

July 17, 2017

Georgiana Buttikofer
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Indian Hills Community College
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Dear Georgiana:

We are pleased to inform you that the **A.A.S. Early Childhood Associate** degree program at **Indian Hills Community College** has earned renewed **Accreditation** from the NAEYC Commission on the Accreditation of Early Childhood Higher Education Programs.

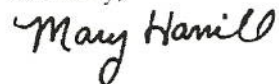
The accreditation decision is based on the Commission review of the program Self-Study Report, the Peer Review Team Report, and Written Response. The Commission evaluates the patterns of evidence indicating ability to support positive student outcomes in relation to the accreditation standards and offers feedback on program strengths and areas for consideration. Special attention is given to the use of student assessments and performance data to increase program effectiveness, capacity and innovation.

As you know, accreditation is maintained through submission of an Annual Report and Annual Fee; your reporting date, which remains the same each year, is on the cover page of the enclosed Decision Report. Current fees are posted at www.naeyc.org and in the online accreditation community of practice. We encourage faculty to continue to use the online community website to maintain compliance with the accreditation standards, prepare Annual Reports, and sustain a culture of evidence-based quality improvement. The current schedule of accreditation fees and the Annual Report template are available on the website. Accreditation expires seven years after the Commission decision. One year before expiration, programs submit a new Self-Study Report and host a new site visit. (That is, the program will plan to submit Annual Reports by September 30, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, prior to submitting a renewal Self-Study Report by September 30, 2023, in anticipation of a site visit in the spring of 2024.)

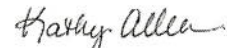
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Please contact Pamela Ehrenberg, Director of Accreditation Services (pehrenberg@naeyc.org), if you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance. We are very pleased to recognize Indian Hills Community College as among the first institutions sponsoring programs that have earned renewed Accreditation of Early Childhood Higher Education Programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Harrill".

Mary Harrill
Senior Director
Higher Education Accreditation & Program Support

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Allen".

Kathy Allen
Commission Chair

cc: Dr. Jim Lindenmayer, President