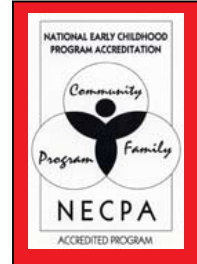




Growing Kids has earned **ACCREDITATION** from the National Early Childhood Program

This award is your assurance that Growing Kids meets the highest quality standards in:

- Developmental Programs
- Health and Safety
- Indoor & Outdoor Learning Areas
- Administration & Professional Quality
- Parent, Community & School Relations



The Right Choice. The Best Choice for Your Child.

For more information on NECPA accreditation, see the Center Director or visit www.GrowingKids.com.

We are pleased to announce that this Growing Kids Learning Center has achieved accreditation from the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation Commission (NECPA).

Accreditation means NECPA has certified that Growing Kids voluntarily meets a higher, national standard for quality care and education. Few programs achieve this distinction. NECPA (www.necpa.net) is an independent early childhood education accrediting organization, whose mission is to encourage quality and recognize excellence.

To achieve accreditation, Growing Kids completed a rigorous process of self-study (including parent and staff surveys), a verification visit by early childhood education/child care professionals, and a final review by the NECPA Board of Commissioners. Standards of quality included administration, staff development and the working environment, the developmental program, outdoor and indoor environments, health and safety, and parent and community relations.

What this means for you and your child – The result of Accreditation is **improved quality**, both in the developmental program for young children and in the health and safety of the environment.

- Accreditation promotes the best practices in early childhood education.
- Accreditation promotes the best practices in health and safety.
- Accreditation standards far exceed Indiana's highest requirements.
- Accreditation provides an additional objective inspection of all aspects of Growing Kids for improved accountability.

As a NECPA accredited program, Growing Kids joins a select group of early childhood education centers nationwide, distinguished by our quality, our commitment to young children, and our dedication to excellence.

Note: NECPA accreditation applies to the four Growing Kids locations in Elkhart and South Bend. Our newest center in Valparaiso has not yet achieved this status as it has not yet been opened a full year. – a requirement for accreditation by NECPA.