

Chabot College *For Immediate Release*

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Chabot College's Early Childhood Development Degree Program Receives NAEYC Accreditation

(Hayward CA) - Chabot College's Early Childhood Development (ECD) Associate in Arts Degree recently received accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

As the only accreditor of early childhood degree programs, NAEYC is the field's most influential organization and awards accreditation to the early childhood associate, baccalaureate and master's degree programs demonstrating evidence of excellence by meeting the NAEYC Professional Preparation Standards.

"Chabot College has long excelled in developing curriculum and programs in Early Childhood Development that prepare early childhood professionals who will shape the future of our communities at every level from policy to the classroom," said Chabot President Dr. Susan Sperling. "We are honored by this extraordinary recognition by NAEYC of our program's significance."

Chabot's ECD Program is dedicated to preparing early childhood educators to implement developmentally appropriate practices reflecting society in early childhood settings. Approximately 600 Chabot students are enrolled in the ECD program and gain hands-on experience in the college's laboratory school environment, a California State Preschool and Federal Head Start Program serving 66 children ages 12 months to age 5, many of whom have parents attending Chabot.

The prestigious NAEYC accreditation ensures graduating Chabot students graduating with the AA degree in ECD have met the national standards of competency for early learning educators and has only been granted to 207 programs across the nation. Chabot is the fourth program in California and second in the Bay Area to earn this distinction.

About Chabot College

Chabot College in Hayward is a comprehensive community college in the heart of a thriving, diverse community where students of all ages and backgrounds can get a high quality education at an affordable price. The college awards associate degrees and certificates, and specializes in university transfer, workforce training, and lifelong learning opportunities. <http://www.chabotcollege.edu/>