

For more information contact:

Laura Bloom

University of Montevallo Child Study Center

Station 6585, University of Montevallo

Montevallo, AL 35115

205-665-6385

blooml@montevallo.edu

For immediate release:

March 30, 2018

University of Montevallo Child Study Center Earns National NAEYC Accreditation

Program recognized among the top in the nation by earning accreditation

Montevallo, AL – **University of Montevallo Child Study Center** located in **Montevallo** has earned accreditation from the [National Association for the Education of Young Children](#) (NAEYC)—the world's largest organization working on behalf of young children.

NAEYC Accreditation is a rigorous and transformative quality-improvement system that uses a [set of 10 research-based standards](#) to collaborate with early education programs to recognize and drive quality-improvement in high-quality early learning environments.

To earn NAEYC Accreditation, **University of Montevallo Child Study Center** went through an extensive self-study and quality-improvement process, followed by an on-site visit by NAEYC Assessors to verify and ensure that the program met each of the ten program standards, and hundreds of corresponding individual criteria. NAEYC-accredited programs are always prepared for unannounced quality-assurance visits during their accreditation term, which lasts for five years.

In the 30 years since NAEYC Accreditation was established, it has become a widely recognized sign of high-quality early childhood education. More than 7,000 programs are currently accredited by NAEYC—less than **10 percent** of all child care centers, preschools, and kindergartens nationally achieve this recognition.

“NAEYC-Accredited programs bring our definitions of excellence for early childhood education to life each day,” said Kristen Johnson, senior director of Early Learning Program Accreditation at NAEYC. “Earning NAEYC Accreditation makes **University of Montevallo Child Study Center** an exemplar of good practice for families and the entire community.”

For more information about NAEYC Accreditation, visit [the NAEYC website](#).