entries	Search	Report Link	
Year	Submitted Date	Payment Complete	Annual Report Responses
1 3	6/2/2025	✓	Report Link

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Incident Report

- A pathway for programs to submit Incident (72 hour) Reports and includes a list of 72 reports submitted in new system
- Programs can also continue emailing the 72-hour form to QualityAssurance@naeyc.org
- To report an incident, use the “Report an incident” option and provide the following information
 - Type: Early Learning Program Accreditation
 - Sub-Type: Incident report (72-hour report)
 - Subject: Brief subject/title for the report
 - Description: Detailed description of the incident. Include the date of the incident, the classroom (if applicable), age(s) of children, duration and other relevant information
- The NAEYC Quality Assurance team will review and will reach out to request additional information as necessary and/or discuss next steps.

NAEYC recognized and accredited programs are required to notify NAEYC within 72 hours of the occurrence of any of the following critical incidents:

- Death of a child.
- Staff never use physical punishment and do not engage in psychological abuse or coercion.
- Infants or toddlers have not been supervised by sight and sound.
- Preschoolers and kindergarteners have been out of sight for over 5 minutes.
- The program is not in good standing with the applicable state licensing authority or applicable public or regulatory governmental system.

Administrative Info

Contacts and Portal Access

- Used to add or update administrative contacts for the program to access the ELP Hub.
- Users added must first log into their account and accept before they will be granted access to the program. Until they accept, they will be listed as “pending”.

Large System Affiliations

- Ability to request to be affiliated with a large system
- This is where Connecticut programs request to be affiliated with OEC to receive support with fees

Invoices

- View and make payments

Receipts

- View receipts for payments made

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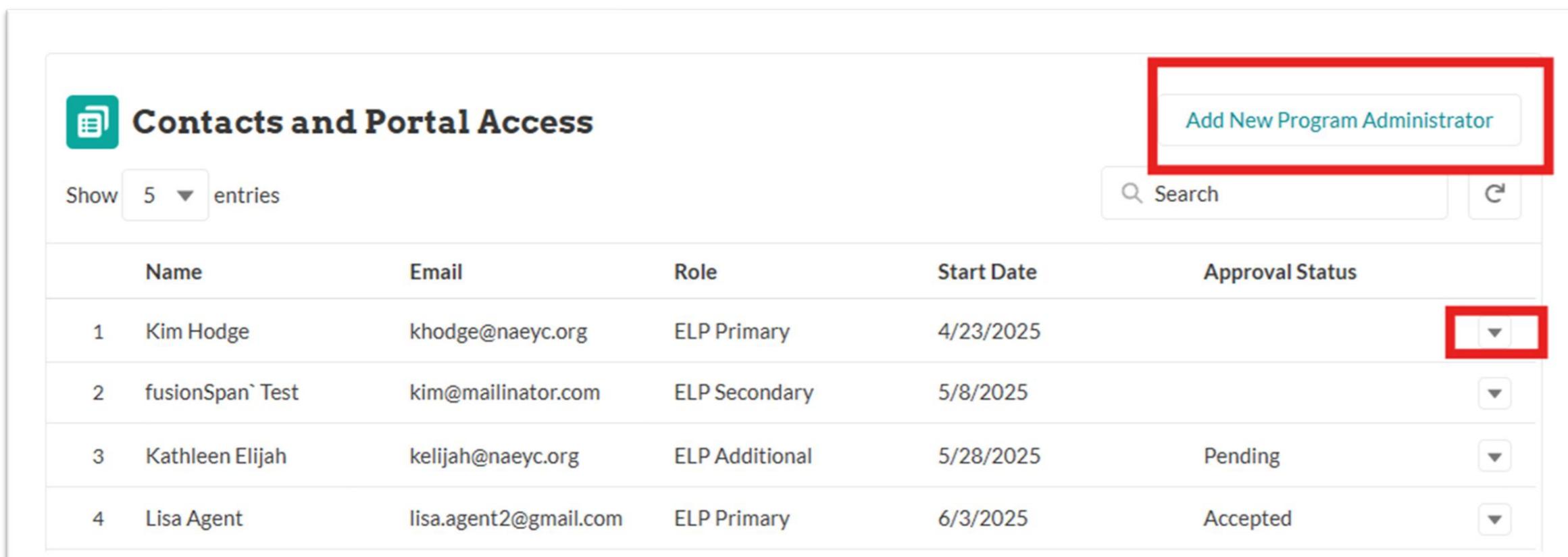
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Contacts and Portal Access



- Use this section to update the administrative contacts for the program that need to access the ELP Hub.
- Added administrators must log in to their account and accept before they will be granted administrative access to the program. Until accepting, they are marked as "Pending".
- Teaching staff should not be added here unless they need administrative access to the portal -- instead, add teaching staff on the "Staff" page.



The screenshot shows a table titled "Contacts and Portal Access" with the following data:

	Name	Email	Role	Start Date	Approval Status	Action
1	Kim Hodge	khodge@naeyc.org	ELP Primary	4/23/2025		<input type="button" value="Edit"/>
2	fusionSpan` Test	kim@mailinator.com	ELP Secondary	5/8/2025		<input type="button" value="Edit"/>
3	Kathleen Elijah	kelijah@naeyc.org	ELP Additional	5/28/2025	Pending	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>
4	Lisa Agent	lisa.agent2@gmail.com	ELP Primary	6/3/2025	Accepted	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>

At the top right of the table, there is a button labeled "Add New Program Administrator" with a red box drawn around it. Below the table, there is a search bar and a "C" icon.

To update or end a user's access, select the drop-down option and select 'Edit'

Large System Affiliations



- Large System Users (LSUs) are corporate, organizational, or governmental entities that support multiple early learning program centers.
- If your program is affiliated with an LSU, use the "Request Affiliation" button to connect your program to the LSU. LSU administrators will need to approve the affiliation before your program record will be officially linked to the LSU.
- This is where Connecticut programs request to be affiliated with OEC to receive support with fees.

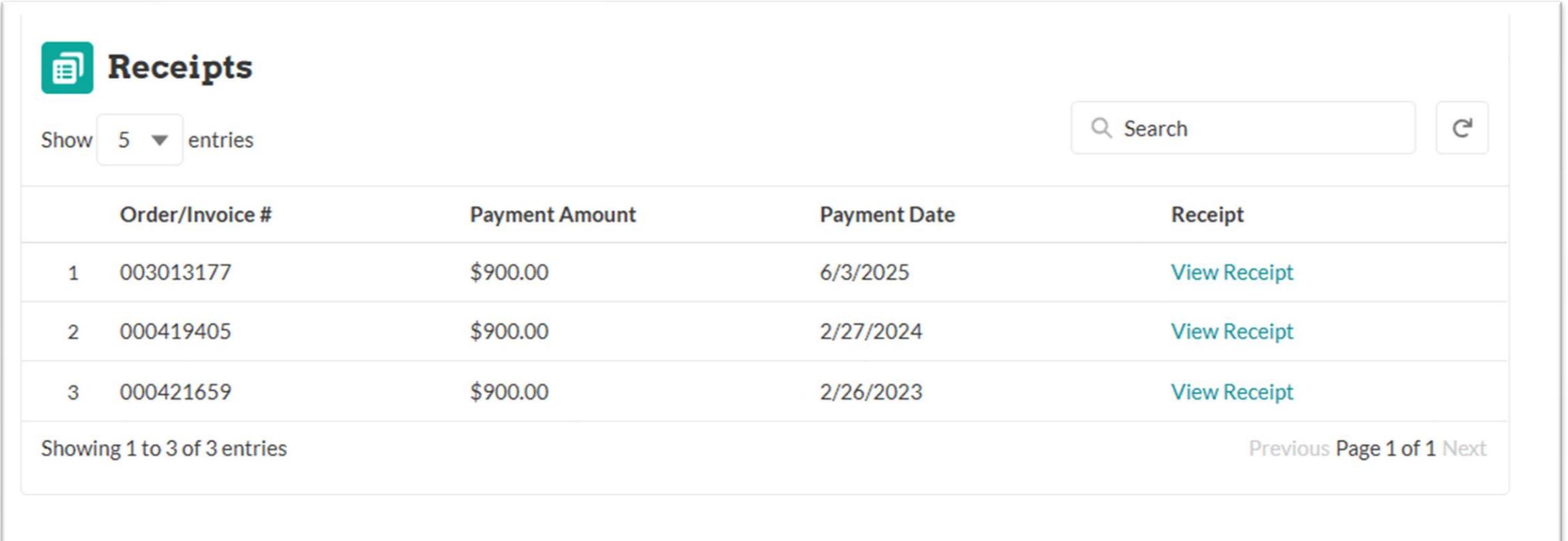
Large System Affiliation Requests			
LSU Name		Approved Date	Requested Date
1	Connecticut OEC	2/13/2023	2/13/2023
2	Bright Horizons HQ	5/6/2019	5/6/2019
Showing 1 to 2 of 2 entries			

To add a new affiliation, select "Request Affiliation" and search for the LSU name. Requests must be accepted before they are listed as "Approved"

Invoices & Receipts



- From the Invoices option, programs can view and make payments
 - If there are no outstanding invoices, there will be nothing listed
- From the Receipts option, programs can view receipts for payments made by selecting “View Receipt”



Order/Invoice #	Payment Amount	Payment Date	Receipt
1 003013177	\$900.00	6/3/2025	View Receipt
2 000419405	\$900.00	2/27/2024	View Receipt
3 000421659	\$900.00	2/26/2023	View Receipt

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Payment Options

When submitting payment in the Hub, programs will see 2 options:

- Pay with credit card
- Email a payment link (for someone else to pay with credit card)

A 3rd option may be present for programs affiliated with multi-site organizations – that allows the program to send the bill to the “large system” to pay.

Payment

*How will you be paying?

Pay Now with Credit Card i

Email a Payment Link i

Terms and Conditions

*I understand that payments for applications, annual fees, and site visits are non-refundable. I understand that if the "Email a Payment Link" option was selected:

- Ensuring that payment is made is the responsibility of the program/provider, not NAEYC
- The program/provider will not progress in the quality journey process until NAEYC receives payment,
- If NAEYC does not receive payment by the required due date, the program/provider may lose its current status.

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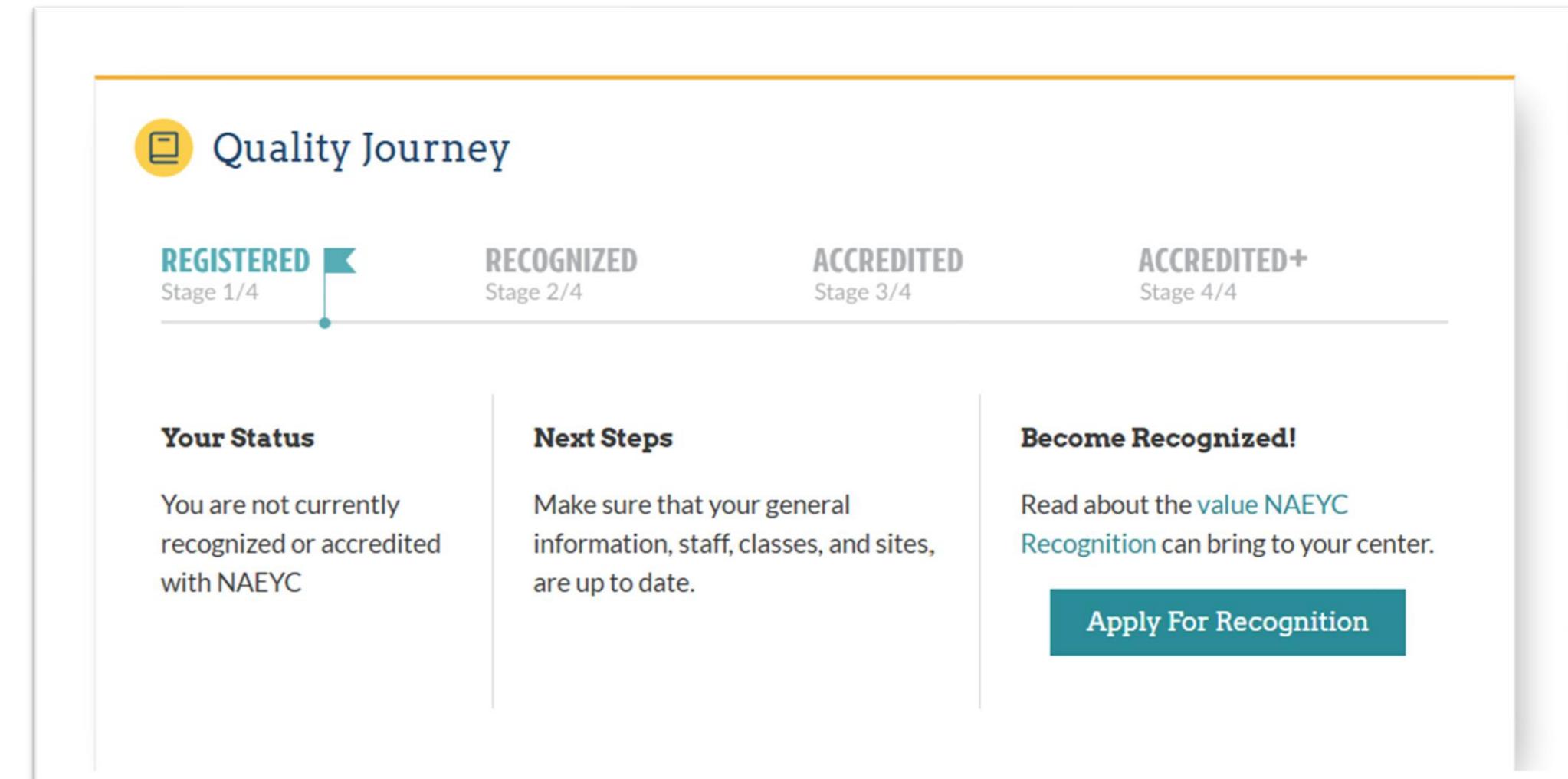
Application Process

How programs will submit evidence for document-based assessment items



Application Process

Once the program is ready to start uploading evidence and narrative responses, an application is started from the Quality Journey widget based on the following:



	Recognition	Accreditation
Initial	Available after program has completed all 4 sections under “Program Info”	Available after program has achieved Recognition
Renewal	Available 60 days prior to valid until date	Available 1 year prior to the valid until date AFTER the 4 th Annual Report has been submitted and paid

Feedback & Re-Submission Cycle

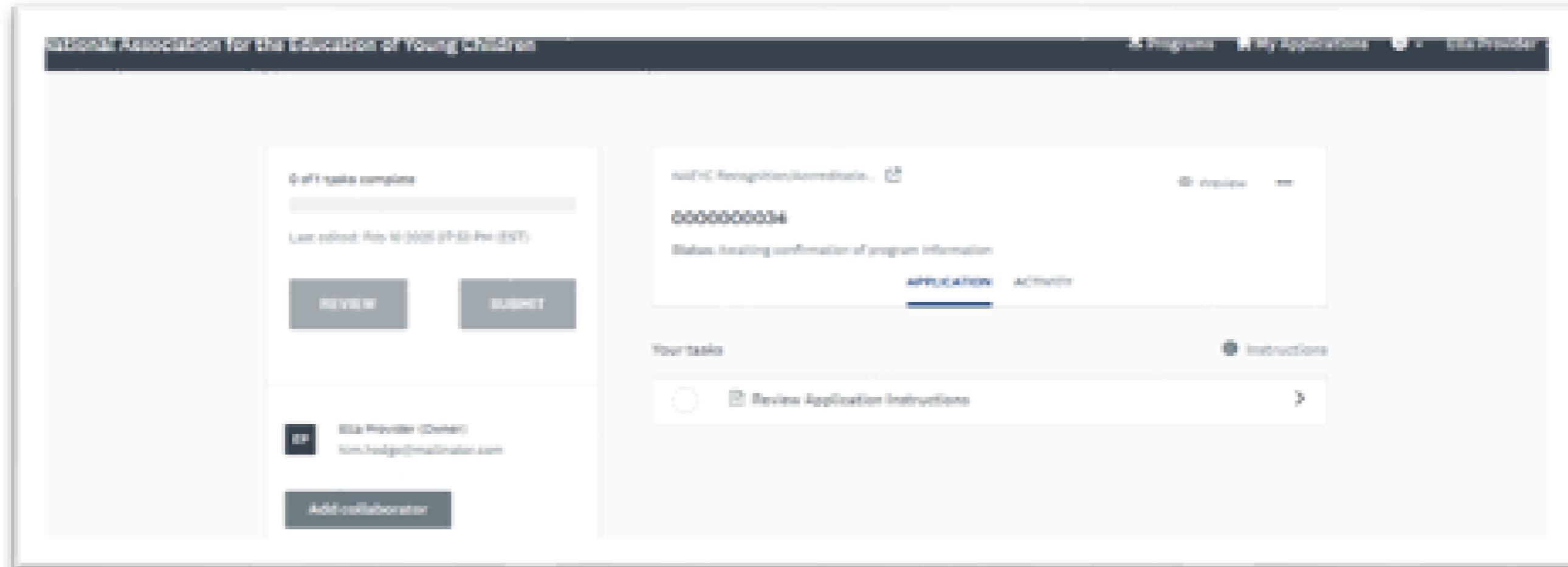
- Programs are eligible for one (1) cycle of documentation review and feedback, with the ability to refine submissions one (1) time based on feedback received prior to a final decision being issued.
- This cycle of documentation review and feedback will occur at the Recognition and Accreditation tiers.
- At re-submission, program only encounter items that were scored as “No”.



Application Process

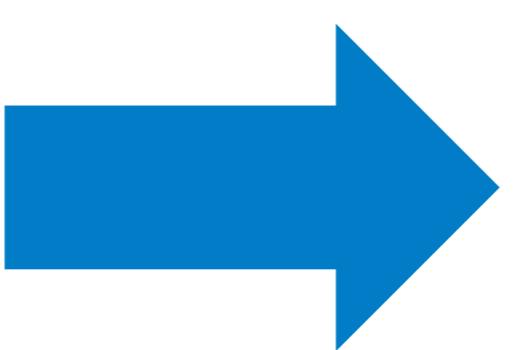
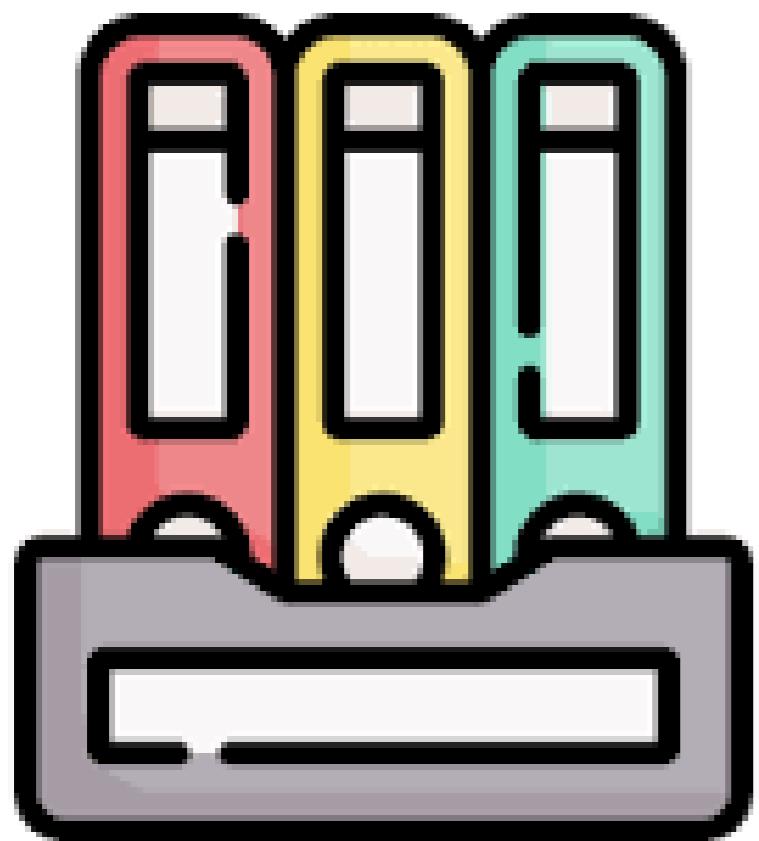


- Application opens within a Survey Monkey platform, outside the ELP Hub.
- Only the user that started the application can access it from the Hub- all others that should be invited to view or edit should be added with the appropriate access using the “Add a Collaborator” option once within the application.



Documentation of Evidence

Programs will transition to submitting digital evidence as appropriate for the item and ages served.



Programs may have different sources of evidence for each age group but would only submit evidence for the age group 1 time, even if there are multiple classrooms of the age.

Application Process By Evidence Type

- Application include all document-based assessment item for the applicable tier
- Items are in order by the 5 evidence types

Staff
Handbook



Show &
Describe



Family
Handbook



Narrative
Description



Observation items should always be implemented in practice and will be assessed during site visits.

Observation



Licensing & Staff Qualifications



Evidence Submission



Evidence Type	File Upload	Narrative
Licensing & Staff Qualifications	Entered and managed in Hub by program; reviewed in Hub by Assessor / regulatory website	
Staff Handbook	Yes – up to 10 PDF	Yes
Family Handbook	Yes – up to 10 PDF	Yes
Narrative Description	No	Yes
Show & Describe	Yes	Yes

Application Process

By Evidence Type

Evidence Type	Recognition	Accreditation & Accreditation +	
	Application	Application	Site Visit
ELP Hub (Licensing & Staff Qualifications)	4 (1 Required)	7 (1 Required) (3 Optional)	--
Staff Handbook	7 (1 Required)	25 (5 Required) (2 Optional)	--
Family Handbook	11	5	--
Narrative Description	13	29 (6 Optional)	--
Show & Describe	5	59 (9 Optional)	--
Observation	--	--	75 (7 Required) (3 Optional)
Total Items	40 (2 Required)	125 (6 Required) (20 Optional)	75 (7 Required) (3 Optional)

Family and Staff Handbook Items

- Programs can upload up to 10 file for EACH evidence type
- Programs must provide the exact page numbers or range of pages where the corresponding information can be found.
- If multiple documents are uploaded, the response must also indicate which specific document is to be referenced.
- Programs are strongly encouraged to note the specific section heading and/or to highlight the relevant information within the uploaded document(s).

Family Handbook

Program will:

1. Upload the Family Handbook File(s) that include the applicable information within Family Handbook items. Up to 10 PDF files.
2. Indicate whether they meet EACH assessment item applicable to the age(s) served.
3. Provide guidance on where to find the specific information based on each item.

Family Handbook Questions

The following questions are assessed based on information in the uploaded family handbook.

Upload the program or provider's family handbook here. The handbook must be one file and must include a table of contents.
Minimum: 1 Maximum: 10

Accepted formats: .pdf

A.2.03

The family handbook outlines at least two ways families can negotiate difficulties that arise which involve increasing levels of formality.

The intent is that families have multiple ways to raise issues and work toward resolution. This may include phone calls, emails, open-door or scheduled meeting requests. Families should also receive guidance on where to turn next if their concerns have not been satisfactorily addressed. For example first directly raising a concern to the classroom teacher, then administrative staff, then governing board/parent advisory group, then licensing/regulatory body.

Evidence of this assessment item must be in the uploaded family handbook.

Please describe where in the family handbook this information can be found. If the table of contents clearly identifies where a NAEYC assessor can find this information, you may leave this field blank.

Does the program or provider meet this assessment item?

Yes
 No

Staff Handbook

Program will:

1. Upload the Staff Handbook File(s) that include the applicable information within Staff Handbook items. Up to 10 PDF files.
2. Indicate whether they meet EACH assessment item applicable to the age(s) served.
3. Provide guidance on where to find the specific information based on each item.



Staff Handbook Questions

The following questions are assessed based on information in the uploaded staff handbook.

Upload the staff handbook here. The staff handbook must be one document and must include a table of contents.

Minimum: 1 Maximum: 10

Accepted formats: .pdf

A.4.13

The staff handbook includes a policy to address the use of technology in learning environments. The policy

Evidence of this assessment item must be in the uploaded staff handbook.

Family childcare and home-based providers that do not employ staff may submit separate evidence to address this item.

1. restricts screen time and media use to children over the age of 2 years,
2. limits technology and media use to less than 30 minutes in half-day programs or providers and 60 minutes in full-day programs or providers for toddlers over the age of 2 years, and
3. instructs educators of preschoolers and kindergarteners to integrate technology use into children's play and offering children access to apps that support collaborative play.

Please describe where in the staff handbook this information can be found. If the table of contents clearly identifies where a NAEYC assessor can find this information, you may leave this field blank.

This is an optional assessment item. Programs or providers that demonstrate meeting the stated practice will receive credit. Programs or providers that do not pass the item or choose not to address the item will not be penalized.

The policy does not need to address specific ages that are not served by the program or provider at the time of assessment.

Does the program or provider meet this assessment item?

Yes

No

Show and Describe

- Two separate pieces of evidence are needed for this section.
- A show item is an attached example to demonstrate how the program or provider meets the item.
- The description typically ranges from 3 to 8 sentences depending on item requirements.

Program will:

1. Indicate whether they meet EACH assessment item applicable to the age(s) served.
2. Upload appropriate evidence based on guidance.
3. Provide narrative that is within the sentence limitation indicated for each item.

Show and Describe Questions

The following questions are assessed based on a narrative description AND uploaded information. Both the uploaded evidence and description are required unless otherwise noted.

A.1.02 (Toddler)

Educators have anticipated and taken steps to prevent unsafe or disruptive behavior of toddlers.

The intent of this item is to demonstrate how teachers have taken pro-active steps to prevent unsafe or disruptive behaviors. This item is not addressing educator responses to unsafe or disruptive behaviors.

"Disruptive or unsafe behavior" is any behavior that interferes with a child's cognitive, social, or emotional development; is harmful to the child, other children, or adults; and puts a child at high risk for later social problems or school failure. (Kaiser, B. & Rasminsky, J.S. (2021). Addressing Challenging Behavior in Young Children: The Leader's Role. NAEYC.)

Does the program or provider meet this assessment item?

Yes
 No

This assessment item requires both a description and uploaded evidence of one example of how the program meets the assessment item.

This assessment item is specific to toddlers. Your response must be specific to this age category.

Describe in 3 - 5 sentences how the program meets this assessment item. This description may also indicate where in the uploaded evidence a NAEYC assessor can find proof that the program meets the assessment item.

Narrative Descriptions

- This section requires ONLY narrative responses.
- The description typically ranges from 5 to 8 sentences depending on item requirements. Descriptions will not be reviewed past sentence 8.
- Each description requires one to two examples in the description.

Program will:

1. Indicate whether they meet EACH assessment item applicable to the age(s) served.
2. Provide narrative that is within the sentence limitation indicated for each item.

Narrative Description Questions

The following questions are assessed based on a narrative description by the program or provider.

A.1.01 (Toddler)

Toddlers have had opportunities to decide what the class will do together (e.g., unit of study, interest areas, which book to read or song to sing as a group). This assessment item requires a description of two examples of the program or provider meeting this assessment item.

The intent of this item is to provide children with open-ended opportunities to co-create shared learning experiences.

Does the program or provider meet this assessment item?

Yes

No

Clear

Describe in 3 to 5 sentences how the program or provider meets this assessment item.

Annual Reports

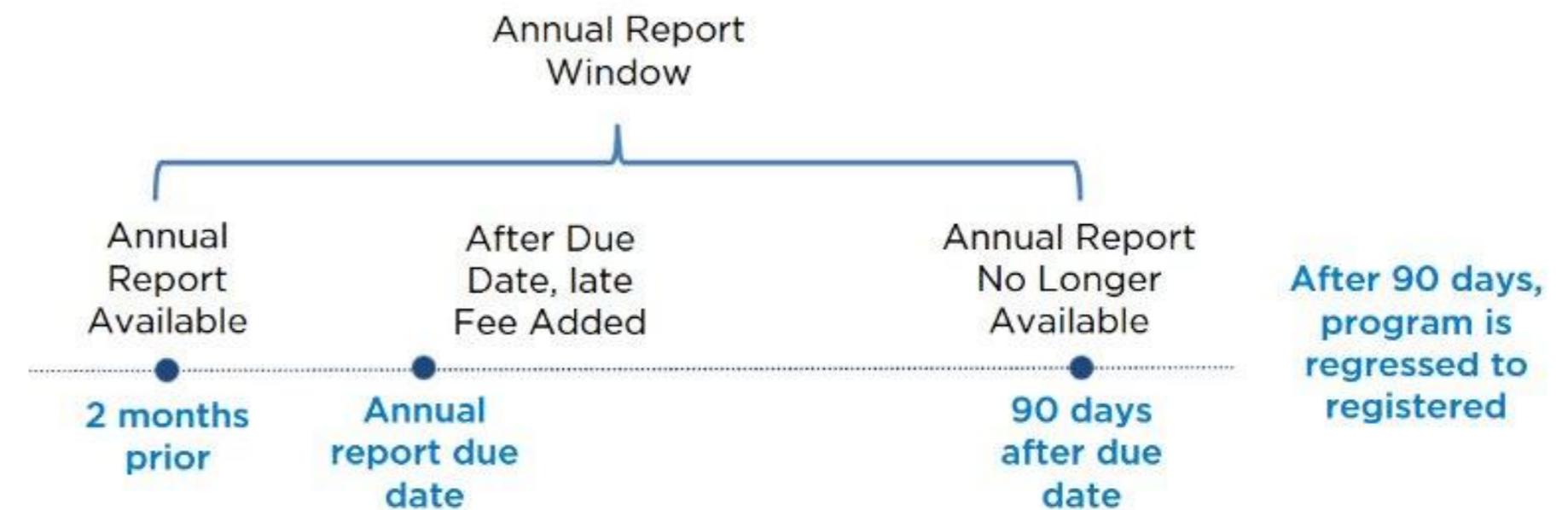
How accredited programs
will complete annual
report requirements

Annual Report History

- Annual Reports are due annually for the 5-year term.
- Annual Reports are available 60 days prior, and 90 days after the due date.
- After submitting the report, return to the “Home” page of the Early Learning Hub to submit the annual fee.

The screenshot shows the Quality Journey dashboard with the following sections:

- Quality Journey:** A horizontal bar with four stages: REGISTERED (Stage 1/4), RECOGNIZED (Stage 2/4), ACCREDITED (Stage 3/4), and ACCREDITED+ (Stage 4/4). The ACCREDITED+ stage is highlighted with a yellow circle.
- Your Status:** ACCREDITED. Start Date: 11/15/2020. Valid Until: 11/14/2025.
- Accreditation Next Steps:** Make sure all of your program information is up-to-date. A red message: You have not submitted your annual report. You need to submit by 12/14/2024 to avoid losing your accreditation status. [Submit Annual Report](#)
- Coming Soon: Accredited+ Status!** In the coming months, you'll be able to upgrade your accreditation to Accredited+. We'll let you know when we're ready for you! You can apply for Accredited+ status after you submit your annual report. Read about the value NAEYC Accredited+ status can bring to your center.



Annual Report



- Programs will respond to questions in the areas of quality assurance and quality improvement.
- The Annual Report Template can be used to compose responses and available within the [Annual Report Guide Resource](#).
- Within the report programs are required to upload their current license or registration certificate; add the license or regulation document for EACH site if there are satellites.
- Only one file can be uploaded so multiple license or regulation documents would need combined prior to upload.

Renewal Process

How programs will
renew their Recognition
or Accreditation status

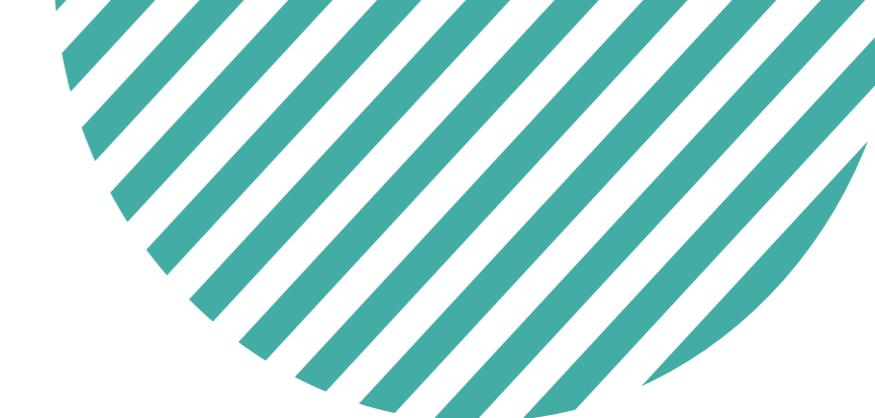


Renewal Process

- Recognized programs must complete the application each year to renew for a 1-year term if not ready to apply for Accreditation.
- Accredited/Accredited+ programs will ONLY complete the Accreditation application at renewal (no Recognition items will be encountered).
- Accreditation / Accreditation+ programs must complete the application every 5 years to renew for a 5-year term.

Recognition Renewal Process

- Programs are required to re-apply for Recognition status each year.
- Within 60 days of the Recognition Valid Until Date (VUD), the program will be able to submit the Recognition application and pay the Recognition fee.



Quality Journey



REGISTERED Stage 1/4	RECOGNIZED Stage 2/4	ACCREDITED Stage 3/4	ACCREDITED+ Stage 4/4
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Your Status

RECOGNIZED

Start Date: 1/1/2024
Valid Until: 12/31/2024

Recognition Next Steps

Make sure your information is up-to-date. To maintain your Recognition Status, you'll need to renew each year.

Renew Between:
10/3/2024 - 12/31/2024

Renew Recognition

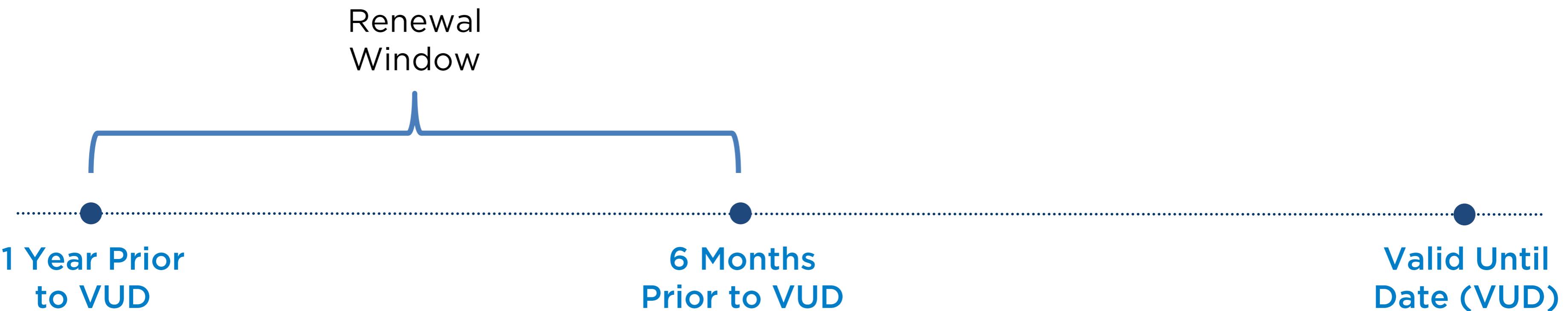
Recognition Renewal Process

- If the program is successfully awarded Recognition status, a new 1-year term will be granted.
- Programs will have an opportunity to re-submit documentation 1 time prior to a final decision.
- Programs who wish to remain at Recognition will pay the annual fee and re-apply each year.



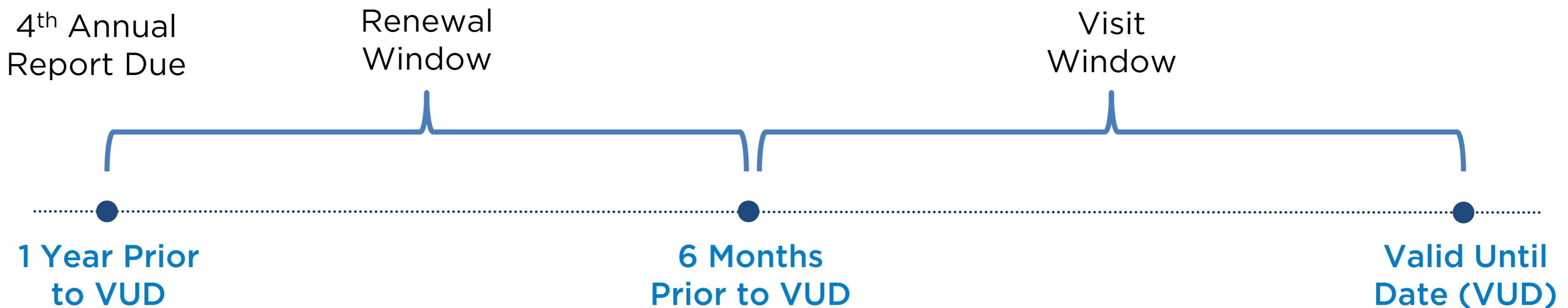
Accreditation Renewal Process

- Programs at Accreditation and Accreditation+ are required to complete the Accreditation Application for renewal.
- Programs will be able to start the Renewal Application 1 year prior to the VUD and have up to 6 months to submit all documentation.
- The 4th Annual Report is separate from the Renewal Application - but it must be submitted and paid before the Renewal Application is available.



Accreditation+ Renewal Process

- Programs at Accreditation+ must pay the Accreditation+ Site Visit Fee at the time of renewal.
- After the documentation has been submitted and reviewed, the program will be notified.
- If a passing score was received, the program will pay the Accreditation+ Site Visit Fee.
- Once the fee has been paid, the program will be added to the queue for a site visit.



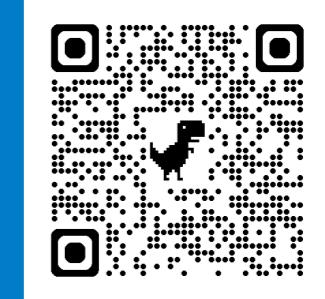
Support & Resources

Resources available to support programs in the new system

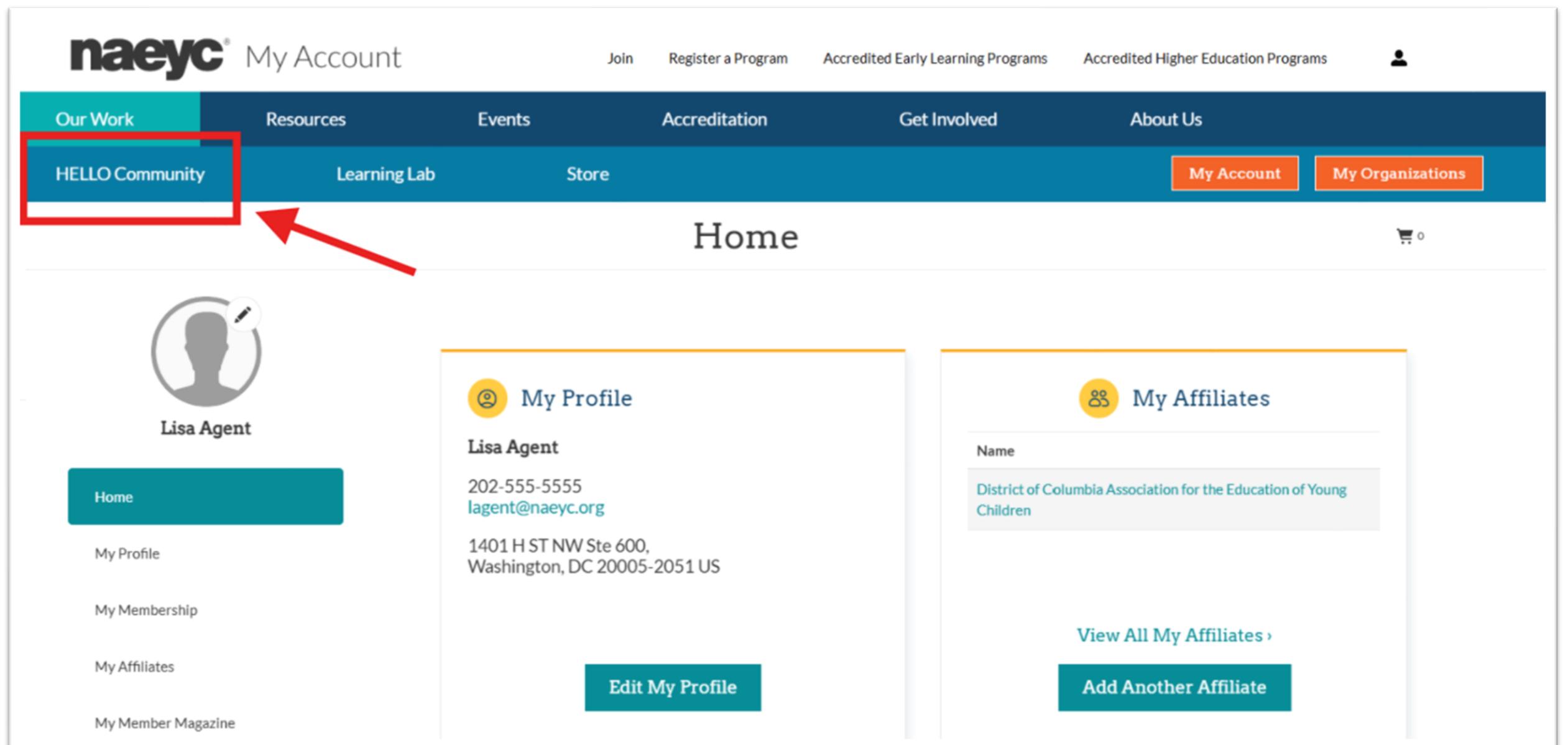
HELLO Communities for Each Tier

- Users have access to a HELLO Community specific to the current Program Status (Recognition, Accreditation, Accreditation+).
- Branding Guide and Logos are available within the applicable tier HELLO Community.

All other resources are available [here](#)



HELLO is NAEYC's community of learning where users have access to a private community to find important resources and information, engage in conversations with fellow administrators, and more.



The screenshot shows the NAEYC My Account page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Join, Register a Program, Accredited Early Learning Programs, Accredited Higher Education Programs, My Account, and My Organizations. Below the navigation bar, there is a main menu with links for Our Work, Resources, Events, Accreditation, Get Involved, and About Us. The 'Our Work' menu item is highlighted with a red box and an arrow points to the 'HELLO Community' link within it. The 'HELLO Community' link is also highlighted with a red box. The page content includes a profile section for 'Lisa Agent' with a picture, a 'My Profile' section with contact information, and a 'My Affiliates' section with a list of affiliated organizations. There are also links for 'Edit My Profile' and 'Add Another Affiliate'.

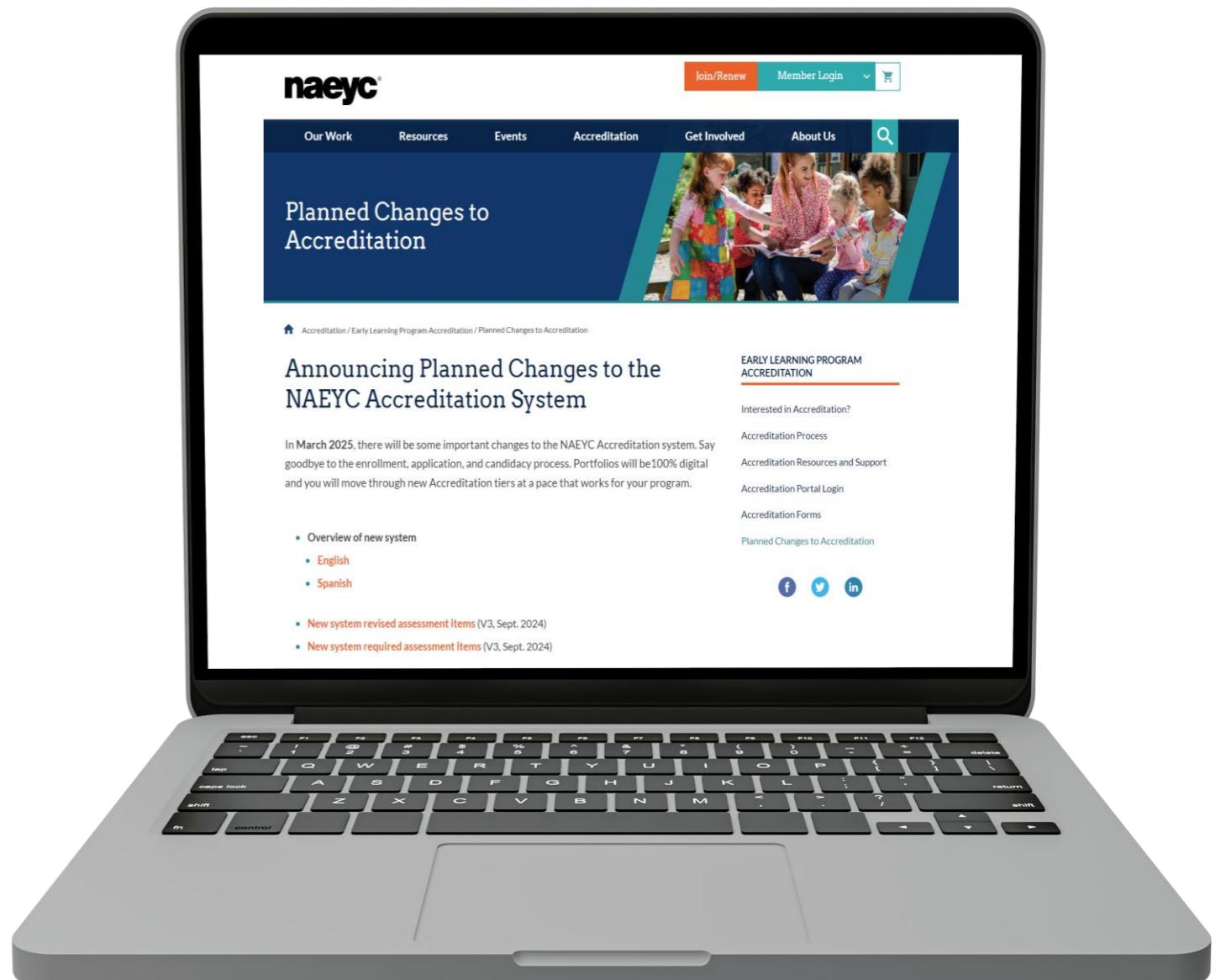
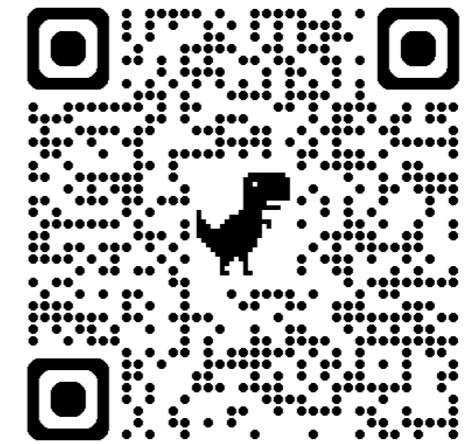
Support & Resources

Visit the [“Planned Changes” webpage](#) for current resources to support with ELP Hub:

- [Early Learning Hub Guide](#)
- [Annual Reports Guide](#)
- [Application Guide](#)

Along with other key resources:

- [Policy Handbook](#)
- Assessment Items ([English](#)/[Spanish](#))
- [Self-Assessment Tools](#)
- Protocols - [Application](#) / [Site Visit](#)



Thank you!

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