

## Improvements at UC Santa Cruz Child Care Services

UC Santa Cruz, CUHS:

### *Child Care Services Accredited by NAEYC*

UCSC Child Care Services has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children – the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals.

"We're proud to be accredited by NAEYC, and recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards," said Wilma Gold, Director. "NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences. Our programs include an Infant Toddler Program, the Granary at the base of campus, the Children's Center Pre-School and the School Age Center. These four distinct programs service 120 children in age groups from three months to 12 years and are all included in the accreditation."

To earn NAEYC's accreditation, a program conducts a self-study to determine how well it meets the standards. After necessary improvements are made, the program is observed by independent, professional validators, and then reviewed by a national panel. Programs are accredited by NAEYC for a five-year period.

### *Planning and Construction underway at new Child Care and Early Education Center*

While ensuring the highest professional standards, UCSC Child Care Services continues to work on funding and construction of the new Child Care and Early Education Center which will support a year-round educational program for children age three months to six years. The new Center will approximately double the number of children and families currently served. It will also expand the availability of part-time and full-time services to employees and students as well as increase services for infants and toddlers. In addition, the Center will include observation and research rooms to integrate the research interests and projects of UCSC faculty and students.

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***Associate Vice Chancellor Jean Marie Scott kicks off "Guest Reader Program" at Granary***

The recent NAEYC accreditation coincided with another first for Child Care Services, the initiation of a new "Guest Reader Program" at the Granary. To raise visibility, momentum and excitement for Child Care, Associate Vice Chancellor Jean Marie Scott kicked off the new "Guest Reader Program" on March 30th at the Granary with two of her favorite books, *The Little Rabbit and the Sea* and *The Big Hungry Bear*. The next guest reader will be Professor of Psychology Maureen Callanan.

It was hard to tell who enjoyed the reading more -- the children, the teachers or AVP Scott.



For general information about UC Santa Cruz Child Care Services visit:  
<http://housing.ucsc.edu/housing/child1.html>

For enrollment information in the upcoming **School Age Summer Day Camp** visit:  
[http://housing.ucsc.edu/housing/day\\_camp05.html](http://housing.ucsc.edu/housing/day_camp05.html)

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